

## 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.

### To register for Certificate in Native Plant Classes:

Visit our website at:  
[www.botgarden.uga.edu](http://www.botgarden.uga.edu)

For additional information  
and applications email  
[cscamero@uga.edu](mailto:cscamero@uga.edu)  
or call 706-542-6156



State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia is a public educational facility operated under the auspices of the University of Georgia. It is a "living laboratory" for university students and faculty who utilize the collections and natural plant communities for studies in a variety of disciplines. The garden is also a public garden for enjoyment by anyone who finds beauty, knowledge and solitude in a garden.

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Georgia

Plant

Conservation

Alliance

GPCA's mission is to study and preserve Georgia's flora through research, education and advocacy; to facilitate the recovery of rare, threatened and endangered plants of Georgia and the southeastern U.S. through collaborative efforts; and to communicate the importance of preserving biodiversity worldwide. Members include the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Callaway Gardens, Georgia Southern Botanical Garden, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Non-game Wildlife Program, The University of Georgia, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service.

[www.botgarden.uga.edu/conserv](http://www.botgarden.uga.edu/conserv)

# Certificate in Native Plants



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.

An Education Initiative of  
The State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
and  
The Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance

# 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.

## CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 4 Core Courses    | 32 hours        |
| 6 Electives       | 24 hours        |
| 2 Field Trips     | 8 hours         |
| Volunteer Service | 16 hours        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>80 hours</b> |

### 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](http://www.gabotsoc.org), Georgia Native Plant Society, [www.gnps.org](http://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