



nature forward

Connecting people and nature in the Capital Region

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Audubon Naturalist Society,
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Master Naturalist Syllabus

2024-25

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Class files:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iCi3THG9qkAwaQNV64QKcrArzC8SRfl?usp=sharing>

Link for virtual classes:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86886916792?pwd=lwc3FMiRjYmk3Pzh7VWNqV s5TujtP.1>

October 1, 12-3pm, Woodend Sanctuary

Welcome to Nature Forward

Alison Pearce

Deputy Director for Programs

Intro to Ecology

Bradley Simpson

Nature Forward Habitat Manager

October 15, 12-3pm, ZOOM (note longer class time)

Master Naturalist Certification

Joy Shindler Rafey

University of Maryland Extension

Intro to Maryland Natural History

Paula Becker

MD Department of Natural Resources

Ecologist, Volunteer Coordinator

October 29, 10am-1pm, C&O Canal @Carderock (note unusual time)

Naturalist walk

Stephanie Mason

Former Nature Forward Senior Naturalist

November 19, 10am-1pm, Woodend Sanctuary (note unusual time)

Intro to Mycology

Serenella Linares

Mt. Ranier Nature Center

Principal Park Naturalist

December 3, 12-3pm, Woodend Sanctuary

Taxonomy

Gwen Brewer

MD Department of Natural Resources

Science Program Manager

December 17, 12-2pm, ZOOM

Mammals

Kerry Wixted

Association of Fish and Wildlife

Invasive Species Program Manager

January 7, 12-3pm, Woodend Sanctuary

Geology

Heather Quinn

Maryland Geological Survey

January 21, 12-2pm, ZOOM

Ornithology

Holly Brevig

January 28, 12-3pm, Howard County Conservancy

Herpetology

Teddy Driscoll

Howard County Conservancy

Elementary Programs Manager and Camp Director

February 18, 12-3pm, Woodend Sanctuary

Common Property Theory

Alison Pearce

Nature Forward Deputy Director for Programs

February 25, 9am-12pm, Woodend Sanctuary (note unusual time)

Soils

Andrew Ristvey

University of Maryland

Extension Specialist for Commercial Horticulture

March 18, 12-2pm, ZOOM

U.S. Conservation History

Eliza Cava

Previous Nature Forward Director of Conservation

April 1, 12-3pm, Ray's Meadow

Aquatic Macroinvertebrates

Gregg Trilling

Nature Forward Conservation Outreach Manager

April 22, 12-3pm, Woodend Sanctuary

Woody Plant ID

Bradley Simpson

Nature Forward Habitat Manager

May 6, 12-3pm, Woodend Sanctuary

Insects

Mike Raupp

University of Maryland

Professor Emeritus of Entomology

May 20, 12-2pm, ZOOM

Project Presentations

June 3, 12-4pm, Woodend Sanctuary

Interpretation for naturalists

Genevieve Wall

Nature Forward Senior Naturalist

Graduation and social

3-4pm