

## **VMS Categories/Opportunities**

### **What did you do? (Advanced Training Hours)**

Attended Our Monthly AAMN Chapter AT Program, in person or online

Category = AT: Chapter Meeting-Alamo

Attended a training program or presentation in person (not at your home)

Category = AT: Presentations

Viewed the MN State Office Webinars. (Not for our Chapter AT programs)

Category = AT: TMN Tuesday

Watched an approved live online presentation/program (Zoom / Webex). No limit on hours in 2022.

Category = AT: Online-4 Hr Max

Watched programs for the TX Waters Specialist Certification Program.  
Use this category whether or not you plan to obtain this certification.

Category = AT: TX Waters Certification Training

Attended the State MN Annual Conference, either in person or online

Category = AT: TMN Statewide (Annual Conf)

### **What did you do? (Service Hours)**

General Garden Maintenance

- Weeding
- Watering
- Planting new plants
- Pruning, trimming trees and plants
- Putting mulch around plants or on trails
- Creating mulch by putting branches in a chipper
- Building/maintaining garden bridges, garden equipment owned by the non-profit org.

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### Trail Work

- Developing new trails
- Maintaining/improving existing trails

### Plant Propagation

- Propagating plants in a **partner** organization's greenhouse

### Wildlife Viewing Blinds and Water Features

- Assisting with construction of new blinds and water features
- Maintaining existing blinds and water features
- Providing periodic servicing of bird blinds with refilling feeders, general cleaning

### Trail Steward / Trail Monitoring

- Walking trails and reporting concerns to designated **partner** person/office
- May include light maintenance such as picking up litter, dog poop bags

### Tree Buds Program Volunteering

Category = NPA: Access Nature

### Working on Invasives

- Removing invasive (non-native) trees, plants, and grasses from a large area
- Applying approved herbicides to invasive species

Category = RM: Invasives

### Habitat Restoration

- Restoring or improving a large area back to its original state
- Restoring or improving a farmland or ranchland back to its original state
- Removing ashe juniper/cedar to create a prairie
- Removing various woody plants to create a grassland/savannah
- Building Beaver Dams at Medina River Natural Area for erosion control

Category = RM: Habitat Restore

### Trash Removal (not small amount of litter)

- Participating in Basura Bash
- Volunteering with SARA for periodic trash clean-up along the river after rainstorms or similar activities

Category = RM: Trash Removal

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Leading, Organizing, or Staffing an Educational activity where Participants/Visitors Come and Go

- Staffing the Visitor Center at Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
- Staffing the Visitor Center at Cibolo Nature Center / CCC
- Staffing the Discovery Center at Guadalupe River State Park
- Staffing the Texas Wild Gallery, similar exhibits at the Witte Museum
- Assisting with Starting Out Wild program
- Assisting with Growing Up Wild program
- Providing educational information at a native plant sale (NO selling)
- Assisting with tree adoptions/tree give-away programs
- Assisting with family programs at the Botanical Gardens such as Botanica and Family Flashlight Night
- Picture Your World program (Green Spaces Alliance)

Category = PO: Public Outreach

Writing and Editing AAMN Talking Points on our Chapter website

Category = PO: Public Outreach-AAMN

NPSOT-Boerne Pollinator Garden Assistance and Recognition Program

Category = PO: Public Outreach-AAMN

GTWT Adopt-A-Loop Project Initial Survey

- Checking signage, facilities for the public, trail accessibility

Category = PO: Public Outreach

Training, Educating, Instructing Others. Attendees Usually Stay for Entire Activity.

Setting tends to be outdoors in a park or park-like area.

- Field guide/docent for nature hikes, nature camps
- Field guide for hikes at Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve
- Assisting with Outdoor Classroom at Cibolo Nature Center and Herff Farm
- Assisting with bat viewing programs at Old Tunnel State Park
- Leading/assisting with Witte Museum Rock Art Tours (White Shaman Preserve and nearby locations)

Category = TR: Guide/Docent

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Training, Educating, Instructing Others. Attendees Usually Stay for Entire Activity. Setting tends to be more formal than a hike and often includes a classroom presentation or workshop.

Used by members who instruct during an advanced training program and includes preparation time.

- NPSOT Native Landscape Certification Programs (prep work, instruction)
- Presentation of an advanced training (AT) program
- Presentation of a specific program at a school
- Presentation of a specific program at a **partner organization**

Category = TR: Presentation

MN Members who teach a class for our Initial Training Program

Category = TR: Training Class Presenters-Alamo Area Chapter

Field Research

- Participating in a formal survey (weekly, monthly, quarterly) for birds

Category = FR: Bird Counts

- Participating in a formal survey (daily, weekly, monthly) for specific birds as part of a named research project, such as the National Audubon's Climate Watch Survey (looking for Lesser Goldfinch) or Golden-cheeked Warbler Survey
- Participating in Lights Out San Antonio project
- Participating in a formal survey (weekly, monthly, quarterly) for species other than birds, such as butterflies, snakes, turtles, etc.

Category = FR: Field Research-AAMN

Reporting Nature-related Observations using iNaturalist

- Must be for an existing project
- Participating in GTWT Adopt-A-Loop surveys

Category = FR: iNaturalist Observations

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### Identifying / Curating Texas Flora and Fauna in iNaturalist

- Must be coordinated/approved by Texas Nature Trackers staff

Category = FR: iNaturalist TNT Identification

### Reporting Daily Precipitation

- Checking daily precipitation and reporting it online daily

Category = FR: CoCoRaHS

### Stream Team Activities

- Monitoring the water quality for an assigned stream, river, pond, lake
- Performing other activities sponsored by Stream Team

Category = FR: Water Quality

### Project FeederWatch

- Participating in the Cornell Lab national program to count backyard birds and submit data online from mid-Nov. to mid-April

Category = FR: Project FeederWatch

### Assisting at the Hawk Watch in Corpus Christi

- Assisting Hawkwatch International volunteers count raptors

Category = FR: Hawk Watch

### Wildlife Rescue

- Searching for wildlife (deer, squirrels, skunks, birds, etc.) as requested by certified wildlife rescue organization.
- Attempting to capture/remove wildlife as requested by certified wildlife rescue organization

Category = RM: Animal Rescue

### Wildlife Rehab

- Taking wildlife recently captured to a certified wildlife rehabilitation facility
- Transferring wildlife from a local wildlife shelter to a rehabilitation facility

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- Upon request, picking up various supplies and delivering them to a rehab facility
- Performing various tasks needed for the care of wildlife at a rehab facility such as food preparation, cleaning cages/enclosures, cleaning bedding, towels, etc. used by the wildlife
- Transporting wildlife that is ready to be released from a rehab facility to a safe location

Category = OT: Wildlife Rehab

### Wildlife Houses

- Building nestboxes for birds (cavity nesters such as Black-crested Titmouse, Eastern Bluebird, owls, etc.)
- Building nesting boxes for ducks
- Building towers/boxes for bats

Category = RM: Wildlife House

### Plant Rescue

- Rescuing native plants from areas that will be developed, bulldozed

Category = RM: Plant Rescue

Providing Special Assistance to TPWD Personnel. For volunteer activities not included above.

- Relocating deer blinds at a state park

Category = OT: Assist Sponsors - AAMN

When above categories are not applicable, the category below may be used. (Rarely used!)

- Serving as a judge at School Science Fairs

Category = OT: Other - AAMN

Providing service to our Chapter as a Board Member (Executive Committee Member, Director) including attending the monthly Board Meetings.

Participating on a Committee headed by a Director

Category = CB: Chapter Business AAMN