Nature at your door

Naturalist Presentations
What Lies Beneath
From dragonfly nymphs to water mites, this program looks at the fascinating lives of common aquatic insects living just below the surface of our ponds and marshes.

Skulls
Discover what skull anatomy can tell you about an animal’s lifestyle. Through hands-on observations, learn to distinguish between meat-eating predators and plant-eating prey.

Wildlife in Winter
The animals of Ohio don’t have the luxury of snuggling up to the fire with a cup of cocoa and a good book when the weather turns chilly. This program explores the strategies our birds, mammals, and insects employ to survive this harsh season.

Natural History of Backyard Wildlife
Explore the fascinating lives of common backyard wildlife. For instance, did you know that a rabbit has only a 5% chance of surviving its first year?

The Birds and the Bees
Yes, you read that right! This program is a light-hearted look at the romantic lives of animals (did you know that city birds sing shorter courtship songs than country birds?). This program is rated PG-13.

Butterfly Identification
Learn to identify the most common butterflies and skippers of Ohio. Study the tricks of how to quickly identify butterflies by looking for basic patterns and sizes.

Birds of the Backyard
Explore bird feeding myths and strategies, and the common birds that visit backyard feeders.

Trends in Ohio Mammal Populations
Some mammals like wolves, elk, and bison are long gone from the state, while others like otters, black bears, and bobcats are making a comeback. This program takes a look at these changes over the last 200 years.

Things That Go Bump in the Night
Explore the night life of the forest. Learn about the adaptations of owls, flying squirrels, bats, and insects that allow them thrive at night.

If You Build It, Will They Come?
Explore the science behind artificial nest structures for birds, bats, and insects. We’ll delve into the history, effectiveness, and success rates of these structures and their impact on wildlife.

Indian Artifacts
Discover the prehistoric cultures of Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, Late Prehistoric, and Historic American Indians of Ohio. Using artifacts and reproductions, learn how the lifestyles of these cultures progressed over time.

Spring Wildflowers
Our early spring wildflowers are always a sign of sunnier days to come. This program explores the identification and folklore of these springtime wonders.

Milkweeds, Monarchs, and More
The plants in the milkweed family are vitally important to monarch butterflies and a host of other insects. Explore the fascinating adaptations of these plants and discover the diversity of insects that rely on them. Learn how you can help the declining monarch population.

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SIGN UP with us!

These programs are designed for an adult audience. If you are interested in a topic you don’t see here, please contact us - we’ll be happy to work with you! Unless otherwise specified, programs can be conducted at your site or at TWC, and last between 45 and 60 minutes.

Cost is $75/program. A fee of $25 will be applied to any programs that are scheduled outside of regular business hours, and a milage fee of $25 will be applied to programs at your location.

Call 330.359.5235 or email programs@wildernesscenter.org
**IN THE wild**

**Monarchs 101**  
Go beyond the basic monarch life cycle you learned in school and delve into the biology and natural history of these incredible insects.

**Star Watch**  
View the wonders of the universe—planets, double stars, galaxies, and more—through TWC’s Astronomy Club’s telescopes. Star Watches should begin an hour after sunset. It’s best to schedule cloud dates. If you come to TWC, we’ll use the big, research-quality Keller Telescope! 1+ hrs. Max. 30/prog

**MEET our team**

**Carrie Elvey** has over 20 years experience sharing her love of the outdoors. She especially enjoys helping adults rekindle the sense of childhood joy and amazement that comes with nature exploration.

**Lynda Price** has worked as a naturalist at TWC for over 20 years, teaching children and adults about the natural history of Ohio. She enjoys helping all ages to discover the wonders around them.

**IN the GARDEN**

**Intrigue and Espionage in Your Backyard**  
Enjoy a light-hearted look at how plants and animals in your backyard employ a whole range of James Bond-style gadgets, weapons, disguises and international intrigue.

**The Secret Life of Your Garden**  
The common plants and animals in your garden live some truly remarkable, secret lives. You will never look at your garden in the same way again!

**Gardening with Native Plants**  
We will review the many varieties of native plants that can be used in the home landscape. Learn how natives are important to wildlife and how they can be a beautiful addition to your yard.

**Living with Wildlife in Your Garden**  
You may be familiar with the types of wildlife that are attracted to your gardens – the ones you want and the ones you don’t! Learn about the life cycles of different animals and how to attract some and discourage others.

**Planting to Attract Wildlife**  
Create a yard that is a place where birds, butterflies, mammals and other animals get nourishment and protection. Learn features and plant types needed for attracting wildlife.

**Butterfly Gardening**  
Create a yard that is a place where birds, butterflies, mammals and other animals get nourishment and protection. Learn features and plant types needed for attracting wildlife.

**Ohio’s Least Wanted**  
Invasive plants are a major threat to Ohio’s ecosystems. Learn to identify the 10 worst invaders, how to control them, and what to plant instead of these pests.

**Saving Bees and Butterflies, One Yard at a Time**  
Honey bees are suffering from colony collapse disorder. Monarch populations have been declining for years. Our yards make up millions of acres of land - learn how to use yours to help stop the decline in these important insect populations!

**Ecology of the Garden**  
The garden environment is a small ecosystem. Learn about nutrient cycles, plant form and function, and organisms in and around the soil.
Delve into the details

Bats of Ohio
Learn about basic bat lifestyles, the important role of bats in our ecosystem, and common bats of Ohio. We will also look at the emerging diseases threatening our bat population.

Salamanders of Ohio
Salamanders can be incredibly numerous in our woodlands, but they often go unnoticed. This program looks at the lives of common salamanders and their adaptations to a life closely tied to water.

Turtles of Ohio
Turtles have been around largely unchanged for millions of years. Explore the lives of common Ohio turtles and the threats facing turtle in modern times.

Snakes of Ohio
Love them or leave them, snakes play an important role in our world. This program looks at basic snake lifestyles and identification of common Ohio snakes, and can include a meet-and-greet with one of our program snakes.

Frogs of Ohio
Frog calls are a sure sign of spring to the attentive listener. This program looks at basic life cycles of common Ohio frogs, focusing on the calls and time of year each species can be heard singing.

Mammals of Ohio
Ohio has a wonderful diversity of mammals, from the small least shrew to the large black bear. Explore this diversity and the adaptations that allow Ohio mammals to live in different habitats.

Dragons and Damsels
Learn to identify the major groups of dragonflies and damselflies by recognizing common group characteristics, and discover basic life cycles and natural history.

Beautiful Bluebirds
Examine the life and times of the Eastern Bluebird! Learn about the lifecycle of bluebirds, bluebird box dimensions and how to establish and monitor a bluebird trail.

A Field Guide to Field Guides
Can you name all 9,000 species of birds or all 250,000 species of plants? If not, then you will need a field guide! This program teaches you what to consider when looking for a field guide, tips for using field guides, and hints for finding the right guide for your needs.

Vernal Pools
Vernal pools are teeming with life in early spring. These temporary ponds are home to secretive creatures such as fairy shrimp, spotted salamanders, and wood frogs which rely on these pools for reproduction. Learn how to identify a vernal pool and the creatures that inhabit it.

Ohio Geology
Explore the geologic history of Ohio to understand why the rocks in our state are where they are. Learn the different sedimentary rocks that are used for Ohio industry.

Ohio Fossils
See some of the common fossils that can be found in Ohio. Learn where to look for fossils and how to identify the most common types.

General Nature Walk
Let’s go outside and we’ll show you what there is to see! This is a very flexible program, which emphasizes seasonal trail highlights. At TWC, we have a golf cart for those who find walking difficult.

Foxfield Preserve
Learn about the social and environmental benefits of the natural burial alternative. Presented by Sara Brink, Foxfield Preserve manager. Free
TWC naturalists want to share our love of nature with your group! Browse our catalog to find the perfect program for your adult audience.