

**Texas Master Naturalist™ Coastal Prairie Chapter (TMNCPC)  
Spring 2025 Training Course Schedule**

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1	Saturday Feb 22nd 9am - 1pm @ Fort Bend AgriLife "Range" Classroom	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome to Coastal Prairie Chapter TMN</b></li> <li>• <b>Statewide Texas Master Naturalist Program</b> (Hannah Ferguson, State Program, Master Naturalists)</li> <li>• <b>Volunteer Management System VMS</b></li> </ul>	Intro to Texas Master Naturalist pp 1-13 TMN Trainee Introductions
2	Tuesday Feb 25th 9am - 12pm via Zoom	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ecoregions of Texas</b> (Clint Faas, Biologist, TPWD)</li> <li>• <b>Coastal Prairie Odonata</b> (Sari Garfinkle, TMN)</li> <li>• Intro to Class Slack channel</li> </ul>	Unit 4 Ecological Regions of Tx Unit 13 Entomology
3	Saturday March 1st 9a - 1p @ AgriLife Range Classroom	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Urban Ecosystems &amp; Birds</b> (Joyce Tipton, TMN)</li> <li>• <b>Volunteer Service &amp; Outreach</b> (Jan Poscovsky)</li> <li>• <b>Herpetology</b> (Amber Leung, TMN / Riki's Reptiles!)</li> </ul>	Unit 12 Ornithology/Bird WoW Unit 23 Volunteers as Teachers Unit 15 Herpetology
4	Tuesday March 4th 9a - 12p via Zoom	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nature of Naming &amp; Botany #1</b> (Susie Doe, TMN Botanist)</li> <li>• <b>Partners in Conservation</b> (William Newman, TPWD)</li> </ul>	Unit 10 & 11 Botany/Plants, Unit 1 Rangeland Ecosystems, Stewardship, Laws, Ethics
No Class (Spring Break) on Saturday March 8 & Tuesday March 11				
5	Saturday March 15 9a - 2pm <b>FIELD DAY @</b> Indiangrass Preserve/ CPC, Waller, Tx	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coastal Prairie Conservancy &amp; Restoration</b></li> <li>• <b>Native Plants &amp; Seed Propagation</b></li> <li>• <b>Field Activity</b> - Plant Propagation</li> <li>• <b>Living Soil Ecosystems</b> (Shannon Westveer)</li> </ul>	Unit 5 Ecological Concepts Unit 7 Texas Soils & Soil Biology, Natives Propagation Prairie Systems Ecology
6	Tuesday March 18th 9a - 12:30p via Zoom	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hunting Ethics</b> (Clint Faas, Biologist TPWD)</li> <li>• <b>Fire</b> (Jon McLeod, Biologist TPWD)</li> <li>• <b>Botany/Plants #2</b> (Susie Doe, TMN Botanist)</li> </ul>	Unit 5 Ecological Concepts/Fire Unit 20 Rangeland Management Unit 11 Botany/Plants
7	Saturday March 22nd 9am - 2pm <b>FIELD DAY @</b> Cullinan Park Conservancy + Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugarland	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cullinan Park Conservation &amp; Birding</b> (Monica Taylor, TMN) <i>eBird, Merlin</i></li> <li>• <b>Citizen Science and iNaturalist</b> (Kerry Padilla, TMN)</li> <li>• <b>Mini BioBlitz</b> - <i>aquatics, birds, plants, insects</i></li> <li>• <b>HMNS-SL Docent training</b> (HMNS-SL staff)</li> <li>• <b>Butterflies, Host &amp; Nectar Plants</b> (TMNCPC)</li> </ul>	Unit 21 Urban Ecosystems Unit 24 Citizen Science Pollinators & Plants Volunteer Outreach Tools for Citizen Science Butterfly WoW
Tuesday March 25th		No Class - Optional <b>Slack Attack</b> session by Zoom (counts as VSP)		
Sat March 29 9a-12p		Chapter <b>Nature Day</b> event SCNP VSP (counts as VSP)		
8	Tuesday April 1 9a - 12p via Zoom	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Grassland Story</b> (Morgan Treadwell, PhD, TAMU)</li> <li>• <b>Wetland Ecology</b> (Marissa Llosa, Conservation Manager, Houston Parks Board)</li> </ul>	Unit 1 & 20 Land/Range Mgmt Unit 19 Wetland Ecology Unit 18 Aquatic Ecosystems Unit 9 Tx Waters Resources
9	Saturday April 5 9a - 2pm @ 1) AgriLife Range 2) <b>FIELD DAY</b> Seabourne Creek Nature Park SCNP	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seabourne Creek Nature Park</b> (Susan Walther, TMN)</li> <li>• <b>VMS Practice</b> for VSP &amp; AT entry (Membership) <i>Divide into 2 groups &amp; drive to SCNP</i></li> <li>• <b>Dip Netting &amp; Aquatics Biology</b> (Kerry Padilla)</li> <li>• <b>Field Botany &amp; Plant Identification</b> (Susie Doe)</li> <li>• <b>SCNP 7 Habitats</b> (Randolph Watson, TMNCPC)</li> </ul>	Unit 23 Volunteers as Naturalists Unit 1 Land Stewardship Field Study Aquatic Entomology Field Study Botany Native Plants

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10	Tuesday April 8 9a - 12p via Zoom	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Coastal Prairie Story</b> (<i>Jaime González, Conservationist &amp; Environmental Educator</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Urban Ecosystems &amp; Citizen Science</b> (<i>Sam Kieschnick, Urban Wildlife Biologist, TPWD</i>)</li> </ul>	Unit 5 & 6 Ecological Concepts Unit 21 Urban Ecosystems Unit 24 Citizen Science Coastal Prairie History
No Class Saturday April 12 & Tuesday April 15				
11	Saturday April 19 9a - 2pm <b>FIELD DAY @</b> <i>Gulf Coast Bird Observatory + Sea Center Texas, Lake Jackson</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GCBO Raptor Research</b> (<i>Celeste Silling</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Bird Banding Observation</b> (<i>GCBO Drive to Sea Center Texas</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Sea Center Texas Fisheries Conservation Program, Aquatic Resource Management</b> (<i>David Brandes, TMN, TPWD</i>)</li> </ul>	Unit 12 Ornithology Unit 14 Ichthyology Unit 18 Aquatic Systems Management Endangered Species Conservation Programs
12	Tuesday April 22 9.30a- 2pm <b>FIELD DAY @</b> <i>Brazos Bend State Park BBSP</i>	4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Columbia Bottomland Ecosystem</b> (<i>Creekfield Hike, David Heinicke,</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Mammalogy</b> (<i>David Heinicke, TPWD Naturalist</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Texas Archeological &amp; Cultural History</b> (<i>Eleanor Stoddart, Cultural Resources Coordinator, TPWD</i>)</li> </ul>	Unit 17 Forest Ecology & Management Unit 16 Mammalogy Unit 2 Archeology
13	Tuesday April 29 9a - 12p via Zoom	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Weather &amp; Climate</b> (<i>Lance Wood, National Weather Service, Houston/Galveston</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Chapter Orientation, Governing Documents, Communications</b> (<i>Susan Walther, TMN</i>)</li> </ul>	Unit 8 Weather & Climate Chapter operations & communications
14	Saturday May 3 9a - 1p <b>FIELD DAY @</b> <i>JBH Long Point Ranch</i>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wild Bird Adventures</b> (<i>Mary Anne Morris Wildlife Rehabilitation and Bird Ambassadors</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Field Observation - Putting it All Together</b></li> <li>• <b>Graduation Ceremony</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The overall mission of the Texas Master Naturalist program is "to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their local communities for the State of Texas."</i></p>	Unit 12 Ornithology Conservation Partners Natural Resource Management Congratulations Graduates!

Reporting Training Hours: Total course hours 55

This course offers a unique learning experience using the Texas Master Naturalist™ Volunteer Training curriculum. Initial training hours and volunteer service opportunities provide the foundation for Texas Master Naturalist™ Certification. This course utilizes in-person and virtual classes, with hands-on field training in Fort Bend, Wharton, and Waller counties. Distinguished Speakers from partner organizations including Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Services and other Texas Conservation partners are featured. Due to the fast paced and rigorous timeline, there are no makeup classes for missed sessions. All initial training hours will begin February 22, 2025. Alternate methodology will be utilized as needed in the event of severe or inclement weather.

Attendance is documented under Initial Training to meet criteria for certification. Please carefully review the dates and locations within the course with a personal commitment to attend **all** sessions. Mentors also attend classes to encourage each trainee towards initial certification. Our goal is to assist new TMN trainees to achieve Texas Master Naturalist™ certification within one year, in preparation for rewarding service to local communities in natural areas.

Initial certification is achieved once all **Initial Training Hours (40-IT) plus 40 Hours of Volunteer Service (40-VSP) plus 8 hours of Advanced Training (8-AT)** have been met by February 22, 2026.