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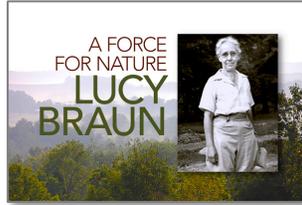
VMG media release

E. Lucy Braun educational materials

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E. Lucy Braun - Educational Materials

A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun explores the life and legacies of Dr. E. Lucy Braun (1889 – 1971), one of the foremost botanists and ecologists in American history. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Lucy Braun was a trailblazer in the emerging science of plant ecology, and a leader in the early conservation movement. In 1950, she published *Deciduous Forests of Eastern North America*, a landmark book that documented forest communities from Florida to Canada. An extraordinary woman of science, Braun helped to preserve natural spaces in Ohio and Kentucky. *A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun* is a co-production of Meg Hanrahan Media and Voyageur Media Group, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation of public media about science, history and culture. The one-hour documentary was originally broadcast by regional public television stations in the fall and winter of 2018. WOSU (Columbus) is the presenting station for **national distribution** beginning March 23, 2019 by the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA), which serves over 100 public television stations in the U.S.

Educational Materials

A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun also features a companion website and **educational materials** developed by staff from Cincinnati Museum Center's Edge of Appalachia Preserve System in Adams County, Ohio. Dr. E. Lucy Braun has deep connections to the Edge of Appalachia. As a student, and then a professor of botany at the University of Cincinnati, Braun conducted extensive field research in Adams County. She often brought students to this biodiverse region, which is located on the "edge" of the Appalachian Mountains. Braun also helped to found The Nature Conservancy in Ohio, and led efforts to preserve "Lynx Prairie" in Adams County. Lynx Prairie is the first preserve in what would become the 20,000-acre Richard & Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System. The E. Lucy Braun educational materials were developed by **Robyn Wright-Strauss**, Chief Naturalist, Edge of Appalachia Preserve System, and **Catherine H. Knoop**, Experiential Educator, who have decades of combined experience creating educational curriculum, outdoor learning programs and teacher workshops. The lesson plans are available on the **Dr. E. Lucy Braun** page of the Cincinnati Museum Center's Edge of Appalachia Preserve Systems website. This website also includes links to other resources and educational workshops about Lucy Braun.

Dr. E. Lucy Braun - educational website: <https://www.cincymuseum.org/dr-e-lucy-braun/>

Curriculum Materials

Educator Introduction (pdf)

Covered academic standard charts: upper elementary, middle and high school (pdfs)

Curriculum Master Resource List (pdf)

Lesson plans:

Upper Elementary: "The Life of Dr. E. Lucy Braun;" "Champions Among Us;" "Treasure Chest of Science"

Middle and High School: "Change through Time;" "Documenting E. Lucy Braun;" "Joys and Hardship in the Field;" "Save the Big Trees;" and "Taking Action."

Interviews, photographs and an extended feature article are available on request.