

VOLUNTEERS

Helping People Help the Land

Earth Team Volunteer Teaches through Photos

Earth Team volunteer, David Silsbee teaches at the Oak Grove Montessori School in Mansfield, Connecticut. But David's many other skills, especially wildlife photography, are invaluable to Connecticut NRCS. Over the last 13 years, David's photography has added an extra dimension to a wide variety of NRCS articles, brochures and presentations, on topics ranging from invasive plants to native pollinators and more.

David's experience processing photos and graphics and his advice about common computer programs for questions such as "Why did the computer do this?" and "How do I do that?" are examples of the way his behind-the-scenes assistance speeds up the process of getting work done. David has also assisted in preparing materials for a number of workshops and outreach events.

As a teacher of the 9-12 class (similar to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade combined), David is experienced in keeping people together and focused during field trips. His presence and people skills have been very important at various outreach walks and field events led by NRCS and partners.



David Silsbee waits for the perfect shot of some Two-spotted Bumblebees on the Blue Giant (Anise) Hyssop.

"It's wonderful to have David's amazing talents supporting conservation in our state and beyond. We are very lucky to have him on our team."

*Carol Donzella,
Former State Earth Team
Volunteer Coordinator*

The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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