Wildscape Ambassador 201 Workshop

Thursday, November 2 @ 5:00-7:00pm | Rawlings Public Library, 100 West Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004

It's time to build upon your knowledge gained in Wildscaping 101 and dive even deeper with Wildscaping 201!

Native pollinators, including butterflies, bees, and birds are declining in Colorado and elsewhere in the U.S. largely due to habitat loss. This talk will explore ways that home gardeners can help to reverse this trend by utilizing beautiful, water-saving, native plants that provide essential forage and shelter for wildlife.

Associations between plants and pollinators will be explored in detail, as well as information on how to grow the plants including height, width, soil and water requirements, and timing of bloom.

The talk will also include an investigation of how the structure and arrangement of the garden design, and specific cultural practices, can benefit both plants and wildlife.

4:30 – Doors Open & Sign-In

5:00 – Opening Remarks
Overview of Wildscape Ambassador program – what have we achieved and where are we going? Provide roadmap of today's training.

5:05 – Presentation: Native Plants for Pollinators
Jamie Weiss, Audubon Rockies

6:00 – Grab Dinner + Raffle

6:15 – Plant Selection & Design
Overcoming hurdles on native plant availability and putting together an eye-catching design
Learn these tips to help overcome the terminology and limited native plant stock in our nurseries. Activity to include creating your own design and arrangement of plants based on site assessment and various environmental factors.

6:40 –Maintenance
Keep your garden flourishing
You have planted your garden, now what? Learn how to best care for your newly planted garden and what to expect maintenance wise.

7:00 – Wrap Up/Final Remarks

In Partnership With

To learn move, visit these resources to help plan gardens that minimize water consumption and provide habitat for wildlife with use of native plants at:
http://rockies.audubon.org/habitat-heroes
http://conps.org
http://suburbitat.org