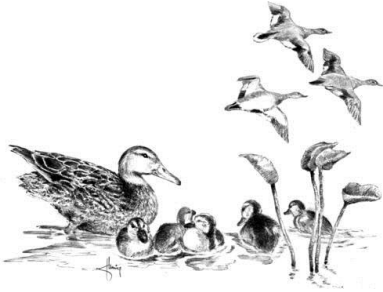


Managing Your Land for Wildlife Workshop



Saturday, February 6, 2016
8:45am – 3:00pm



Big Stone Lodge @ Dennis Johnston Park
709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, TX 77373

- 8:00 am Check-in Begins
8:45 am Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 – 10:00 History, Ecology and Management of Texas Coastal Wetlands
David Lobpries, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, District 7
- 10:00 – 10:30 Wildlife & Plant Census on Your Property: Identifying Species, Using Your Phone & iNaturalist
Kelly Norrid, TPWD Urban Wildlife Biologist, Houston
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Save The Night (Artificial Light and Its Effects on Wildlife, Plants, and Our Lives)
Cindy Luongo Cassidy, Texas Section Leader, International Dark-Sky Association
- 11:45 – 12:30 Catered Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:30 East Texas Black Bear Task Force: Return of a Texas Native
Sarah Fuller, ETBBTF Coordinator, Nacogdoches
- 1:30 – 3:00 Wildlife Management: An Appraiser's Perspective - 'Mini-Workshop'
Dr. Gary Underwood and Dr. Brian White, Harris County Tax Appraisers
Join us for a more 'hands-on' discussion indoors about guidelines and updates on the wildlife tax valuation, developing your own wildlife/property masterplan, plus spend some outdoor time on the park grounds for Q & A on best management practices.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – Registration Form Below on Last Page

TDA Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification and TMN Advanced Training Credits available



OUR SPEAKERS:

History, Ecology and Management of Texas Coastal Wetlands

David Lobpries, TPWD Wildlife Biologist

David Lobpries is the Wildlife Biologist for Wharton, Fort Bend and Galveston Counties based in Rosenberg, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Texas A & M University in May of 1973. He began his employment with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in December of 1973. Most of his career was spent as Area Manager of the J. D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area and as the regional waterfowl biologist for the Texas Coast. Mr. Lobpries retired in 2004 and hired back on as a district biologist in Northeast Texas and since April 2006 has been a district biologist in District 7.

Wildlife & Plant Census on Your Property: Identifying Species, Using Your Phone & iNaturalist

Kelly Norrid, TPWD Urban Wildlife Biologist, Houston

Growing up in southeast Texas, Kelly spent countless hours exploring his backyard-which just happened to be the creeks and game trails of the Sam Houston National Forest. Using field guides, he taught himself about the plants and animals he was discovering. Kelly decided to channel his love of the outdoors into a career. His diverse background includes participation with wildlife reintroduction programs, plant surveys of Buffalo and White Oak Bayous, rare plant surveys throughout southeast Texas. This background led Kelly to participate in habitat restoration projects throughout the area. This work led Kelly to become proficient in the identification of native plants and the ecology of southeast Texas. In early 2010, Kelly was hired by Texas Parks and Wildlife to be the Natural Resource Specialist for Sheldon Lake State Park and later, Davis Hill State Natural Area. This position saw Kelly overseeing the day to day management of the natural resources of Sheldon Lake and to help lead and manage the habitat restoration efforts for both Sheldon Lake and Davis Hill. January, 2015, Kelly became part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, Wildlife Diversity Program by becoming an Urban Wildlife Biologist serving the Greater Houston/Galveston Area.

Save The Night (Artificial Light and Its Effects on Wildlife and Plants)

Cindy Luongo Cassidy, Texas Section Leader, International Dark-Sky Association

Almost every living thing on our planet uses the cycle of light and dark to trigger life processes. Humans are, for the most part, diurnal and have come to depend on artificial light for nighttime activities. So, how does our artificial light at night effect fauna and flora? It's hard for us to see what habitat destruction by artificial light looks like. This program helps us understand the effects of artificial light on living things, including ourselves, and how we can reduce the negative effect of our lights. Additionally, participants will take home a new awareness about the lighting practices, which allow humans to have the light they want or need for nighttime activities while minimizing the negative effects of artificial light. These practices save energy costs, reduce glare, increase safety, reduce light trespass, limit the negative consequences on the environment, and create a more aesthetically pleasing nocturnal environment for humans.

Cindy Luongo Cassidy is a Hays County Master Naturalist, Section Leader for the Texas Section of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), a founding member of the Hill Country Alliance Night Sky Team, and the owner of Green Earth Lighting, which specializes in consultation services to reduce light pollution. As the lighting consultant for the City of Dripping Springs, she was a key player in positioning them to receive the prestigious International Dark Sky Community designation. She facilitates workshops and is an enthusiastic speaker on effective outdoor lighting. She has been instrumental in helping communities, businesses, and individuals address excessive lighting issues. Cassidy lives in Driftwood, Texas and is currently organizing the Texas Night Sky Festival to be held Saturday, March 5th.

East Texas Black Bear Task Force: Return of a Texas Native!

Sarah Fuller, East Texas Black Bear Task Force Coordinator

We will discuss a brief history of the black bears in Texas, including its role in our state heritage and native folklore, its biology and behavior, and the slow, natural return of bears to their native habitat in East Texas. Information regarding current and past research sponsored by TPWD will also be featured.

Sarah Fuller is a deep East Texas native and currently calls Nacogdoches, Texas home. She received a MS in Forestry in 2013 from Stephen F. Austin's Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, where her research focused on human dimensions of natural resources. She has been involved with the East Texas Black Bear Task Force since 2011 for which she conducts education and outreach throughout the region.

Wildlife Management: An Appraiser's Perspective - 'Mini-Workshop'

Dr. Gary Underwood, Harris County Tax Appraiser and

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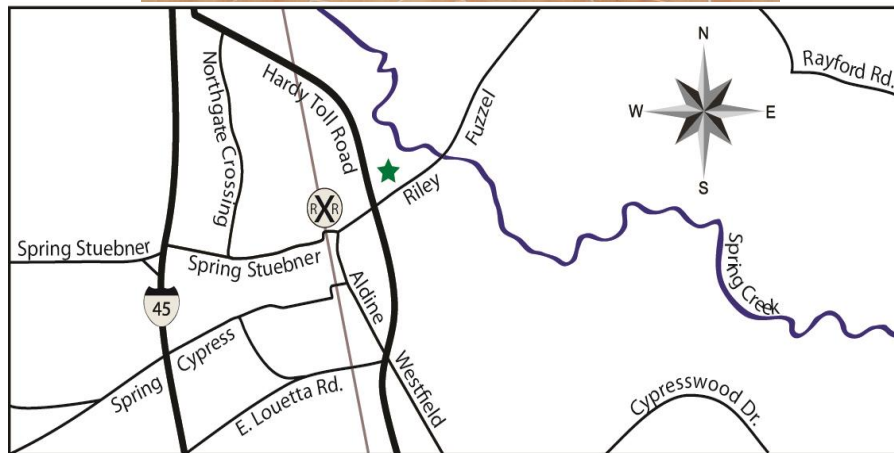
Join the experts for a more 'hands-on' discussion indoors about guidelines and updates on the wildlife tax valuation, developing your own wildlife/property masterplan, plus spend some outdoor time on the park grounds for Q & A on best management practices.

"Doc" Underwood resides in Katy, is single and has 2 daughters Pam and Heather and 3 grandkids Byrkly, Surcy and Dally. Doc, was born in Gorman, TX and grew up in Sweeny, TX. After HS graduation, he enrolled in Navarro Junior College and received his Associate of Science degree. He then transferred to Sam Houston State University and earned a B. S. in Agricultural Education and then a M. A. in Reproductive Physiology. Dr. Underwood taught Agricultural Science for 13 years at Cy Fair HS, Gorman HS, and Chico HS. He decided to work on his Doctorate degree at Texas A&M University where he served on the faculty while finishing his degree. He left A&M in 1991 to start the Agricultural Program at Houston Community College. Doc was the first to graduate from Texas A&M with a doctorate degree in Beef Cattle Production.

Dr. Underwood has owned and operated a ranch consulting business, Total Ranch Concepts, for over 45 years, working with livestock and wildlife ranches over the southern US states. His family has raised cattle and showed livestock at all the major livestock shows in Texas. Doc started working for Harris County Appraisal District as Director of Ag/Timber and Wildlife Appraisal in 1996 and still holds that position today. He is Chairman of the Harris County Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee, which helps direct AgriLife Extension programs, such as the Pesticide Certification programs and Master Rancher Program. In his spare time, Doc enjoys riding motorcycles and traveling the U.S. on his trike.

DIRECTIONS - Big Stone Lodge in Dennis Johnston Park

Located at 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring 77373. The newly-renovated facility serves as headquarters for Harris County Precinct 4 Parks Department staff and features programming through Precinct 4's Community Center/Senior Adult Program.



DIRECTIONS:

From Downtown Houston:

Travel north on the Hardy Toll Road and exit Riley Fuzzel Road
Turn right onto Riley Fuzzel Road
Travel approximately 1/4 mile and turn left into Dennis Johnston Park
From the entrance, follow the road to Big Stone Lodge at the rear of the park.

Traveling North on I-45:

Exit FM 2920 and turn right onto Spring Cypress
Continue on Spring Cypress through Old Town Spring
At the end of Spring Cypress, turn left onto Hardy Road followed by a right onto East Noble Street to reach Aldine Westfield
Turn left onto Aldine Westfield and then turn right at the traffic light onto Riley Fuzzel Road
Pass under the Hardy Toll Road and look for the entrance into Dennis Johnston Park on the left
From the entrance, follow the road to Big Stone Lodge at the rear of the park.

Traveling South on I-45:

Take the Spring Stuebner East exit and keep to the right on feeder road to follow the curve underneath I-45 to Spring Stuebner East
Stay straight on Spring Stuebner until the dead-end and curve at Hardy Road; follow the curve across the railroad tracks onto Riley Fuzzel Road
Pass under the Hardy Toll Road and look for the entrance into Dennis Johnston Park on the left
From the entrance, follow the road to Big Stone Lodge at the rear of the park.

**MANAGING YOUR LAND FOR WILDLIFE WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____

Fax Number for Registration Confirmation (optional) _____

OR Email for Confirmation (optional) _____
(Email address used for registration confirmation only.)

County(ies) [required] and Acreage of Your Property _____

_____ Number of Vegetarian Lunches, If Desired

The **\$30.00 per person fee** includes ALL workshop materials and delicious catered lunch.

_____ Number of people registering for **Managing Your Land for Wildlife Workshop**

Make checks payable to **“Heartwood TMN”**

MAIL registration form with check to:

Heartwood TMN, Wildlife Workshop, P. O. Box 9611, The Woodlands, TX 77387-9611

If you are registering more than 1 person on this form, please write the names of all the attendees in the space below or on back of this sheet so that we can have name badges ready for everyone.

QUESTIONS? Please call 281-456-7029 ext. 21 or 22. Or 713-274-4367.



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