

To be recertified annually a Master Naturalist must complete a minimum of 8 class hours of instruction and 16 hours of volunteer service between January 1 and December 31.

Advanced training should not repeat the same basic information on a subject that has already been covered in the initial training program. However, an advanced training opportunity that covers the subject in more depth or from a different perspective could qualify.

Advanced training may be provided by PVMN, other MN chapters in West Virginia, recognized environmental groups (e.g., Cape May Bird Observatory, Smithsonian Institute, NCTC) as well as other organizations.

In general, educational TV programs, movies, or videos on a natural history subject do not count as advanced training except when viewed as part of an approved lecture or workshop. Travel time to an advanced training event will not count toward hours.

Elective credits will be granted on an hour-for-hour basis. However, college or university classes, either undergraduate or graduate, will be limited to the number of credit hours.

This is not a complete list of everything available for advanced training hours. Email alerts are sent out when a continuing education opportunity arises. Many times, emails are sent about a live presentation or live webinar that is only available on a particular date/time.

**PVAS monthly programs and recordings of monthly programs.** May be used for 1 hour of education. <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/education/adult/>

**PVAS events.** Events that are marked as “PVMN Continuing Education Eligible” can be used for education. Note that some events may have a cost/fee.

<https://www.potomacaudubon.org/calendar/>

**NCTC public programs.** Check the NCTC website or the Friends of NCTC website for upcoming programs. <https://friendsofnctc.org/>

**NCTC Conservation Lecture Series.** Recorded webinars.

<https://www.fws.gov/nctc-conservation-lecture-series>

**NCTC archived virtual webinars.** <https://www.fws.gov/nctc-archived-broadcast>

**Conservation in History: Conservationists in Action.**

<https://conservationhistory.org/conservationists-in-action/environmental-history/> There are four sections of videos on this page. Scroll over the “Conservationists in Action” tab and select a category from the pulldown. Not all of the recorded presentations are relevant to master naturalists. If you have questions about whether a presentation will count toward continuing education hours, email the Data Manager.

**Virginia Master Naturalists Continuing Education.**

<http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/continuing-education.html>

**WV State Master Naturalist Conference classes on Kathleen Tyner's YouTube channel.**

(New River Gorge Master Naturalist)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVY33rK81KAwLsVpsX6ly0Q>

**WV Woodland Stewards.** For their continuing education opportunities, you will need to join as a member (free). <https://wvstewards.ning.com/>

**Blandy Experimental Farm & Virginia Arboretum.** <https://blandy.virginia.edu/>

**Appalachian Headwaters.** Webinar recordings on their YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3ufLAKVUWIND8TlfCSklwQ>

**Other national or local Audubon Society lectures and webinars.**

<https://www.centralmdaudubon.org/webinars>

<https://www.audubonva.org/online-programs>

**Monarch Joint Venture: Monarch Conservation Webinar Series.**

<https://monarchjointventure.org/resources/monarch-webinar-series>

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology webinars.** These are usually one hour long and would count as one hour of education credit. <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/webinars-2/>

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology open lectures.** These are approximately one hour long and would count as one hour of education credit. <https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/live-events/>

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology online courses.**

These are multi-hour classes that you pay to take and complete at your own pace. The PVMN continuing education hours would correspond to the estimated completion time of the course.

[https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/?\\_hstc=161696355.75195f61b6c1783fd43b4d60339cae81.1642549863277.1647385158462.1647388701689.3&\\_hssc=161696355.3.1647388701689&hsfp=999181904&gl=1%2Ax86vxq%2A\\_ga%2AODA4NTI0ODQ0LjE2NDI1NDk4NjI.%2A\\_ga\\_QR4NVXZ8BM%2AMTY0NzM4ODcwMC40LjEuMTY0NzM4ODgwNC4zMg..#\\_ga=2.45832420.1179781294.1647385137-808524844.1642549862](https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/?_hstc=161696355.75195f61b6c1783fd43b4d60339cae81.1642549863277.1647385158462.1647388701689.3&_hssc=161696355.3.1647388701689&hsfp=999181904&gl=1%2Ax86vxq%2A_ga%2AODA4NTI0ODQ0LjE2NDI1NDk4NjI.%2A_ga_QR4NVXZ8BM%2AMTY0NzM4ODcwMC40LjEuMTY0NzM4ODgwNC4zMg..#_ga=2.45832420.1179781294.1647385137-808524844.1642549862)

**Other Organizations.** Register for courses offered by other environmental groups (including but not limited to: **Smithsonian Institute, Cape May Bird Observatory**)

## **West Virginia Focused webinars:**

### **Appalachian Headwaters with WV DNR & US Forest Service recorded webinars:**

**Black Bears! with WV DNR.** 30 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU-GTW-vJs8>

**Cranberry Glades US Forest Service.** 30 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwARH8-ogaE>

**Wild Wonderful Weather of WV w/Tony Edwards of NOAA.** 30 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgeviQzn6Hk>

**Wonderful Wetlands with WV DEP.** Approximately 30 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zWt-3lIB0w>