



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for March 13, 2014
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President - Sarah Laughlin –

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B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –

C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of Feb 2014 meeting minutes

D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –

E. Committees

1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
2. Membership – Betty Vermiere, Chair –
3. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –
4. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
5. Host/Social – Melissa Kamerbeek and Jim Balthrop, Co-Chairs –
6. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
9. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, Chair –

II. Old Business

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III. New Business

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IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

1. **TMN Spring Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8
2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
Mar 13- "Wild Pigs - Leaving More Than Tracks", **with Olivia Ash**
Apr 10-
May 8-
June 12-
3. **RBAS Fort Clark Springs/Del Rio birding and ecology March 14-16**
4. **Youth Leadership Development looking for adult volunteers**
San Antonio, TX – Texas Brigades program The application deadline is March 15, 2014 and may be found at <http://www.texasbrigades.org/Applications/applications.html>.

The 4.5 days camps are held on private ranches across the state. Exact dates and locations are listed on the website. For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391 or email hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

5. March, and upcoming RBAS field trips

March 15. Upper Valley specialties (possible seedeaters, long-billed thrasher, green jays, olive sparrows, Audubon's orioles, 3 kingfishers), trans-Pecos specialties (white-throated swifts, poorwills, wrens, Hutton's vireo, green-tailed towhee, Chihuahuan raven), and possibly golden-crowned warbler, Fort Clark Springs

April 12. Local migrants, Brison Park and Country Club Lake

May 10. North American Migration Count, Brazos County

June. No field trip, too darn hot.

July 12. Still hot, but Fourth of July Butterfly Count.

6. Texas Stream Team Paddlers Needs Master Naturalists-Join the *Texas Stream Team* -a group of some 8,000 men, women, and children who have been active stewards of Texas waterways since 1991. **To find out how you can get involved, contact:**

Travis Tidwell, Texas Stream Team, Program Coordinator, (512) 245-9148 or txstreamteam@txstate.edu, MeadowsCenter.TXState.edu/

7. National Wildlife Week March 17-23 www.nwf.org/wildlifeweek

8. Austin Butterfly Forum to host monarch overwintering ground discoverers - March 22, 24-25. All events will be held at, or start at, the Zilker Botanical Gardens, 2200 Barton Spring Road. All events are free to ABF members. Non-members will be charged \$5 for field trips and \$10 for meetings. Parking fees also apply to all for field trips. <http://www.austinbutterflies.org/>

9. April 5th Deer Park Prairie Grand Opening-day full of free tours & a sit-down dinner in the evening at Monument Inn (\$40/person). For all the details go to: <http://prairiepartner.org/group/hnpat> and click the desired links.

10. 2014 Prairie Power Series-2014 prairie activities, HNPAT and CPP co-sponsored (Houston Chapter of the Native Prairies Association of Texas; Coastal Prairie Partnership). Go to <http://prairiepartner.org/group/hnpat>.

11. Upcoming HNPAT Meetings at 3015 Richmond Ave., 6:30 p.m. For Refreshments & 7:00 p.m. Meet Starts.

Thurs, March 27: "*Lawther - Deer Park Prairie: An Update of Event and Its Future*" by Jennifer Lorenz of Bayou Land Conservancy and Pat Merkord of Native Prairies Association of Texas

Thurs, April 24: Earth Month prairie related activities & Glenn Olsen speaking on prairie birds.

12. 2014 Prairies, Lakes, Timbers Regional Conference April 11-13, Westminster, TX (near McKinney) at Collin County Adventure Camp. Come for all three days or just one or two. Info on conference, presenters, pricing, other details <http://bptmn.org/PLT2014> (AT approved)

13. Macro Photography Workshop - Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center May 3-4 Details and registration <http://abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com/macro-photography-workshop/>

14. 18th Annual Great Texas Birding Classic April 15 - May 15 www.birdingclassic.org

Stream Team Core (Basic) Training-Sat, May 17 10 AM to 3:30 PM.

Pre-registration required; no costs for the training. To register E-Mail: rgm3372010@live.com. (AT approved)

15. Bugshot 2014 - Sapelo Island, GA MAY 22-25 Details and registration <http://bugshot.net/events/>

16. Macro Photography Workshop - Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Marble Falls, TX June 21-22 Details and registration <http://abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com/bcnwr-workshop/>

17. Southwest Stream Restoration Conference 2014 May 28-30th Hyatt Regency, San Antonio

18. Bugshot 2014 - Belize Sept. 7-14 Details and registration <http://bugshot.net/events/>

19. Ongoing activity- Public educational presentations on TV, radio, or group settings that members give on the Texas Master Naturalist Program, or on the following naturalist topics: Texas native plants; water conservation and fresh water management in Texas; Texas invasive plants; Texas wildlife; Texas wildlife habitat management; and endangered or threatened species in Texas. Members would receive credit for time actually presenting and for work such as preparation and travel, that supports the presentation. (V approved)

20. Project FeederWatch (V approved) More info is available at <http://feederwatch.org/about/project-overview/>.

21. Wednesday Bird Programs (pre-approved AT)-Classes held at the Kleb Woods nature center, Tomball, TX, from 1:30-3:00 PM and may include an off-site field trip. **Apr 16**-Warbler Look-alikes; **Apr 30**-The iPhone as a Birding Tool: A Hands-on Workshop

May 7-Mosquito Kings and Lying Chiefs: Flycatcher Identification; **May 14**-Breeding Birds of the Big Thicket

For more info, contact 281-357-5324 or klebwoods@hctx.net

*This free class is courtesy of Steve Radack, Commissioner Precinct 3

22. The AT Committee has added a list of pre-approved advanced training activities on the BVTMN website at <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/membership/2013-committees/advanced-training-committee/preapproved-at/>. You can also find this list by going to the Advanced Training Committee webpage. Please check it out. It may give you some new ideas for advanced training and also help reduce your need to request approval for activities.

We did this to reduce the amount of email sent out to the membership about advanced training and reduce the load on next year's AT committee.

Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.

23. Camp Allen (V credit)-interested in partnering with us for volunteer hours leading some guided nature walks? You would get volunteer credit for travel, prep, and the actual time spent on the walk. Emily Krueger, Navasota, 936-825-7175, www.campallen.org, emilyk@campallen.org

24. TMN Annual Meeting October 24-26, 2014 Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX

25. TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training (AT approved)

26. Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach (AT approved)

27. Water quality monitoring (AT approved)