



## Become a Certified Native Plant Master Volunteer!

Take your knowledge to the next level and become a **certified Native Plant Master volunteer**. As a NPM volunteer, your role is to educate others at your current job or volunteer position.

**Why volunteer?** Anyone can take NPM courses or classes, but teaching is one of the best ways to cement your knowledge. Plus, you will help to magnify the impact of the program by bringing research-based information about plants to new audiences.

**How am I certified?** Once you meet requirements, you will receive a Certified Native Plant Master pin, patch, window sticker and certificate in recognition of your status.

**Do I get a discount?** Once you are certified or recertified as a Native Plant Master, you are eligible for a 30% discount for any NPM course or class.

### **What are the requirements?**

- Apply to become a NPM volunteer. Selection is based on a demonstrated ability to educate the public through your current job or volunteer position;
- Pass three Native Plant Master courses with a grade of C or better on the open book exam;
- Submit 60 or more educational contacts. You will be certified at the end of the year you meet these requirements;
- There is no time limit on how long it takes to meet the certification requirements;
- To remain certified, you must report at least 120 educational contacts every two years.

**How do I apply?** Complete the **SMB NPM Volunteer Application**. All NPM volunteer applicants are required by CSU to undergo a confidential and secure background check through the approved CSU vendor.

**Where do I register for NPM courses and special classes?** For more information contact CSU Extension at 970-327-4393 or email [maryw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:maryw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov) or [Yvette.henson@colostate.edu](mailto:Yvette.henson@colostate.edu) to register for courses and classes. Also check out website: <http://sanmiguel.colostate.edu/>

**What if I don't want to volunteer to educate others?** For those not wishing to volunteer but who would like to be recognized for their advanced knowledge, we offer the Colorado Flora Certificate Program for \$90.

**Where can I find more information?** For more information, see the Native Plant Master Program Guidelines.

