



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for September 11, 2014
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin –
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of August 2014 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –
- E. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your August 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

- A.
- B.

III. New Business

- A. Joyce Conner-Dec 5 holiday party discussion
- B.

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
September 11-eBird: eLists and eResources for your eCitizen eScience eProjects
with **Dr. Rick Laughlin**, RBAS President
October 9, November 13
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
Sept 11, Oct 9-TBD, Nov 13-TBD
- 3. **Monarch Biology, Ecology & Monarch Larval Monitoring Project Training: "The MLMP @ CNC Back Porch Review"** 9 am - 4 pm; **\$20 Suggested Donation**
at CNC auditorium & back porch. **Registration-**Cindy Glass [830-249-4616](tel:830-249-4616) or
nature@cibolo.org (AT approved)

4. **Online course Using Technology in Environmental Education** (AT approved)
<https://sites.google.com/a/eelearn.net/eelearning-portal/courses/using-technology-in-environmental-education>
5. **Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist training**, Sept 8-12, Austin (AT approved).
Registration required: <https://agrilife.org/insectspecialist/2014/06/18/2014-mves-training-registration-now-live/>
6. **Kleb Woods Hummingbird Festival**, Sat, Sept 13, 9:00-3:00. Volunteers needed. (V approved)
7. **Bastrop Park chinaberry removal**, 9-11 am 9/13, 9/22, 9/25, 9/27 at Bastrop Park, Lost Pines Master Naturalists will attempt to remove chinaberry. Meeting at the Refectory. (V approved)
8. **BVTMN Sept 20 Social**, A Day at Cedar Hill Ranch. Scheduled activities: 8:30 am *Bird Survey*, 8:30-11 am *Hiking*, 9 am-12 noon *Brazos Valley Chapter New Member Training Sugarloaf Mountain Field Trip*, 11 am-2 pm - *Potluck Social*. Please RSVP to joyce@conner.net for planning purposes and also if you're interested in bringing a dish.
9. **Mark Suter, Edible Wild Plants course** #371405, \$45. 10/8/14 - 10/29/14, 7-9 pm (4 Wednesdays) Beachy Central Park. Registration required. (AT approved)
10. **TMN Annual Meeting** October 24-26, 2014 Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX
11. **Texas Plant Conservation Conference** Nov 5-8 at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Abstract deadline is September 15. Please visit our website for registration and conference details. https://www.wildflower.org/conservation_tpcc/.
12. **TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT approved)
13. **Bracken Cave Tours** (AT approved). Some tours allow overnight camping; others appear to not. See info about one that occurred on 6/14. Tours appear to continue through September. From the PDF below, it appears that the tour can last up to 3 hours. More information is available at <http://www.batcon.org/index.php/get-involved/visit-a-bat-location/bracken-bat-cave/subcategory/57.html>.
14. **Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach** (AT approved)
15. **Texas Stream Team Water**. <http://txstreamteam.meadowscenter.txstate.edu> (V approved) Stream water monitoring done and reported under Texas Stream Team guidelines or as part of a Stream Team sponsored activity is approved for volunteer credit. Time spent traveling for, preparing for (other than training), monitoring, and reporting is all approved. For more information, check out the Facebook page (linked above) or email carterstreamteam@gmail.com
16. **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. Upload into our database using this easy form: <http://www.lostladybug.org/form/page-1-form-558.php>
17. **Texas Stream Team Paddlers** Needs Master Naturalists- To find out how you can get involved, contact: Travis Tidwell, TX Stream Team, Prog Coord, (512) 245-9148 or txstreamteam@txstate.edu, MeadowsCenter.TXState.edu/.
18. **2014 Prairie Power Series**-Go to <http://prairiepartner.org/group/hnpat>.
19. **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,

emilyk@campallen.org

20. 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.

21. 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)

22. Pre-approved volunteer projects list: <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/volunteer-projects/projects/>. Note that you must report the data to the appropriate website for a collecting activity to count for volunteer time. Collecting and reporting data for iNaturalist is approved for volunteer credit. This includes rganizational projects such as the development of a iNaturalist guide to a Texas area. Collecting and reporting eBird data is approved for volunteer credit.