

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST - CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER



APRIL 2012

Chapter News

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A MESSAGE FROM “the PREZ”

I hope you are ready to be **busy** and highly motivated. On Friday, April 13 (no superstitions please), the 18th annual Migration Celebration kicks off at Freeport’s River Place. The entries to the photography contest will be on display.

Kathy Adams Clark and Larry Ditto are the contest judges again this year. Something new has been added, and the viewing public will be able to vote on their favorite photograph. It will be interesting to compare the winners.

The keynote speaker is Gary Clark. Gary has given our COT programs on several different occasions. Ellis and I have had the privilege of traveling with Gary and his wife, Kathy Adams Clark, on trips to Costa Rica. Gary’s birding knowledge is exceptional and it is always a treat to bird with him. His topic for the kick-off dinner is *“Prairie Ecosystems and Making Sense of Ecology”*.

There will also be a silent auction at the dinner. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Ed Suazo, 979-297-4701. The Nature Store will also be open and features several new items for 2012.

The TMN/COT chapter will have our information booth at the main event on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. I will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the meeting on April 11. Hope you will take the opportunity to educate the public about our wonderful organization.

Ellis and I were asked to help with the Jr. Duck Stamp Contest, hosted by the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. The wonderful drawings are shown in an attachment to the newsletter. I am always amazed by the talent of these young people. See Attachment 2 for details.

If you have a spare minute or two, take a trip up around the central part of the state. The area around La Grange is alive with one of the most wonderful displays of wild flowers I have ever seen. Hopefully, the Nash Prairie will reward us with some special ones too. See Page 8 for some of my photos.

The field trip to Nash Prairie will take a little **extra** planning. We will need to car pool, since parking is at a premium. Mary Holler has arranged for us to use the parking lot at the headquarters of Bar-X. It is centrally located and we can leave our cars there. I recommend bringing a brown bag lunch and picnicking in that area. See pages 3–5 for details.

We have the staff from the Nature Conservancy and our own local experts to act as guides.

My THANKS to all!
for making TMN/COT such a great organization.

The Prez

Upcoming events

This list does not include the following:

- DEEP - see <http://bit.ly/DEEP-2011-12>
- INEOS - see <http://bit.ly/INEOS-2011-12>
- Quintana Spring Fling - see <http://tmn-cot.org/calendar/>

Wednesday, April 11, 8:30 AM

General Meeting and Advanced Training
Intern Training Class

Topic TBA

Speaker: Dr. Barron Rector, Texas A&M University
Agrilife Building, Angleton + Field Trip to Nash Prairie

Approved for 1.00 Hour Volunteer Time
Approved for Advanced or Intern Training
See Page 3 details

Friday, April 13, 5:30 PM

Migration Celebration Kickoff Dinner

Topic:

Speaker: Gary Clark, *Houston Chronicle* columnist

Fee: \$20.00 including dinner

Approved for Volunteer Hours (if you volunteer)

For details see TMN-COT Calendar

<http://tmn-cot.org/calendar/>

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 AM

Birds and Bottomlands Blitz

Wildflowers

Approved for Advanced Training
Approved for Volunteer Hours (if you help)

Wednesday, April 18, 8:30 AM

Intern Training Class
Birds and Bird Migration

Sea Center Texas

Approved for Intern Training

Saturday, April 21, 8:00 AM

Monthly Birdbanding at GCBO

For details see TMN-COT Calendar

<http://tmn-cot.org/calendar/>

Approved for Volunteer Hours (if you help)

Saturday and Sunday April 21-22

Migration Celebration

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

<http://migrationcelebration.org/>

Approved for Volunteer Hours (if you help)

Wednesday, April 25, 8:30 AM

Intern Training Class

Oceans Habitats

Sea Center Texas

Approved for Intern Training

Wednesday, May 2, 8:30 AM

Intern Training Class

Entomology

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

Approved for Intern Training

Birds and Bottomland Blitz

By Tom Morris



This month's Birds and Bottomlands Blitz is scheduled for April 14 2012, at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory.

This month's topic is "Wildflowers of the Forest" led by Thomas Adams of the Texas Mid-coast National

Wildlife Refuge Complex

With recent rains, wildflowers are already making a good show and we will walk the trails of GCBO and the pond area where a patch of wildflowers were transplanted a few years ago. The Blitz is a co-operative effort of GCBO and COT chapter of Texas Master Naturalists to have GCBO more accessible with 2nd Saturday Tours. Some of the wildflowers will be unique to a bottomland forest.

Come and take advantage of another opportunity for Advance Training and more important - enjoyment of the outdoors.

Next month will be "Insects" by Ed Barrios on May 12.



APRIL 2012						
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**Texas Master Naturalist Program
Cradle of Texas Chapter
General Meeting and Advanced Training
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
AgriLife Building, Angleton**



8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Fun and Fellowship Refreshment Team: Steve & Clyde Zilliox, John Boettiger, Candace Novak, Elaine Crews
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	General Meeting This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour Volunteer Time.
9:20 AM - 11:30 AM	Program: Topic: "Prairie Ecosystems and Making Sense of Ecology" Speaker: Dr. Barron Rector, Texas A&M University. Rector is an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management at Texas A&M University. Bio: http://essm.tamu.edu/people-info/faculty/rector-barron/
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch and Travel to Nash Prairie Preserve See Page A4 for information about carpooling. Please arrive at Nash Prairie ready to begin the Field Trip at 1:00 PM. This travel is approved for 1.50 hours travel time.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Field Trip at Nash Prairie Preserve. See Page A5 for the Agenda. Recommended preparation: see bibliography below.
This training (both class and field trip) is approved for Advanced Training. The number of approved hours will be announced at the end of class and at the end of the field trip. This information will be available online later at http://tmn-cot.org/advanced-training/	

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Nash Prairie Preserve Field Trip Driving Directions and Carpool Information

Parking at Nash Prairie is limited, so please carpool with other chapter members.

If you ride with another chapter member, you may leave your vehicle at the AgriLife Building, or park it in the parking lot near the main entrance of the Bar-X Ranch Subdivision.

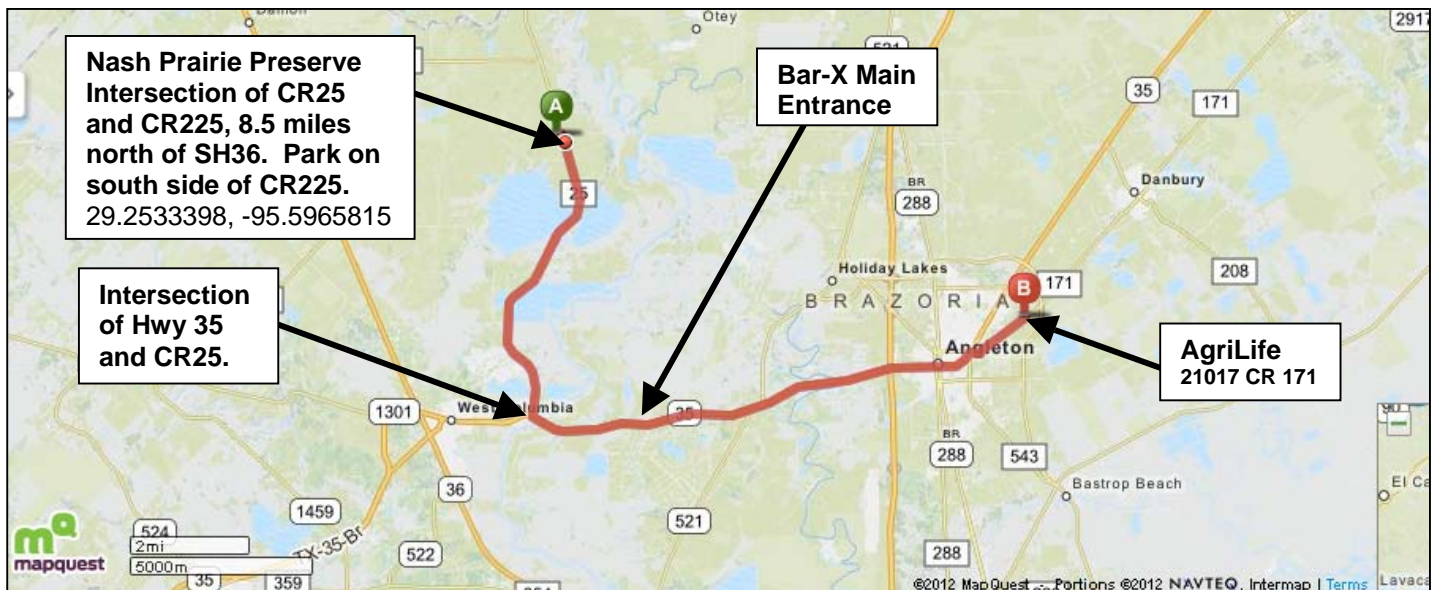
Lunch is on your own, either at AgriLife or en route. Our President suggests that you bring a brown bag lunch and join your fellow chapter members at Bar-X.

If you'd prefer to buy a fast food lunch en route, you'll find a Subway and a Burger King at the intersection of CR171 and Hwy 35.

Driving directions: head west from Angleton toward West Columbia on SH 35; cross the Brazos River bridge, turn right (north) on County Road 25, proceed north 8.5 miles, and turn right (east) on County Road 225. Park on the right (south) side of CR225. This is an active farm and ranch road with trucks and trailers, so please do not stand in road or interfere with traffic.

Nash Prairie Preserve is on the west side of County Road 25. Walk across the road and enter the preserve via one of the two entrances from CR 25. **Please do not wade or jump across the ditch.** Please wear cleaned boots or shoes to avoid contaminating the preserve with non-native seeds.

Please arrive at Nash Prairie ready to begin the Field Trip at 1:00 PM.



Interactive Maps

Route <http://tinyurl.com/7qd6s6k>
 Bar-X <http://g.co/maps/ms7gy>
 Nash: <http://g.co/maps/96xsw>

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM - CRADLE TO TEXAS CHAPTER
INTERN TRAINING CLASS of 2012

FIELD TRIP TO NASH PRAIRIE PRESERVE

APRIL 11, 2012

TMN-COT Members and Interns

By Ed Johnson, Training Director

Nash Prairie Preserve is an approximately 400-acre parcel of native coastal prairie owned by The Nature Conservancy. According to a BioScience article by Jeffrey P. Cohn, Nash Prairie Preserve is "the largest surviving remnant of coastal prairie in Texas ... the prairie is a haven where tall grasses billow over sedges and wildflowers." [1]

We will be honored to have two of The Nature Conservancy's Project Directors on hand to assist us:

- Aaron Tjelmeland, Upper Gulf Coast Project Director, Texas City Prairie Preserve office
- Kirk Feuerbacher, Coastal Prairies Project Director, Refugio, Goliad Prairie office

In addition to Aaron and Kirk, we have arranged for the following people to serve as volunteer guides for our groups. They were all described by everyone I contacted as "The Best", and they all were anxious to do this for us! Our participants will be divided into 3 or 4 groups to be led by these generous guides:

- Warren Pruess, a respected local naturalist who volunteers for The Nature Conservancy of Texas.
- Flo Hannah, Past President of Native Plant Society of Texas, currently Urban Sanctuaries Manager, Houston Audubon Society.
- Katy Emde, Texas Master Naturalist, Gulf Coast Chapter.
- Thomas Adams, Biologist, USFWS, Mid-Coast NWR Complex/



Warren Pruess



Flo Hannah



Katy Emde



Thomas Adams

And, of course, Dr. Barron Rector, speaker at our morning class, will be on hand to provide his expertise.

In 2003-07, Dr. David Rosen, then with US Fish and Wildlife Service, undertook a plant survey of the Nash Prairie Preserve. He published his findings in 2007, [2] and subsequently compiled a Vascular Plant Survey. My thanks to Dr. Rosen for providing us with a copy of the survey for our use on this field trip (see Page 6). Dr. Rosen is now a professor at Lee College and those responsibilities prevented his participation in our field trip.

The Nature Conservancy purchased the Nash Prairie Preserve in 2010. Prior to that date, it was administered by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Father Peter Conaty, of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Columbia, and his wife Susan, were instrumental in the documentation and preservation of Nash Prairie. Unfortunately Father Peter and Susan will be out of town weekend and won't be able to be with us. They expressed their regrets for having to miss our field trip.

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Migration Celebration is almost here!



April 13 Kickoff Dinner - RiverPlace, Freeport
April 21-22 San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge



Migration Celebration is an annual spring nature festival presented each spring by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges. Many Cradle of Texas Chapter members participate in the planning and execution of the celebration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This year, Migration Celebration kicks off with a fundraising dinner at Freeport RiverPlace on April 13, followed by a two days of events at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge on April 21-22.

Volunteers are needed, and participation is approved for Volunteer Hours. This is a good opportunity to rack up some volunteer hours toward certification or recertification!

Volunteer positions are available for a wide variety of interests — everything from assistant cook to parking attendant and tour guide to information booth host. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Ed Barrios:

- Home: 979-297-1815
- Cell: 979-415-4998
- Email: ed77566@comcast.net

For more information about Volunteering, download the 2012 Edition of the Migration Celebration Volunteer Handbook

<http://tinyurl.com/VHB-2012>

Direct links to the daily volunteer schedules:

<http://tinyurl.com/MC-2012-Friday>
<http://tinyurl.com/MC-2012-Saturday>
<http://tinyurl.com/MC-2012-Sunday>

These schedules are revised periodically so check back every few days.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES AGREEMENT

Every volunteer must submit a Volunteer Services Agreement before participating in any activity at any National Wildlife Refuge. If you have not already submitted a VSA form for the year 2012, you must complete one before you can participate in Migration Celebration volunteer activities.

This procedure protects you. While you are engaged in any activity at any National Wildlife Refuge, you are covered by the same liability, property damage, and personal injury insurance that covers employees of the United States government, *provided that*:

- You provide the information requested on this form, sign the form, and submit it as indicated below.
- You complete the required work records attesting to the dates and hours during which you were

You may obtain a blank VSA form from Ed Barrios, Migration Celebration Volunteer Coordinator, or you may download a copy of the form at the following address:

<http://tinyurl.com/VSA-2012>

After you fill in the form, please print it, sign it, and mail or fax it to:

US Fish and Wildlife Service
 Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex
 Attn. Tom Schneider
 2547 County Road 316
 Brazoria, TX 77422-7703
 979-964-4011
 979-964-4021 (fax)

Nature writer Gary Clark headlines Migration Celebration kickoff dinner

By Sarah Heller

Award-winning nature writer Gary Clark will speak about *Birding: The Art of Seeing*, at the Migration Celebration kick-off fundraising dinner April 13 at RiverPlace in Freeport. Clark will discuss birding as a method of seeing and raise the question: What do we really see when we look at a bird? He will include the mistakes people make when trying to quickly identify birds, tips to use when looking at a bird, and the pitfalls to avoid to enjoy a lifetime of watching birds.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour when people can view the photographs entered in the Nature Photography Contest, bid on the silent auction items generously contributed by area businesses, and visit the nature store. A meal featuring sage-rubbed smoked pork shoulder or vegetable lasagna, prepared and served by Friends of the Refuges, will be followed by the presentation.

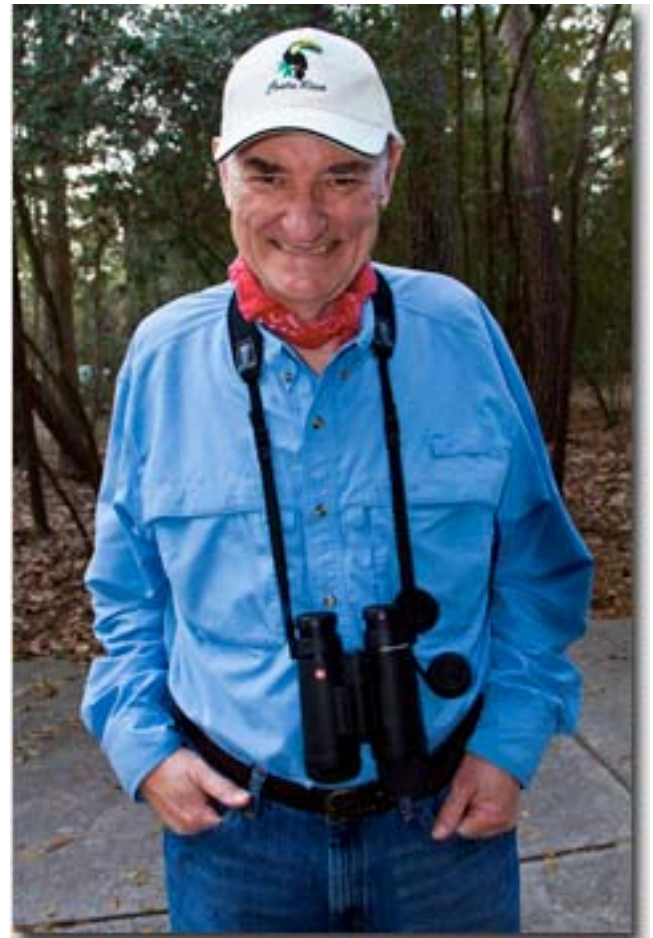
Gary Clark is a dean of Instruction at Lone Star College--North Harris in Houston and he writes the weekly "Nature" column for the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express News. Clark's nature articles have been published in numerous magazines, including AAA Journeys, Birds & Bloom, Birder's World, Living Bird, Rivers, Texas Highways, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Wildlife, and Women in the Outdoors.

He wrote the text for the books "Enjoying Big Bend National Park," "Backroads of the Texas Hill Country," "Texas Wildlife Portfolio" and "Gulf Coast Impressions." He is a contributing author to "Pride of Place: A Contemporary Anthology of Texas Nature Writing" and "Birding the Border."

Clark has won seven writing awards, and is the recipient of the 2004 Excellence in Media Award from the Houston Audubon Society and the 2010 Synergy Award from Citizens Environmental Coalition.

Migration Celebration continues April 21 and 22 at the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge where all activities are free. Dinner tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under the age of 13. Money raised is invested in refuge environmental education and facilities development. To obtain dinner tickets, or to learn more about Migration Celebration, please call 866-403-5829 or visit <http://migrationcelebration.org/>

Sarah Heller is Publicity Manager for Migration Celebration



Advanced Training Opportunity Using Google Earth to Identify and Map Wetlands

By Dave Brandes, Past President



Following our May 9th general meeting and the Intern Graduation program, Heather Biggs will present an approved AT program on using Google Earth to identify and map wetlands. During Heather's previous presentation describing the Galveston Baykeepers program, she offered to teach us how to use our computers and the internet to help protect area wetlands. We took her up on this offer.

This will be hands on training, so bring your laptop if you have one (be sure the battery is charged!). This is not a requirement, just a way to follow along with what she shows us. All of this will apply to your home desktops as well. This approved AT will last about 90 minutes with one break.

We will have a wireless network set up in the auditorium for the duration of training. **PLEASE INSTALL GOOGLE EARTH ON YOUR COMPUTER PRIOR TO TRAINING!**

In this workshop, we will:

- Learn about the US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetland Inventory Database
- Learn how to map floodplains and watersheds fast and simple with the click of a button!
- Use the National Wetland Inventory to quickly monitor wetland loss over time!
- Learn how to view historical imagery (aerials as far back as the 1930's)

This is a FREE workshop. However, a \$10 donation would be appreciated to cover Galveston Baykeepers costs.

You can download Google Earth at <http://www.google.com/earth/download/ge/agree.html>

For questions regarding this workshop, please contact Dave Brandes
djbrandes@comcast.net
979-265-3813



Screenshot of the Google Earth image
Matagorda/Mad Island
Bird Count circle.

Credit: Brent Ortego

Advanced Training Opportunity Invasive Species Training

By Dave Brands, Satellite Leader and Past President

May brings **Invaders of Texas** training on how to identify and report invasives and their location. This program has been sponsored and operated by the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center for several years. Our Cradle of Texas Chapter has operated a satellite **COT Invaders** program since 2009. Data Submitted to the database rolls into the national USDA invasive species database. Jessica Strickland will be our workshop leader.

This year we are expanding the program to include not only plants, but invasive pest reporting as well. Training will be at AgriLife on May 17 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. An interest form will be passed out at our next meeting for those that would like to attend. This is approved AT and volunteer time is approved for those participating in the monitoring program as part of our COT Invaders project.

Below is our tentative agenda. *Please note that you will need to bring a lunch and drinks.*

Time	Activity	Instructor	Chapter
9:00 – 9:15	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	DB	
9:15 – 10:00	INTRODUCTION TO INVASIVE SPECIES AND THE INVADERS PROGRAM: General overview of invasive species issues and activities in Texas, and an overview of the Invaders of Texas Citizen Science Program (PowerPoint).	JS	1&2
10:00 – 10:30	DEMONSTRATION: Data collection and data entry demonstration.	JS	1
10:30 – 10:45	FIELD PREPARATION: Group projects, field safety, field equipment.	JS	3
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK		
11:00 – 12:00	SPECIES SELECTION: Web resources, USDA Codes, Invasive Species Lists, Identification Lab	JS, DB	4
12:00 – 12:45	LUNCH		
12:45 – 1:15	DATA COLLECTION: Data sheets and definitions, frequently asked questions.	JS	5
1:15 – 1:30	USING GPS: What it is, receiver set up, decimal degrees.	JS	6
1:30 – 2:00	DIGITAL IMAGING: Tips and techniques for taking verifiable images.	JS	7
2:00 – 3:00	FIELD TRIP	JS	
3:00 – 3:45	DATA ENTRY TUTORIAL: Logging in, data entry, and photo upload procedures.	JS	8
3:45 – 4:00	WORKSHOP EVALUATION and CLOSING	DB	

Membership Report

By Jerry Eppner, Membership Chair

As of April 2, twenty-two COT members have submitted time sheets. A total of 1363 VT hours have been reported so far. Excellent!

Members to be recognized at our April meeting will include Dave Brandes, Sandy Henderson and Mary Holler – all recertifying for 2012.

Call for Citizen Science Reports

By Neal McLain, TMN-COT Webmaster

Hey, Birders, hikers, and muckers! The Scrapbook page of the TMN-COT website contains a section for Citizen Science Project reports.

<http://tmn-cot.org/archives/scrapbook/>

At the moment, there are only two reports there: *Levi Jordan Plantation Flora and Fauna Survey* (2006-07) and Andy Smith's *Turtle Patrol Heaven* (2007).

I've heard rumors that some of you other folks have compiled some other reports over the years. Examples:

- Species surveys for the National Wildlife Refuge System.
- Species surveys for Texas Park & Wildlife Department.
- Birding reports for the Ornithology Lab of Cornell University.

Let's share those reports with our members! Email me a copy, and I'll get it posted. Here's the address: tmn.cot@gmail.com.

TPWD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO SEEK REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

By Michelle Haggerty, TMN State Coordinator, Friday, 6 Apr 2012

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is looking for volunteers to help document the response of amphibian and reptile species around the state.

Texas Amphibian Watch seeks information on frogs, toads, and salamanders in the state, usually by encouraging a volunteer to adopt a wetland site and listening for the calls of frogs and toads at night. Texas Amphibian Watch provides a free monitoring packet with instructions. Audio CDs of frog and toad calls and training workshops are also available.

Texas Horned Lizard Watch seeks information on horned lizards, including the official state reptile, often called the horny toad. Texas Horned Lizard Watch is an attempt to help us understand why horned lizards have disappeared from some areas and remain in others—hopefully that information will help us help the species to recover.

Interested participants can download a free monitoring packet that provides information about all three horned lizard species in Texas, guidelines for managing for horned lizards, and instructions and data forms for the monitoring program.

Texas Box Turtle Survey seeks information on the two box turtle species in the state—the eastern box turtle and the ornate box turtle. TPWD provides a sighting report form that can be downloaded and links to a webpage where sightings can be reported online.

These activities are just a few of the citizen science programs offered as a part of Texas Nature Trackers. Texas Nature Trackers is also collaborating with other partners to promote volunteer survey efforts for freshwater turtles and the spot-tailed earless lizards.

To download monitoring packets, check workshop schedules, order CDs, or just learn more about these and other programs, interested individuals can visit the following website: <http://tinyurl.com/qcg36>

TMN-COT Members please note: these activities are approved for Volunteer Hours. You may claim:

- All hours spent monitoring at an approved monitoring site.
- Travel Time for each round trip to/from the monitoring site. Travel time is limited to actual round-trip travel time or the number of VT hours claimed, whichever is less.

Please code your timesheet "TPWD."

Charles "Charlie" Michael Clements 1946-2012

Charlie Clements, one of our most active volunteers, passed on March 19. Charlie was a member of the Intern Training Class of 2010, and certified in March 2011. He was an active participant in our outreach efforts, and he especially enjoyed working with children. He was a regular volunteer instructor for our DEEP effort.

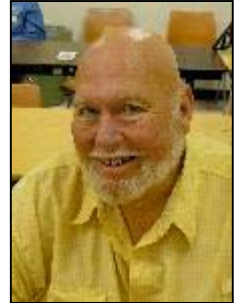
LIVERPOOL, Texas -- March 22, 2012. Charles "Charlie" Michael Clements, 65, of Liverpool, Texas, passed away Monday, March 19, 2012 at his residence. Charles was born in Dallas and was a resident of Liverpool for eight years, formerly of Texas City, Texas. He worked for UTMB for 23 years as the Radiology Storeroom Manager and was a member of the Catholic faith. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam Conflict from 1967-1969.

— *Published in The Facts, March 23, 2012*

My heart aches losing Charlie who put up such a valiant fight to live life. I will always remember working with him on special projects to complete his TMN Training. He never asked for special treatment even though it meant the world to him to become a Master Naturalist. Sometimes Charlie's medical treatments put him behind with the training, but his determination to complete it by December 2010 gave the COT and some of our partners a wonderful, cheerful and charming volunteer.

. — *Laura Brandes, 2010 TMN-COT Training Director, March 20, 2012*

Charlie Clements came to us when he was already ill, but he didn't let that define his life. Charlie was in love with the outdoors and with passing on his excitement about nature to children. He knew exactly what he wanted to do with the days allotted to him.



I remember once when we had a group of school children with their teachers at the Refuge we heard a comment from the teachers as they left Charlie's session. One teacher turned to another and said "Isn't he charming?". Well that was too good to pass up. She was right and thus he immediately earned his title "Charming Charlie."

Charming Charlie will always be remembered for love of working with the kids and for his dedication to being there to help when and where he could.

Oh, yes, we will remember Charlie!

. — *Bryan Adams, Education Specialist. USFWS Texas Mid-coast NWR Complex, March 20, 2012*



Left: At the Bryan Adams Birthday Bash, September 2011

Above: With Tom Taroni and Phil Huxford, Hog Wild Christmas Celebration, December 2011.

Right: At Migration Celebration Exhibit Building, April 2011.



Attachments to Section A

This issue of *Chapter News* is published in two sections. Section A includes one attachment:
Attachment 1 - Minutes of the General Meeting of March 14, 2012
http://txmn.org/cradle/files/2012/04/2012-04-Att-1_Minutes_March.pdf

Section B will be published when available. It will include photo spreads by Barbara Burkhardt and Pete Romfh, a report on the Junior Duck Stamp Competition, and announcements about forthcoming Volunteer and Advanced Training Opportunities.

Reminders about the April General Meeting

- The refreshment team for the meeting includes Steve and Clyde Zilliox, John Boettiger, Candace Novak, Elaine Crews
- This meeting and field trip are approved for Advanced Training for current members and intern training for the new intern class.

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