

# Georgia Master Naturalist Series 2017 PROGRAM

**In the Georgia Master Naturalist Series you will explore local habitats and ecosystems as part of this interactive 11-program course that combines indoor lectures with outdoor field experiences.** Gain the skills and knowledge to become more engaged environmental stewards by participating this Elachee lifelong learning program.

Elachee tailors the *Georgia Master Naturalist* course for the local environment, within the framework developed by The University of Georgia (UGA) Cooperative Extension Service and the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. Course participants receive a certificate of completion.

**Program Fee:** \$275 per person (Elachee members receive a \$25 discount at registration.)

**Registration Required:** Call 770-535-1976 or Enroll Online, <http://bit.ly/2fGixO3>.

SCHEDULE	SPEAKER and TOPIC
March 30, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Introduction to Ecology and Natural Communities of the Piedmont</b> with Dr. Leslie Edwards Professor Emeritus, Georgia State University and Co-Author of <i>The Natural Communities of Georgia</i>
April 6, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Georgia Geology</b> with Dr. Kataoun Mobasher Associate Professor, University of North Georgia's Institute for Environmental and Spatial Analysis
April 13, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers</b> with Steve Bowling Botanist and Naturalist
April 20, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Stream Ecology</b> with Lee Irminger Natural Resources Manager, Elachee Nature Science Center
April 27, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Spring Bird Migration</b> with Peter Gordon Director of Education, Elachee Nature Science Center
May 4, 2017 Time TBA <b>Night Program at Chicpee Lake</b>	<b>Stars Over Elachee</b> with Robert Webb Senior Naturalist, Elachee Nature Science Center <b>NOTE:</b> Meet at the Elachee Aquatic Studies Center at Chicopee Lake.
May 6, 2017 ALL DAY <b>Saturday Program in Rabun Co.</b>	<b>Mountain Ecology Field Trip</b> with Steve Bowling Botanist and Naturalist <b>NOTE:</b> Meet at Elachee Nature Science Center or in Clayton, GA. Details TBA.
May 11, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Lake Lanier and the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed</b> with Peter Gordon and Michael West Director of Education, Elachee Nature Science Center and City of Gainesville, respectively
May 18, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Trees of Georgia</b> with Bill Lott Assistant Forest Resources Manager, Thompson Mills Forest State Arboreum of Georgia, UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
May 25, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Reptiles of Georgia</b> with Greg Greer Herpetologist and Naturalist
June 1, 2017 1-5:30 PM Elachee Nature Science Center	<b>Butterflies of Georgia</b> with Rosalie Jensen and Mike Saunders Master Naturalists