

*“The place to
study nature is at
one’s own home -
on the farm,
in the mountains,
by the sea-
wherever that
may be.”*

John Burroughs

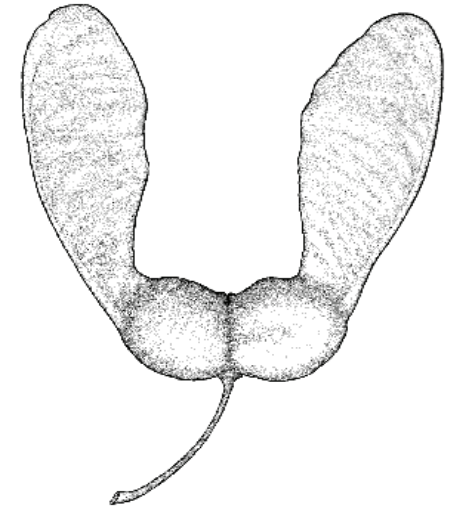
For information contact

Cofrin Center for Biodiversity
University of Wisconsin—Green Bay
Dept. of Natural and Applied Sciences
Green Bay, WI 54311-7001

Vicki L. Medland
Phone: 920-465-2342
E-mail: medlandv@uwgb.edu

Or on the web at:
www.uwgb.edu/biodiversity/WInaturalist

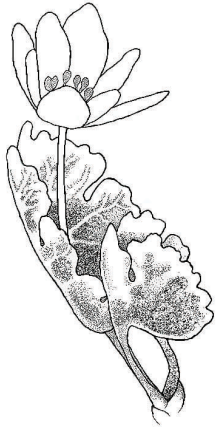
THE WISCONSIN
NATURALIST
PROGRAM



*Dedicated to the
conservation, preservation,
and restoration of our
natural resources, by
promoting ecological
education for all.*

What it can offer you...

What is the Wisconsin Naturalist Program?



Bloodroot
Sanguinaria canadensis

Wisconsin Naturalists are ordinary people in the community that are interested in receiving training in wildlife and our natural resources. The courses are taught by university professors and customized to focus on the native ecosystems of our homes.

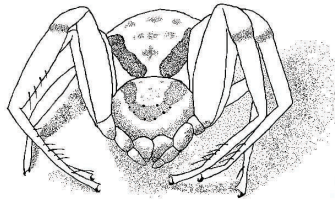
To become a certified Wisconsin Naturalist, you must attend the designated general training sessions, volunteer time to your community, and pass a final exam. To remain certified, each year you must attend additional Naturalist training (flora, soils, birds, etc.) and volunteer a certain amount of your time to the community.

Who can participate?

Any adult (18 years or older) can participate in the Wisconsin Naturalist Program—no previous experience or training is necessary.

What programs are offered?

There are two types of Wisconsin Naturalist Programs—a general program and an advanced program.



Crab spider
Misumena vatia

The **general program** consists of a minimum of 25 hours of training covering all aspects of our local natural resources including—climate, soils, flora, fauna, restoration and management. This program is normally offered in the fall.

The **advanced program** is offered in the spring. Each year the training program focuses on one natural resource subject. Subjects range from spring ephemerals to sustainable communities.

What can you do as a Wisconsin Naturalist

In exchange for training, you are asked to donate volunteer hours. The following programs offer a sample of the opportunities open to Wisconsin Naturalist volunteers:

- Restoration work at a county park
- Create an outdoor classroom
- Remove invasive plants from natural areas
- Assist WDNR with remediation efforts