

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER Chapter News – June 2004

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JUNE FIELD TRIP

Meet at the Planetarium, The Center for the Arts and Sciences on College Drive in Clute on Wednesday June 2 at 9:00 am. Warren Pruess will speak with us and then lead a hike down the NCAP Nature Trail. This will qualify as advanced training.

INVITATION FROM PHIL HUXFORD

On June 12th, a Hudson Woods Volunteer Appreciation event will be from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. Burgers will be served and hopefully a night tour. All master naturalists are welcome.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE NEWS FROM TRACIE TEAGUE

If you have not subscribed to the TMN Listserv yet, please do so. This is an electronic mail out system for the entire TMN program. You will receive the latest information from state as well as many volunteer opportunities and advanced training events.

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Sunday July 25th will be the 3rd annual Southeast Texas Master

Naturalist Fair. It will be held at Armand Bayou Nature Center. This is an excellent opportunity for networking and advanced training. You will be receiving registration information in the near future. Please mark your calendar. The fair committee is in need of donated items for door prizes and raffle items, also we need two judges from COT for the Photo Contest. If you would like to help with this please contact Tracie at ibteague@yahoo.com.

The Annual State Meeting will be held Oct 22-24 at Mo Ranch in Hunt, Tx. Volunteers are needed in many different capacities. If you are interested in this please email Tracie at ibteague@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

BOOK REVIEW - TOM COLLINS

Watching Wildlife; Mark Damian Dude; 1995; A Falcon Field Guide - 117pp

This past Migration Celebration Mark Klym (TP&W) was handing out a book at his booth titled "Watching Wildlife" so I decided to pick one up and give it a read. This book is actually part of a series from Falcon Guides all titled in part

Wildlife Viewing. I have a book from them called Texas Wildlife Viewing Guide (WLV) as well.

This book is a primer for anyone interested in getting started in viewing wildlife. In fact it would be a good guide for anyone wanting to become a Master Naturalist. It takes the reader from an Introduction to WLV in North American to Safe & Responsible Viewing through 7 chapters. I like the sections on Gearing Up, this would have helped me in my early days, as would the section on Taking to the Field.

The book includes excellent sketches and a list of other books published by Falcon Guides. The back cover lists the price at \$9.95, but I prefer getting mine free from Mark.

Calendar of Future Events

June 2 – Field Trip, Design & Selecting Nature Trails, Warren Pruess

July 14 – General Meeting, 9:00 am, Prairie Restoration, Tracie Teague

August 11, 9:00 am - Field trip, Dragonflies @ Brazos Bend

September 1 – General Meeting, 9:00 am, Oysters, Rich Tillman

October 28 – Lecture at Brazos Bend on Grasses by Flo Hannah, followed by field trip to Nash Prairie

November 17 – General Meeting, 9:00 am, Texas Mushrooms, Susan Metzler

December ? – Field trip at GCBO, Grassland Birds, Sumita Prasad

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