



# NATIVE PLANT STEWARDSHIP COURSE

## Fall 2017

### Rivers and Forests of Whatcom County & Northern Puget Sound

Participate in a course focused on stewardship of the native plant and wildlife habitats of the northern Puget Lowland.

**This no-cost program combines classroom learning with field trips** to enrich understanding of the key roles that native plants play in our forests, rivers, wetlands, and other vital habitats, and shows how to use this knowledge to help protect and restore these habitats.

**When:** The six-week class will meet on Thursday evenings from September 21 through October 26, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bloedel Beach Pavilion at Bloedel Donovan Park, 1124 Electric Avenue in Bellingham. We'll explore natural habitats and restoration sites on three Saturday field trips, September 23, October 7, and October 21.



**What:** The course provides 30 hours of learning including identification of important native and invasive plants, key wildlife-habitat relationships, restoration skills, and other topics. Home study of selected readings and videos supports classroom topics. In return, participants agree to provide 30 hours of service to local conservation and restoration projects within 18 months of completing the course.

The City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department, Whatcom Land Trust, and other local conservation organizations are partnering with the Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) in offering this training, and have habitat projects that need stewards' help!

**Anyone can apply!** Participants must be members of WNPS. It's easy to join! Visit <http://www.wnps.org/join.html>.

This program is part of the **WNPS Native Plant Stewardship Program**. Participants who complete the training will earn credit towards recognition as a WNPS Native Plant Steward.

**Registration is now open.** For more information or to request an application, contact Jim Evans, WNPS State Stewardship Program Manager, at 206-678-8914 or [jimevans@centurytel.net](mailto:jimevans@centurytel.net)

*The Native Plant Stewardship Program is a program of the Washington Native Plant Society, a nonprofit organization in Washington. For more information about WNPS, visit [www.wnps.org](http://www.wnps.org).*