The Certificate in Native Plants offers committed individuals a comprehensive series of short courses in identification, cultivation, propagation, ecology and conservation of native Georgia plants. With an emphasis on participatory learning, courses are designed to provide a supportive and challenging learning atmosphere. Participants will gain a greater appreciation and understanding of native plants in a broad context.

To register for Certificate in Native Plant Classes:
Visit our website at:
www.botgarden.uga.edu

For additional information and applications email
cscamero@uga.edu
or call 706-542-6156

Why enroll in the Certificate in Native Plants Program?

Have you ever wondered “What is that plant?” Or have you yearned to know more about native plants or to participate in plant conservation activities but felt you “just didn’t know enough?” Have you considered a career in plant biology, ecology, or conservation horticulture? The Certificate in Native Plants program will provide you with basic knowledge and skills that dedicated amateurs and professionals need to know about native plants and their conservation. Even if you do not plan on a professional career in plant conservation, knowledge gained in this program will equip you to be a more effective advocate and volunteer in your community.
The Certificate in Native Plants is....

Knowledge-based
Courses are taught by experts - university professors, conservation professionals and experienced field botanists who are dedicated to sharing their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm in a relaxed setting and accessible format.

Field-directed
Plan to get your hands dirty and your feet wet! All courses involve hands-on experience with plants and plant communities. Volunteer activities and field trips will take you into the field to learn by doing.

Conservation-oriented
We believe that the old saying “Knowledge is Power” applies to conservation. Once you know the basics of botany and plant conservation, you will be prepared and motivated to contribute to the conservation of Georgia’s flora and native plant habitats.

Learner-friendly
Students may take as long as needed to complete the program. Courses are offered so the program can be completed in as little time as one year. Classes may be taken in any order (with exceptions of a few) and at the student’s own pace.

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4 Core Courses - 8 hours each
Fee: $105 per course (10% off for Friends)
♦ Basic Botany
♦ Plant Taxonomy
♦ Natural Communities of Georgia
♦ Plant Conservation

6 Elective Courses - 4 hours each*
Fee: $50 per course (10% off for Friends)
Participants choose six courses from a wide range of elective course offerings.
*Make note of time, some electives exceed 4 hours

16 Hours of Volunteer Service
Participants complete 16 hours of volunteer service with a conservation organization.

2 Field Trips
Participants complete two half-day field trips organized by the Georgia Botanical Society, www.gabotsoc.org, Georgia Native Plant Society, www.gnps.org, or another approved organization.

$30 Registration Fee
Participants must pay an initial $30 registration fee to cover cost of class materials.

2021 Schedule
6 Continuing Education Units (CEU) available through the University of Georgia

WINTER—SPRING
Survival Systems of Plants (E), Feb. 6
Native Plant Symposium (E), Feb. 10
Natural Communities (C), Feb. 15, 18, 24
Longleaf Groundcover (E), April 24

SUMMER
Plant Taxonomy (C), May 20, 24, 27
Carnivorous Plants (E), June 12
Medicinal Plants (E), July 15 & 20
Plant Conservation (C), Aug. 7, 11

FALL
Fall Piedmont Wildflowers (E), Sept. 15
Exotic Pest Plants (E), Oct. 2
Warm Season Grasses (E), Oct. 6
Basic Botany (C), Nov. 13 & 15

(C) denotes Core classes
(E) denotes Elective classes