

Eric Sundell

For many years, Eric Sundell has offered workshops and illustrated lectures on Arkansas' beautiful and interesting native plants.

He is actually an uprooted Yankee from New York and Vermont. After Peace Corps service in Tunisia, he spent four years in the Desert Southwest near Phoenix, where he pursued bachelor's and master's degrees in botany from Arizona State University, and another four years in New Orleans earning a doctorate in biology at Tulane University.

He was transplanted to Monticello, Arkansas in 1980, where he and his wife Milanne raised three boys, and for 26 years at UAM, he taught biology, botany, dendrology, local flora, and evolution.

He is founder of UAM's Sundell Herbarium (a 'library' of more than 27,000 dried, pressed, vascular plant specimens); a charter member, past president, past membership chairman, and co-auctioneer of the Arkansas Native Plant Society; former member and co-chairman of the camp committee for the Arkansas Audubon Society's Halberg Ecology Camp for 11 and 12 year old youth; and most recently, editor of the Eighth Revised ('Color') Edition of Dwight Moore's Trees of Arkansas, published by the Arkansas Forestry Commission in 2014.

When he retired in 2006, he and Milanne moved back up north—to Little Rock.