

**Tennessee Naturalist Program  
Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary  
2022-2023 Course Schedule**

**Session A: Thursdays**

1 pm - 5:30 pm\*  
Bring a Snack

**Session B: Saturdays**

9 am - 1:30 pm\*  
Bring a sack lunch

\* unless otherwise noted below

Topic	Dates	Instructor
<b>Becoming a Naturalist</b>	Session A: Thursday Aug. 18, 2022 Session B: Saturday Aug. 20, 2022	Laura Smith, OHNS
<b>The World of Invertebrates: Pollinators, Predators, and Pests</b>	Session A: Thursday Sept. 15, 2022 Session B: Saturday Sept. 24, 2022	Dr. Kaushalya Amarasekare, TN State Univ. Dr. Steve Murphree, Belmont University
<b>The Ecology and Geology of Tennessee</b>	Session A: Thursday Oct. 6, 2022 Session B: Saturday Oct. 8, 2022	Margie Hunter, Author
<b>Tennessee Mammals: Creatures of Habitat</b>	Session A: Thursday Oct. 27, 2022 Session B: Saturday Oct. 29, 2022	David Coats, TNP Naturalist
<b>Feathered Fauna: The Birds of Tennessee</b> <b>Both Sessions: 7:30 am - Noon</b>	Session A: Thursday Nov. 10, 2022 Session B: Saturday Nov. 12, 2022	Laura Smith, OHNS
<b>Tennessee Reptiles and Amphibians: Scutes, Scales and Skin</b> <b>Both Sessions: 1 - 5:30 pm</b>	Session A: Thursday Feb 23, 2023 Session B: Saturday Feb 25, 2023	Pandy Upchurch, TN Wildlife Resources Agency (retired)
<b>Forests and Trees of Tennessee</b>	Session A: Thursday Mar. 23, 2023 Session B: Saturday Mar. 25, 2023	Dave Walters, TN Division of Forestry (retired) Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters, MTSU Center for Environmental Education (retired)
<b>Nocturnal Naturalist</b> <b>BOTH Sessions: 4pm - 8:30pm</b>	Session A: Thursday, Apr. 13, 2023 Session B: Saturday, Apr. 15, 2023	Laura Smith, OHNS
<b>Forbs, Ferns, Mosses, and More: Herbaceous Plants and Fungi of Tennessee</b>	Session A: Thursday April 20, 2023 Session B: Saturday April 22, 2023	Margie Hunter, Author
<b>Tennessee's Living Waters</b>	Session A: Thursday May 11, 2023 Session B: Saturday May 13, 2023	Catherine Price & Annie Goodhue Cumberland River Compact Angel Fowler, Sr. Regulatory Specialist, Resource Environmental Solutions

**REGISTRATION** conveys a commitment to class work AND volunteer hours (40). Volunteer hours must be completed within 15 months of date of first class. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. **Please do not register if you cannot attend the first class.**

**REFUND POLICY:** If you cancel in writing to [laura@owlshill.org](mailto:laura@owlshill.org) more than 14 days in advance of your first class you will receive a full refund. Cancellations less than 14 days but before the day of your first class will receive a 50% refund. Your registration is nonrefundable the first day of class and beyond.

**ATTENDANCE is required. Students missing 3 classes will be dropped from the program (no refund).** Students may register for a future class at full price.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bring a refillable water bottle. Dress for the weather (unless under severe weather threat, sessions are rain or shine). Attire and closed-toe footwear should be appropriate for hiking and outdoor activities. Depending on the season, consider bringing sunscreen, hat and bug spray. \*\*\*We are working to keep students, instructors, and staff safe. During times when local COVID transmission rates are high, face masks covering the mouth and nose are required indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not required outdoors.\*\*\*

**MAKEUPS:** There is no refund for missed classes. Makeup class attendance is contingent on available space. Registration includes two (2) free makeup classes at home chapter; \$25/class after that. Please confirm a spot by emailing [laura@owlshill.org](mailto:laura@owlshill.org) in advance of the desired class.

**CERTIFICATION:** Students have 15 months from the date of class start to complete volunteer work toward initial certification.