



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter  
Meeting Agenda for August 8, 2013  
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

**I. Officer and Committee Reports**

- A. President – Olivia Ash –
- B. Vice President – Jim Balthrop –
- C. Secretary – Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of June and July 2013 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer – Amanda Chau –
- E. Outreach – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair –
- F. Training – Bruce Neville, Chair – Proposed name change for Training Committee: Because of continued confusion between the "Training Committee" and the "Advanced Training Committee," the former would like to change its name officially to "New Member Training Committee." This change requires an amendment to the Chapter's Operating Handbook. This email (7/29/13) constitutes notice that the Board will be asked to consider the proposed name change at its regular meeting 10 days hence, 8 August 2013, at 5:30 pm, at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Members who have comments or concerns regarding this change may be present at the meeting to voice their concerns or may send them by email in advance to Chapter President Olivia Ash (email available on the Chapter website Members area) prior to the meeting.
- G. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
- H. Advanced Training –Mike and Joyce Conner, Co-Chairs –
- I. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
- J. Host/Social – Joyce Conner, Chair – Upcoming events - **Sept. 10**, refreshments for first Fall training class; **Sept. 21**, Fall Social, Bird Survey (see in announcements below), Meet New Trainees and Potluck at Cedar Hill Ranch, Gause; **Nov. 12**, refreshments for last Fall training class; **Dec. 7**, Holiday Day Party and Potluck at Ferguson Showroom, Bryan. Please save dates (more information to come later).
- K. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
- L. Web – Amanda Chau, Chair –
- M. Program – Jim Balthrop, 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, Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)  
August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14

**2. Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)  
August 8-Kelley Bender, TPWD Urban Biologist-**The Future of Wildlife Conservation Issues in Texas**

Sept 12-Marsha May, TPWD, Texas Nature Tracker Coordinator-**Biological Inventory Team Project**

Oct 10-Pete Smith, Texas A&M Forest Service-**Famous Trees of Texas**

Nov 14-Jaime Gonzales, Katy Prairie Conservancy-**TBA**

**3. Trinity River webinars focus on water and land management.** The webinars (AT approved), all scheduled from noon-1 p.m., are:

– Turning Your Land into a Sponge, Aug. 8.

– Meeting the Water Needs for Texans and Wildlife, Sept. 12.

**4. Estuaries 101** - Sat. Aug. 10 at 9 AM in Livingston

**5. Bat training** Sat, Aug 17 1:30pm-3:30pm Humble, TX (AT approved)

**6. Saturday September 7, Wildscapes Workshop and Native Plant Sale at the Houston Zoo:** *"Life in the Soil"* by John Ferguson -Nature's Way Resources, *"Bring Back the Monarchs"* by Cathy Downs - Native Plant Society of Texas, *"Plants for Wildscapes Landscapes- Featuring Plants of the Sale"* by Mark Bronstad - Doremus Nursery Plantsman, *"More Remarkable Plants of Texas"* by Matt Warnock Turner, PhD, Author, *"Attracting Birds to Your Backyard"* by Gary Clark - Naturalist and Author, with Photos by Photographer Kathy Adams Clark. Dee Howell will emcee. Matt Turner and Gary Clark will be available to sign their books.

**7. Cornell Shorebird ID webinars-**[http://store.birds.cornell.edu/category\\_s/55.htm](http://store.birds.cornell.edu/category_s/55.htm)  
\$10/session. (AT approved)

**8. May-June issue of Reverchon Naturalist newsletter**

[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)

**9. 200 Webinars (AT approved)-**We have found over 200 live and archived webinars available for AT credit through [Southern Regional Extension Forestry](http://www.forestrywebinars.net). This organization is partnered with AgriLife Extension, as well as the USDA Forest Service. Rather than review each webinar, the AT Committee has approved all of them for AT credit hours that ARE APPLICABLE TO TEXAS.

You can learn more about the webinars at <http://www.forestrywebinars.net>. (This location is sometimes seen as [Forestry Webinar Portal](http://www.forestrywebinars.net) in some announcements.)

Once there, for live webinars, click on "Upcoming Seminars"; and, for archived webinars, click on "Previous Seminars" in the upper bar. Select the one in which you are interested, learn, and enjoy!

**10. First Friday Tours-Kerr and Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Areas**  
Addressing Resource Concerns in the Edward's Plateau

**12b. Part 1** Fri Aug 9<sup>th</sup> **Mason Mountain Wildlife Mgmt Area 8:30AM–3:30PM**  
**"Elements of Habitat"**

**Part 2** Sept 6<sup>th</sup> **Kerr Wildlife Management Area 1-5 PM**

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> **Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area 8:30 AM–3:30 PM**

**"Natural Resources: Addressing Critical Issues in the Edward's Plateau"**

**Part 3** Oct 4<sup>th</sup> **Kerr Wildlife Management Area 1-5 PM**

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> **Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

**"Ecosystems Approach to Wildlife Management, putting it all together"**

**11. Two presentations by Mark Klym on Sat, Aug 24**

- 11a.** 9 am to noon Hummingbird identification, modifying habitats to attract hummingbirds, and the Hummingbird Roundup.
- 11b.** 1 to 4 pm Texas Whooper Watch program using citizen scientists to aid in learning more about the behavior and habitat use of these magnificent birds.
- 12. Tx Plant Conservation** Fri, Aug 30 2:00-4:00pm at Milano Community Center, 202 W. Ave E., Milano. Learn from an expert! (AT approved)
- 13. Milam Co. Plant Field Study/Walkabout with Dr. Flo** Sat, Aug 31 9:00-Noon in Milano. (AT approved)
- 14. Stream Team Advanced Training August 31, 2013** at WACO Wetlands Lab, 1752 Eichelberger Crossing. Training will start at 0900, with a 30 Minute Lunch break, then continue until 3:30. There are no costs for this program. Please refister no later than August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 15. 2 Day Intro to Wildlife Tracking** August 31-September 1, 2013 (AT approved)
- 16. Saturday Sept 7-Wildscapes Workshop & Native Plant Sale at Houston Zoo**
- 17. BVTMN Fall "Meet the New Trainees" Potluck Social (and Early Bird Survey)** Sat, Sept 21, 11 am to 2 pm at Cedar Hill Ranch. Those interested in **surveying birds**. Groups will leave the ranch house at **8:00 am** and return at their leisure. **RSVP:** To [joyce@conner.net](mailto:joyce@conner.net) if you intend to come and what dish you would like to bring.
- 18. Captain Planet Foundation Grants** \$250 to \$2,500 Deadlines for submitting grant applications are **September 30** and **February 28**.
- 19. American Honda Foundation Grants** Foundation awards grants of up to \$75,000 to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and others for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. Deadlines to apply for the grants are **May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1**.
- 20. Fall Field Trips**  
 Sunday, October 6: **Baytown Nature Center**.  
 Sunday, October 20: **Barker Cypress Trail**  
 Sunday, November 3: **Deer Park (College Park) Prairie**.
- 21. NPSOT State Symposium** in Corpus Christi, Oct. 17-20
- 22. Plant identification workshop** Nature Walk & Talk What Plant is that? Oct. 26 9am -4:30pm Location TBA (AT approved)
- 23. TMN AT: NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training** (AT approved)
- 24. Two new "citizen science" projects** will start shortly at the Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center (V credit approved)-1. new Dragonfly Monitoring program for the Xerces Society 2. will involve collecting wood boring beetles that are the preferred prey of a species of wasp. 1300 Riley Fuzzell Road, Spring, Texas 77386
- 25. Angler Ed Instructor Workshops in your local area**
- 26. Iola Nature Trail** (V credit approved)
- 27. TMN Project: Biological Inventory Team(s) need your help!!!** (V approved)
- 28. TWA Discovery Trunks Resources for Educators**-Will begin spring 2013
- 29. Using Social Media for natural Resource education and outreach** (AT approved)
- 30. Water quality monitoring** (AT approved)
- 31. BVTMN AT Webinars (~60 webinars)** <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/webcasts/>