



The State Botanical Garden of Georgia and
the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance present

The Certificate in Native Plants Program

The State Botanical Garden and the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance invite all who are interested in native plants - from beginners to professionals and everyone in between - to join the Certificate in Native Plants Program!

This innovative conservation education program offers training and hands-on experience in the botany, ecology, conservation, and uses of Georgia's native plants.

Who should pursue the Certificate in Native Plants?

- Native plant gardeners and landscapers
- Public and private land managers and stewards
- Naturalists and conservationists
- Environmental consultants
- Environmental educators and Biology teachers

What are the Certificate requirements?

Classes: Students take four 8-hour core courses in basic botany, plant conservation, plant taxonomy, and Georgia's ecological communities. They also choose six 4-hour courses from a long list of electives such as wildflower and tree identification, medicinal plants, native plant landscaping and gardening, plant pollinators, plant propagation, plant photography, plant families, and invasive plant control. Classes may be taken in any order.

Volunteer Service: Students donate 16 hours to a public service project such as designing and creating a native plant garden at a local park or school and removing invasive plants from a nature preserve.

Field Trips: Students participate in two plant-oriented field trips with groups such as the Georgia Botanical Society, Georgia Native Plant Society, and The Nature Conservancy.

Students may earn their Certificates in as little as one year or take as long they like. Classes cost approximately \$13/hour; members of the Friends of the State Botanical Garden receive a 10% discount.

**For more information and to register for classes call 706-542-6156
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