Why enroll in the Certificate in Native Plants?

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.

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

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State Botanical Garden of Georgia
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia is an educational facility and a unit of Public Service and Outreach at 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. This facility is also a public space for enjoyment by anyone who finds beauty, knowledge and peace in a garden.

Classes offered in partnership with:

Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
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The Certificate in Native Plants is 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
The Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance

To register for classes, visit: botgarden.uga.edu
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 help you 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 few exceptions) and at your own pace.

Certificate Requirements

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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.
*Some classes may exceed four hours in length

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, Georgia Native Plant Society or another approved organization.

$30 registration fee
Participants must pay an initial $30 registration fee.

2022 Schedule

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

**CORE CLASSES**
- Natural Communities (V), Feb. 7, 9, 16
- Plant Taxonomy (V), March 26, 28, 29
- Plant Conservation (V), Aug. 6, 10
- Basic Botany (V), Nov. 12, 14

**ELECTIVES**
- Winter Tree Identification, Jan. 22
- Survival Systems of Plants (V), Feb. 5
- Plant Propagation, Feb. 18
- Native Plant Symposium, Feb. 23
- Soils of the Piedmont & Beyond, March 12
- Spring Wildflowers, March 25
- Summer Tree Identification, June 4
- Carnivorous Plants (V), June 12
- Native Bees, Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center, June 17
- Carnivorous Plants*, Chattahoochee Nature Center, June 25
- Medicinal Plants (V), July 8 & 16
- Plant Propagation*, Chattahoochee Nature Center, July 23
- Native Plants & Insect Pollinators*, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Aug. 20
- Warm Season Grasses, Oct. 7
- Managing Invasive Plants*, Gaskins Forest Education Center, Oct. 15

Note:
*locations other than the State Botanical Garden of Georgia
(V) virtual (online) classes