



Going Wild in Your Backyard!

...an open house on wildlife habitat



Eastern View High School
Culpeper, Virginia

February 4, 2012

~Program~

UPPER LEVEL

- * **Welcome Table**—information about the event and about Old Rag Master Naturalists
Main entrance
- * **Presentations** (see next page for details)
Forum auditorium, near main entrance ♦ starting at 10:30 am
- * **Video** of Doug Tallamy on *Bringing Nature Home*
Room 801 ♦ every hour, 10:30 am–2:30 pm

LOWER LEVEL

- * **Exhibits** of more than 20 participating conservation organizations (see inside for list of exhibitors)
Cafeteria ♦ 10 am–4 pm
- * **Children's Activities**—making bird nests, bird feeders, and butterflies with the EVHS Envirothon Teams
Room 507 ♦ 10 am–4 pm
- * **Tours** of the LEED-certified EVHS building and wetland habitat recovery project led by Envirothon Team members
Starts in hall outside cafeteria ♦ every hour, 10 am–3 pm
- * **Refreshments** on sale by the EVHS Envirothon Teams
Cafeteria ♦ 10 am–4 pm

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are volunteer educators, citizen scientists, and stewards helping Virginians conserve and manage our natural resources and public lands.

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Old Rag Master Naturalists serves the counties of Madison, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Greene, and western Fauquier and Orange.



PRESENTATIONS



10:30–11:15 ♦ *Who Lives in Your Backyard?*

Presenter: Louis Verner, PhD (Terrestrial Biologist, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries)

In backyards large and small, you'll find wildlife looking for food, shelter, and an opportunity to reproduce. Who is there? Which native species should you attract? How can you help these important components of our ecosystems survive and thrive? What do you do about nuisance or injured wildlife? Dr. Verner provides answers to these and other wildlife questions.



11:30–12:15 ♦ *Creating Backyard Habitats—Large and Small*

Presenter: Don Hearl (Certified Virginia Master Naturalist, Old Rag Chapter; Vice President, Environmental Systems Service, Ltd.)

Habitat loss for our wildlife friends has reached a critical point. Expansion of commercial and residential development has resulted in fragmentation and destruction of many areas once used by birds, insects, and animals. This presentation will focus on reestablishment of these natural habitats using even the smallest spaces in urban, suburban, and rural settings. Old Rag Master Naturalist Don Hearl highlights the use of native plants that will provide food and cover for native wildlife.



1:30–2:15 ♦ *Super Native Plants for Backyard Wildlife Habitats*

Presenter: Jack Price (Certified Virginia Master Naturalist, Old Rag Chapter; President, Shenandoah National Park Association)

Get an introduction to “can't fail” plants for attracting a variety of wildlife—including birds, butterflies, and native pollinators—to a backyard habitat of most any size. The plant list includes small trees, shrubs, and flowering plants that have proven to be winners. If you are not certain where to start, or are looking for some new plant suggestions, Old Rag Master Naturalist Jack Price will help you move forward in creating an enjoyable and environmentally friendly backyard.

2:30–3:15 ♦ *Bluebird Trails—Encouraging Bluebirds in Your Backyard*

Presenters: Roger and Pat Temples (Certified Virginia Master Naturalists, Old Rag Chapter; Members, Virginia Bluebird Society)

Bluebirds were in serious decline, almost to the point of becoming endangered, when enthusiasts started creating bluebird trails and documenting the efforts to increase the population of this native species. Old Rag Master Naturalists Roger and Pat Temples explain how to establish a productive bluebird habitat using boxes with predator guards, as well as the importance of monitoring the boxes on a weekly basis during nesting season. Included in the presentation is a short video of a bluebird raising a family, from laying the eggs until the young leave the nest.



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