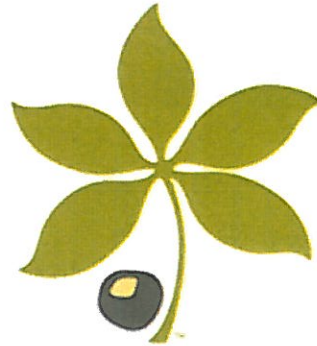


## Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists

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**Mission:**

To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources through science-based education and community service.

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### The Training:

Next training will be  
in Spring 2015

The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Training includes 40+ hours of classroom and field based instruction-with an emphasis on local ecosystems-conducted by experts in:

- Ecology
- Aquatic life & watersheds
- Trees and forest management
- Birds
- Geology
- Many other fields

### After Graduation:

Volunteer Naturalists continue their education with eight hours of advanced training a year and 40 hours of service in local activities like:

- Nature Trail Development
- Wildlife Surveys
- Educational Presentations

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### Course Objectives:

Develop an awareness for and citizen stewardship of Ohio natural resources through science-based education and community service.

Improve your understanding of natural resource ecology and management.

Enhance the quality of life in your community by maximizing your human and natural resource volunteer talents.

### Session Topics:

Ecological Concepts  
Best Education Practices  
Nature Interpretation  
Geology & Soils  
Stewardship  
Aquatic Life and Watersheds  
Plants  
Forests  
Insects  
Reptiles and Amphibians  
Birds  
Mammals

