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ROBERT MARDINEY

Nature's Neighbors: Naughty or Nice?
Fascinating Tales of our Local Ecology

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Oregon Ridge Nature Center



A close look at forests, meadows, wetlands, and our backyards reveals intriguing interrelationships among the inhabitants, with evidence of competition, cooperation, parasitism and predation between native birds, mammals, insects, trees, wildflowers, ferns and more. Ecologists continue to uncover surprising and complex ways that animals and plants interact with their neighbors. Rob Mardiney will discuss some of his favorite instances of ecological rivalry and collaboration, such as the benefits of a bumblebee's buzz, how to "read" a wildflower, and how maple trees disarm caterpillars and oak trees outwit squirrels.

As Director of Education, Rob Mardiney is responsible for evaluation, development, and oversight of Irvine's public and school programs. With a MS in Environmental Education from Cornell and a BS in Biology from Vassar, Rob teaches natural history and ecology courses at Irvine, the Hopkins Odyssey and Towson Osher programs, and for Maryland's Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists. He has served on the Board of the Maryland Native Plant Society, is past-president of MAEOE (MD Assoc. of Environmental & Outdoor Edu.), and won the 2012 Garden Club of America's Elizabeth Ebernathy Hull Award for excellence in Environmental Education.

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