



Evening scene at Seabourne Creek Nature Park

If you would like to help educate others and yourself, plus preserve and protect Texas' natural resources, then the **Texas Master Naturalist™** program might be just right for you!



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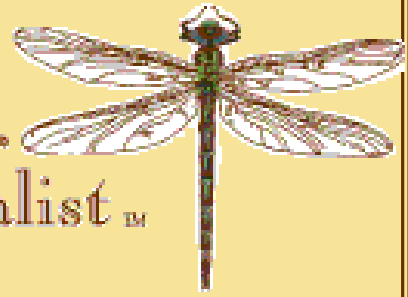
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## What is a Texas Master Naturalist™?

Simply, a Texas Master Naturalist™ is a trained volunteer who has a love for nature, a desire to share knowledge with others about nature, and a yearning to keep learning more about nature.

## What is the Texas Master Naturalist™ Program?

A program developed and sponsored by Texas AgriLIFE Extension (formerly called *Texas Cooperative Extension*) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department which trains volunteers, using research-based scientific knowledge, to help children and adults learn about Texas' natural resources. Volunteers will receive in-depth training in wildlife and natural resource management taught by recognized experts in the field and customized to focus on the native ecosystems of your home.



## What is the goal of the Texas Master Naturalist Program™?

The Texas Master Naturalist™ Program's goal is for trained volunteers to help children and adults learn about Texas' natural resources, inspiring them to a new appreciation of their environment and ensuring that others will be able to enjoy the natural Texas for years to come.

## What do the trained volunteers do?

As a Texas Master Naturalist™, you will be helping people of all ages appreciate their natural environment around their homes, while you enhance your own knowledge and skills.




What is more endangered than the tropical rainforest?

## The Texas coastal prairie!

Where is the Texas coastal prairie?  
**You are probably standing on it.**

The Texas coastal prairie extends from Beaumont to Corpus Christi and from the Gulf Coast inland about 75 miles. Less than 1% of pristine coastal prairie is left.



 is the location of the coastal prairie. The stars indicate management and restoration sites in the Department of the Interior. (NWR = National Wildlife Refuge)

## About us



The Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program™, formed in 2004, serves Fort Bend and Waller Counties. The Coastal Prairie Chapter holds its training classes in spring and fall in various locations in Ft. Bend and Waller Counties. For more information on the Texas Master Naturalist Program, visit <http://txmn.org/coastal/> or <http://txmn.org/>

## Our training

Our Master Naturalist training covers a wide variety of topics including wetlands and coastal prairie ecosystems, urban development, botany, ecology, geology, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, soil science, weather and climate and archaeology. To maintain certification, Master Naturalists complete 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training each year.



## Our projects

Examples of volunteer service projects include:

- Bird hikes & counts
- Native grass seed collection
- Tree & wetlands plantings
- Outreach education
- Prairie Heritage Festival
- Native plant rescue
- Recycling
- Butterfly/hummingbird garden
- Bird banding with Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Prairie demo garden
- Locating invasive plants

Master Naturalists also get volunteer service credit for chapter leadership activities such as serving as an officer or on a committee.