



2024 Native Plant Master Courses are opening soon!

Colorado State University Extension of Jefferson County is excited to welcome a new year of Native Plant Master Courses for Jefferson County residents and beyond.

2024
METRO TO MOUNTAIN

NATIVE PLANT MASTER COURSES



WINTER AND EARLY-SPRING COURSES OPEN FEBRUARY 5
SUMMER AND FALL COURSES OPEN MARCH 1

To Register and learn more information:
<https://jeffco.extension.colostate.edu/metro-to-mountain-npm/>



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Register for 2024.

Registration opens on February 5 for courses through April; and courses for April through Fall are anticipated to be posted March 1.

View the 2024 Course listing [HERE](#).

Classes are expected to fill quickly.

For questions, please contact edecker@jeffco.us or npmassistant@jeffco.us. More info can be found on our [website](#).

[Register Here](#)



Lead the way for sustainability.

NPM Trainers Needed.

Already a Native Plant Master or well on your way? Love Native Plants, being outdoors and teaching others?

Our team needs you! Consider serving as a trainer and advancing education of Native Plants with us.

[Learn More](#)

CSU Extension, Jeffco Natural Resource Updates

CSUE Jefferson County is in the process of hiring a new Natural Resources Specialist in our office. This position will provide leadership and guidance in the development, delivery and evaluation of Extension Natural Resources programs including areas like Native Plant Master, Naturalist (extension program in development), wildlife, wildlife conflict, wildfire, fire mitigation, ignition resistant landscaping, native plant education, water, small acreage management, and invasive species programs for adults and youth in Jefferson County.

If you or your organization are interested in connecting and partnering on efforts in the above-stated areas once we onboard this professional, please reach out to Jeni Carter at jcarter@jeffco.us.

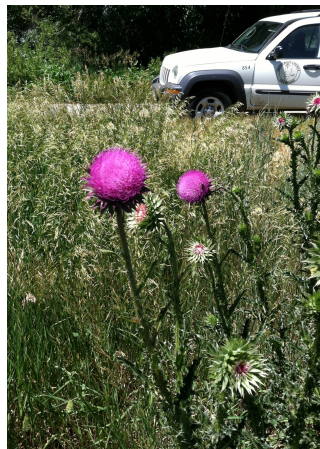
We look forward to serving Jeffco alongside you on all Natural Resource topics again!



**Welcome to the CSUE Jeffco team,
Horticulture Specialist, Rachel Durkan!**

Rachel has her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Horticulture from Virginia Tech and Master of Extension Education from Colorado State University. Before working for Extension, she taught the Environmental Horticulture program at Pickens Technical College, where she worked with secondary and post-secondary students working in greenhouses and the landscape industry. Outside of work, she loves to hike with her husband, son and three dogs. Rachel loves to read in her free time when she is not outdoors.

From our Jeffco partners



Stop Invasive Species before they start.

One of the easiest ways to battle the spread of invasive species is prevention. Whether it is something as simple as brushing the dirt off your boots after you finish a hike or if it is something more involved such as steam cleaning equipment and vehicles before moving from one worksite to another, prevention efforts stop invasives before they have a chance to get established.

Invasive species affect us all. Invasives affect our native plants that wildlife and livestock need for food and shelter. Invasives affect the quality of our lakes and streams. And invasives affect our agricultural lands resulting in lower yields and higher costs.

Everyone can make a difference by being aware and taking steps to not move materials and goods that may be infested with invasive plants or invasive pests. Together we can make a difference.

Alicia Doran, Jeffco Invasive Species Management Coordinator

PICTURE YOURSELF VOLUNTEERING



Stop by our Open House Fairs to learn more

Thursday, Feb 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



At Jeffco Open Space Headquarters:
700 Jefferson County Pkwy #100
Golden, CO 80401
www.jeffco.us/1567/Volunteer



Picture Yourself Volunteering

Is your New Year's Resolution to be more active, get outside more, or to be more involved in your community? We've got the perfect solution for you! Join the amazing Jeffco Open Space (JCOS) Volunteer Team and give back to our wonderful parks and programs. JCOS is hosting two Recruitment Fair Open Houses this month and there are lots of volunteer positions available. Ranging from working outside building or restoring trails, to staffing the front desk of the Boettcher Mansion, to educating our youth in a school program, and everything in between! Stop by and speak with staff and current volunteers to learn about all the ways you can make a difference and [checkout our website for](#)

[more information](#). We hope to see you there!

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Saturday, **February 17** from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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