

# Virginia Master Naturalist Program



## 2017 Statewide Annual Report Snapshot

**1,841** ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

**155,992** HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

**\$4.21** MILLION VALUE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

### 2017 Accomplishments



#### Chapter Administration

Trained and graduated **415** new volunteers from basic training courses

28214



#### Education

Made **127,888+** contacts through educational programs for youth and adults

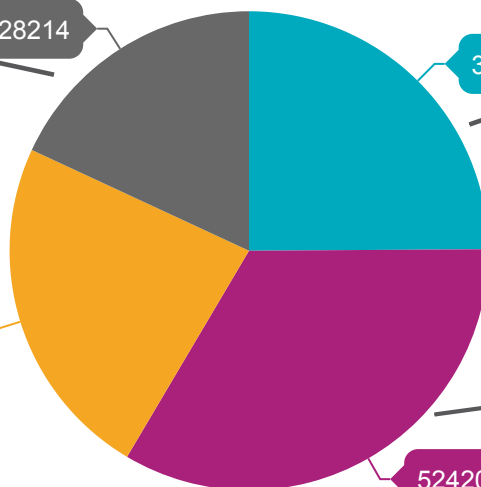
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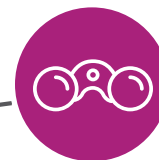
#### Stewardship

Provided stewardship at **350+** parks, natural areas, and other sites

36516



Volunteer Time, in Hours



#### Citizen Science

Contributed to **100+** studies of water quality, wildlife populations, and other natural resources

52420

### 2017 Highlight: Habitat Enhancement, Education, and Monitoring



Volunteers contributed more than 4,000 hours **managing invasive plants at dozens of local, state, and national parks**. They also spread the word about invasives with presentations and publications.



Volunteers **educated property owners about conservation landscaping** through programs such as Audubon At Home, DGIF Habitat Partners®, and the Smith Mountain Lake Buffer Advisory Service Team.



Volunteers documented the effectiveness of habitat improvements through **butterfly and bird counts** that also contributed to larger citizen science studies.