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There has been a request for more organized volunteer projects and citizen science. Here are 2 projects that may be of interest for those looking for an in depth experience with advanced training.

Karner Blue Butterflies

This spring the WI DNR is embarking on an ambitious effort to census all of the significant Karner populations on dozens of sites on many hundreds of acres on nine properties spread from East Central to Northwest Wisconsin. The total commitment would be about 15 days of field time, plus a one-day training session to be provided by DNR. Travel costs will be reimbursed. For more detailed information see the WI Naturalist website or contact Bob Hess at 715-884-2726.



Volunteer Marsh Monitoring Program Regional Coordinators Wanted

Are you interested to help enhance and support wetland monitoring efforts in your area? Bird Studies Canada's Marsh Monitoring Program (MMP) is currently seeking dedicated individuals to become volunteer regional coordinators to help

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oversee volunteer-led marsh bird and amphibian monitoring activities in local wetlands. The MMP is a long-term, bi-national program that relies on the skills and dedication of hundreds of volunteer Citizen Scientists across the Great Lakes basin to annually monitor marsh bird and amphibian populations in local wetlands. For more information about this rewarding opportunity, please view the online brochure with application form at <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/download/MMPvolcoordbrochure.pdf>. Coordinator tasks are flexible to accommodate individuals' strengths and time commitments, and that bursaries will be available to help reimburse coordinator-related costs. Training is provided. For more information about the Marsh Monitoring Program or to become a volunteer, please visit www.birdscanada.org/mmpmain.html. For any questions, please contact Ryan Archer at rarcher@bsc-eoc.org, or toll-free at 1-888-448-2473 ext. 235.

Spring Advanced Training

You asked and here it is! Our first class on **Invasive Plant Species and how to control them**. We are extremely lucky to have Gary Fewless to teach the lecture part of the course. There will be 3 evening lectures covering the botany and control of invasive plants from 6-8:30 on March 27th, April 10th, and May 8th. The course will end with a Saturday morning field trip on methodology on June 7th led by botanist Kathryn Corio.

This course is free to WI Naturalists that have taken the introductory class. However, you will be expected to complete 10 hours of volunteer time controlling invasive species on the Cofrin Arboretum during the next 6 months. There will be a choice of projects to choose from including patrolling for Garlic mustard, and controlling *Phragmites*, Buckthorn, teasel, and other invasive plants impacting this natural area.

The class will be limited to 12 people. To reserve your spot in the class please call Kim McKeefry at 920-465-5032 or email mckeefrk@uwgb.edu.

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In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks. — John Muir

Where are the Wisconsin Volunteer Naturalists?

We have a new chapter forming!

Last fall I was invited by Bob Bultman of the Door County Invasives Species Team to give a talk about the WI Naturalist program.

Afterward I was delighted to find that several people were interested in forming a Door County chapter of WI Naturalists. A committee was formed and we hope to offer the first introductory class next fall at The Crossroads in Sturgeon Bay, with possibly a few classes at UW Green Bay to make use of laboratory and museum facilities.

So far our program has been limited to only one chapter in northeastern Wisconsin. Our chapter is based out of UW Green Bay and includes members from as far away as

Marinette and Door County. We are working to expand our reach to other areas within the state. We have partnered with the state

parks and UW extension to encourage the development of local chapters and to apply for grants to develop a statewide program. I will be giving talks in other areas of the state this spring and will be attending a conference in Minnesota being held by the Minnesota Master Naturalists program to better design and develop our program.

Do you want to start a local chapter? I will be happy to talk to you about developing a local chapter and help you to get started.

I am working on our website and hope to get a list of volunteer projects and information about what our members are doing. Please send photos and descriptions of your projects!

Vicki Medland

Coordinator of the WI Naturalists Program



We chose the samara as our logo because it is the quintessential image of nature in Wisconsin.