



Meet Matt Flower



Matt has 15+ years of experience as an Environmental Educator. He earned a Nature-based Early Childhood Education Graduate Certificate from Antioch University of New England and was subsequently awarded a fellowship from Antioch which he completed in 2017.

On behalf of the Urban Ecology Center, Matt developed the [Preschool Environmental Education Program](#) (PEEP) for childcare centers, learning centers, preschools, special needs classrooms and inter-generational facilities. PEEP was recently chosen as one of three site-visits for 2018's International [WOW Nature-based Early Learning Conference](#).

"Nature can offer something that no teacher can replicate in the traditional classroom. It is unique, it is alive, it is a true sensory experience for kids. When kids are out in nature, or at least engaged with completely natural materials, they ask more questions, they stay engaged longer and deeper."

-JP, teacher at partner school

Matt presents at state, national, and international Early Childhood Education conferences and Environmental Education conferences about his work. He also provides professional development for local partner organizations.

Matt is an enthusiastic naturalist and documents the seasons through photo phenology. Look for a fun [Facebook post about Matt Flower](#), December Urban Ecology Center Staff of the month!