



Virginia Master Naturalists

2024 in Review



3,481
volunteers

The Virginia Master Naturalist program is a statewide corps of trained volunteers providing education, science, and stewardship to benefit natural resource conservation in their communities.



250,043
service hours,
valued at \$8.35M

As part of their many activities in 2024, VMN volunteers:



821
sites stewarded



Conducted cleanups, habitat restoration, and trail work in parks

Highlight: Rivanna Master Naturalists tackled invasive autumn olive in an Albemarle County Park.

Photo credit: Ruth Stornetta



60+
scientific, monitoring,
and inventory studies
supported



Gave Virginians new opportunities to learn about nature from knowledgeable leaders and to spend guided time outdoors

Highlight: Holston Rivers Master Naturalists launched the new Salty Bird festival in Saltville.

Photo credit: VMN Holston Rivers Chapter



482,326
contacts made
through education &
outreach



Contributed data to dozens of wildlife studies

Highlight: After Middle Peninsula Master Naturalists surveyed diamondback terrapin nests in Machicomoco State Park, the park opted to create more habitat for this species of high conservation need.



500
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local organizations

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