



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter  
Meeting Agenda for April 10, 2014  
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

**I. Officer and Committee Reports**

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin –
  - 1. Turkey Creek Nature Preserve
  - 2. Projects with Master Gardeners (Olivia has more info)
  - 3. Liability form for CS
  - 4. Outreach Opportunity: request for a speaker at the UUCBV
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of Mar 2014 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –renew your membership dues (\$15 cash or check)
- E. Committees
  - 1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
  - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your March hours
  - 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 Juneck, 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/Summer Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)  
**April 10, May 8, Jun 12, July 10, August 14**
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)  
**Apr 10- The Amazing World of Dragonflies and Damselflies by Dr. John Abbott**  
**May 8-TBD; June 12-TBD; July 10-TBD**
- 3. **Deer Park Prairie Prairie Chicken Week**
  - **April 8 - 13 Prairie Chicken Week**  
[HNPAT News 140327](#) p. 5 for flyer, registration deadlines, more detail.  
Registration required for 4/10 events.
    - April 10-Tour: Attwater Prairie Chicken Breeding Facility. [Register now.](#)

- April 12-13 - Attwater Prairie Chicken Booming-n-Breeding Festival @ APC National Wildlife Refuge. [See website now.](#)
- Info at <http://prairiepartner.org/page/prairie-power-series> about other 2014 Prairie Power Series Events.

**4. 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. Conference, presenters, pricing, details > [http://bptmn.org/ PLT2014](http://bptmn.org/PLT2014) (AT approved)

**5. Milam County Nature Festival Sat/Sun Apr 11-12**, Rockdale Fair Park (V/AT credit) El Camino Real Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists hosting. They welcome volunteers to help with this activity. In past, featured speakers' talks approved AT credit.

**6. March, and upcoming RBAS field trips**

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.

**7. Oviparous Program for Kids!** (AT approved) [Becky Gates Children's Center](#)

April 22, from 9 - 11 am, three Audubon/Master Naturalist volunteers have signed up to present two talks to a total of about 70 4-5 year old children (Rick Laughlin, Katharine Cupps, and Joyce Conner). There will be a slideshow presentation about birds, a display table of bird related items, and a live chicken. If anyone else would like to come or to help in any other way, please contact Joyce at [joyce@conner.net](mailto:joyce@conner.net).

**8. TWA LANDS Field Investigation Day (V hours)**-Texas Wildlife Association Education Team is looking for people who enjoy working w/ students & willing to help at a L.A.N.D.S. Field Investigation Day.

If interested in earning volunteer hours, enjoy seeing beautiful Texas landscapes, want to help leave a legacy for our next generation, & like to learn new things while having fun, contact [kcoffer@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:kcoffer@texas-wildlife.org), or call one of the numbers below for more info.

Dates and locations of our upcoming L.A.N.D.S. events. (approx. time: 8a-2pm)

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| * April 14 - Marquez, TX   | (between Kosse & Centerville)   |
| * April 22 - Streetman, TX | (between Fairfield & Corsicana) |
| * April 28 - Rockwall, TX  | (E of Lake Ray Hubbard)         |
| * May 9 - Crosby, TX       | (in the Crosby area)            |
| * May 13 - Hitchcock, TX   | (in the Hitchcock area)         |
| * May 19 - Mtn. Home, TX   | (W. of Kerrville)               |
| * May 21 - Hockley, TX     | ( E of Waller)                  |
| * May 28 - Paige, TX       | (NE of Bastrop)                 |

**9. 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](mailto:klebwoods@hctx.net)

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

**10. Kountze ISD hosting series of lectures & art/photography exhibits to promote region, outline current challenges, & recognize conservationists. April 17, 6-7 PM, Logon Café, 3805 Calder Ave., Beaumont, 77706**

Speaker: Dr. Jeff Pittman, Owner Private Software and Computing Company

**Butterflies and Biodiversity in the Big Thicket**

**April 22-25**, Exhibit Opening: Tues, Apr 22, 3:30-5, Apr 23-24, 10-5; Kountze Public Library, 800 South Redwood, Kountze, 77625

**KHS Lepidoptera and Noctuidae Art and Multimedia Exhibit**

**11. 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](mailto:txstreamteam@txstate.edu), [MeadowsCenter.TXState.edu/](http://MeadowsCenter.TXState.edu/)

**12. Bennett Trust Land Stewardship Conference April 23-25**-Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center, Kerrville,. Mr. Bennett left a perpetual endowment for land stewardship educational programming in the Edwards Plateau. We are pleased to have the state photographer, Wyman Meinzer, as the keynote speaker for the conference, entitled *Protecting the Legacy of the Edwards Plateau*. Visit <http://bennetttrust.tamu.edu> for more info or to register.

**13. Upcoming HNPAT Meetings** at 3015 Richmond Ave., 6:30 p.m. For Refreshments & 7:00 p.m. Meet Starts. **Thursday, April 24:** Earth Month prairie related activities & Glenn Olsen speaking on prairie birds.

**14. April 25-26th: Bio Blitz at Lick Creek Park**

Timothy Forman is student in charge of organizing census groups for Bio Blitz. Census groups include invertebrates, plants, birds, mammals, herps and fish. Timothy has provided a link, [here](#), to sign up for the census groups. As it gets closer to the end of April, he will organize Team Leaders who will be contacting census group volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Timothy at [tim.forman8@gmail.com](mailto:tim.forman8@gmail.com)

**15. Household Hazardous Waste Collection April 26 (V credit)** Five 2½-hour shifts available. Volunteers receive t-shirt, meal, refreshments. Sign up online [cstx.gov/recycle](http://cstx.gov/recycle), email [RecycleRequests@cstx.gov](mailto:RecycleRequests@cstx.gov) or [979.764.6229](tel:979.764.6229). Deadline April 18 at 5 p.m. Event 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old University Services Building at [3380 University Dr. E](http://3380 University Dr. E). Full list of accepted items at <http://twinoakslandfill.com/> or call the HHW Hotline at [979-764-3809](tel:979-764-3809).

**16. 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>.

**17. Bird Tales Training and Outreach, May 21 6:30-8:30 PM, BVMNH (AT or V approved)** Marian Cothran in talks w/ Mary Anne Webber at Houston Audubon about coming up for training session for [Audubon's Bird Tales](#) program, in conjunction w/outreach Marian is facilitating at local retirement centers to provide resources and programs for residents. If interested in participating in this training, contact Marian directly [marian.cothran@hotmail.com](mailto:marian.cothran@hotmail.com)

**18. Certified Interpretive Guide Training Workshop, Apr 28 & 29 and May 5 & 6**, at a Private ranch near Austin, TX

**19. Macro Photography Workshop-Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center May 3-4**

Details/registration: <http://abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com/macro-photography-workshop/>

**20. Urban Wildlife Management Workshop - May 8 (6.75 AT hrs), Phil Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center, San Antonio**

- 21. Stream Team Core (Basic) Training-Sat, May 17 10 AM-3:30 PM.** Pre-registration required; no costs for training. Email register to [rgm3372010@live.com](mailto:rgm3372010@live.com). (AT approved)
- 22. Invasive Plant Workshop May 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM-4 PM,** Winedale Historical Complex near Round Top. Reply to [judithdeaton@gmail.com](mailto:judithdeaton@gmail.com)
- 23. Southwest Stream Restoration Conference 2014 May 28-30** Hyatt Regency, San Antonio
- 24. Macro Photography Workshop. Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. Marble Falls, TX June 21-22** Details/registration: <http://abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com/bcnwr-workshop/>
- 25.** 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 & fresh water management in Texas; Texas invasive plants; Texas wildlife; Texas wildlife habitat management; & endangered/threatened species in Texas. Members would receive credit for time actually presenting & for work such as preparation and travel, that supports the presentation. (V approved)
- 26.** AT Comm added list of pre-approved advanced training activities on BVTMN website <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/membership/2013-committees/advanced-training-committee/preapproved-at/>. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Please check it out. May give you some new ideas for advanced training & also help reduce your need to request approval for activities.
- Did this to reduce amount of email sent out to membership about advanced training & reduce load on next year's AT committee.
- Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.
- 27. Camp Allen** (V credit)-Interested in partnering with us for volunteer hours leading some guided nature walks? Get volunteer credit for travel, prep, and actual time spent on the walk. Emily Krueger, Navasota, 936-825-7175, [www.campallen.org](http://www.campallen.org), [emilyk@campallen.org](mailto:emilyk@campallen.org)
- 28. TMN Annual Meeting** October 24-26, 2014 Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX
- 29. TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT approved)
- 30. Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach** (AT approved)
- 31. Water quality monitoring** (AT approved)
- 32. Jan-Feb issue of Reverchon Naturalist**
- [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/newsroom/factsheets/?cid=nrcs144p2\\_003087](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/newsroom/factsheets/?cid=nrcs144p2_003087)
- 33. Lost Ladybug Project (V approved)**-Lost Ladybug Project seeking citizen scientists & naturalists to take photos of ladybugs to help understand recent decline of native species. Please help us build a North American map of ladybug species. You can upload into our database using this easy form: <http://www.lostladybug.org/form/page-1-form-558.php>