



# THE PADDLEFISH

## Briefings from Becky

Even though the afternoons still get a bit warm, mornings and evenings are bringing us a touch fall temperatures. They bring us good times to get out in your neighborhood, your community and especially our beautiful Cypress Basin area to listen to the birds, watch for the migrators, look for fall blooms and some trees have leaves that are beginning to take on the fall color.

Though we have decided to cancel Trail-of-the-Month for this fall, we will still have opportunities to enjoy learning about and taking care of our special areas. There will be opportunities to visit our public lands, practice ID'ing, learning more about ecology. We will still be helping to maintain the trails at CLNWR. We also hope to have some outings to some other public lands. Caddo Lake SP, Daingerfield SP, Atlanta SP and Lake 'O the Pines all have special beauty year round and provide great classrooms for learning more about nature.



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We are hoping to have additional informative programming at some meetings. During the October 10 meeting, we will have a short presentation from Brenda Cooper and Eliah Nielsen of Caddo Lake SP. They will tell us about the upcoming TPWD centennial in 2023 and how we can help celebrate it at CLSP. After the meeting, our very own Laura Wilson will speak to us about bats. The 30 minute presentation will include Q&A time.

If you're willing to do a presentation at the November meeting, please let me know!!! If you have some ideas about outings, please let us know!!!

Hope to see you Monday night!  
~Becky Gullette, CBTMN President



**Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalists  
Financial Report for  
September 1, 2022—September 30, 2022**

|   |                 |                            |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Beginning Bank Balance, 08/01/2022</b> |                 | <b>\$ 19,906.59</b>        |
| Add Receipts: Amazon Smile                |                 | + 9.64                     |
| Less Withdrawals: Flotilla 22—Tent        | 16.67           |                            |
| Flotilla 23—Tent                          | 86.00           |                            |
| City of Jefferson Meeting Room            | 125.00          |                            |
| Deposit                                   | 100.00          | - <u>327.67</u>            |
| <b>Ending Balance, 08/31/2022</b>         |                 | <b><u>\$ 19,588.56</u></b> |
| Flotilla Funds <sup>4</sup>               | \$ 12,675.78    |                            |
| Trainee Scholarship Fund                  | 600.00          |                            |
| General Funds                             | <u>6,528.14</u> | <b><u>\$ 19,588.56</u></b> |

Notes:

~ Submitted by Charles Gillis, CBTMN Treasurer

**Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalists  
Minutes For September 12, 2022**

Jefferson Transportation & Visitor Center

Attendees: Vicky Gilliland, Barbara Judkins, Stella Smith, Laura Wilson, Susan Sedberry, Steve Sedberry, Caroline Hughes, Becky Gullette, Roger Geiger, Fred Ormsby, Kathy Koenig

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by chapter members from 6 pm – 6:30 pm and the meeting was called to order by chapter president, Becky Gullette, at 6:30 pm.

Guest, Christina Parrott, was in attendance.

The treasurers report, included in the Chapter’s Paddlefish Newsletter, was approved by unanimous consent. There were not minutes to approve as there was not meeting in August.

VMS – There was no report.

Promoting CBTMN – Meeting attendees brainstormed various ways to promote the chapter.

Volunteer Opportunities

State Meeting – Members were encouraged to attend.

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Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Discussion to maintain brochures at the Refuge Visitor's Center. Becky will discuss with management and report back to the chapter.

Trail Maintenance and TOM prep: To Be Determined

Trail-of-the-Month Possible event dates:

10/5, Magazine Trail

11/5, Hope Cemetery Trail

12/3, Starr Ranch Trail

Flower Bed Near the Comfort Station – A volunteer is needed to head this project.

New Trail Near Headquarters – Volunteers are needed to weed eat and clear other vegetation along the existing sidewalks that will become the Headquarters Trail.

Starr Ranch Pavillion

Chapter members are encouraged to regularly sweep the inside of the pavillion to rid it of dead insects, spider webs and anything else that could be considered litter.

Blue Bird Buddies – No report was given but you are still welcome to join the team. Sue Simmons heads this project.

Bird Herd –The bird blind does need to be cleaned on a regular basis and we hope to replace the missing bird guides in the near future.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Fire Ant Festival – Downtown Marshall – Saturday, October 8

Avinger Wine Festival – November 5

Lake of the Pines Disc Golf Tournament – December 8

Other opportunities – If you have any suggestions for VT please contact Becky.

Advance Training Opportunities

#TMNT Tuesdays –

Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13 - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/> - If you listen to the recorded version, not the live version, you must listen to the Q&A after the presentation to claim AT credit

Nature Book Club – Caroline Hughes is head of this project.

The next book is "The Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben. The bookclub will meet to discuss this book on November 3 at 6 pm on the deck of Visitor's Center

Be aware of the hunt dates at Caddo Lake National Refuge

Restricted Access for hunting

Deer: Youth – Nov 10-13

Deer: Disabled – Nov 17-20

Deer: General Dec 25-27

Archery: Oct 1 – Nov 4; Dec 1 – Jan 1

Squirrels: Jan 2 – Feb 26; May 1-31

Other activities are available at local state parks – Members are encouraged to look on their websites for activities, dates and times

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

1.5 hour VT earned for attending meeting + setup and/or take down time + drive time

Barbara Judkins  
9/28/2022

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." – L. M. Montgomery*



# Volunteers in Action



Vanessa took 5 CBTMN members on an interpretive walk on the Starr Ranch trail October 5. Left: Kim Deloney, Cal Witt, Fred Ormsby, Laura Wilson

2nd pic: Stella Smith

Not pictured, Stella and Ted Barrow.



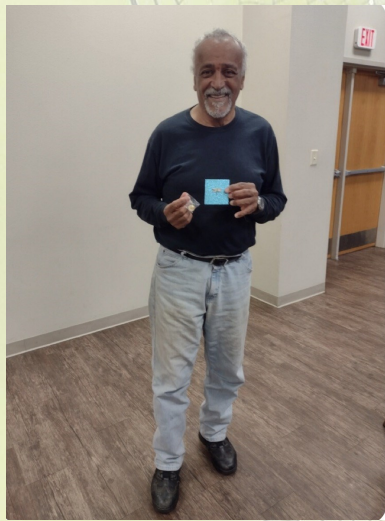
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*"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." – F. Scott Fitzgerald*

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

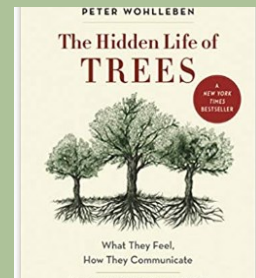


Big congratulations to Fred Ormsby for completing all the requirements to be a Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalist!

### TMN Nature Book Club

We held our discussion on *The Stranger in the Woods* at the refuge last night. Overall, the consensus of the group was that while most of us enjoyed the book, we didn't care for Christopher Knight. Most of us found him selfish and lacking the spirit of a true hermit.

We missed everyone who couldn't make it. Our next selection will be *The Hidden Life of Trees*, by Peter Wohlleben, and the discussion will be on Thursday, November 3rd, at the refuge. Save the date! Contact Caroline Hughes for more information or if you would like to be added to the book club email list: [cahughes8@gmail.com](mailto:cahughes8@gmail.com)



Fall Reading

## October Meeting

The Marshall main Fire Station at 601 South Grove is the site for our October 10th meeting, at 6:30pm. Close in parking is around back - the driveway is on the left side of the station if you are facing it. The gate should be open. There is limited parking in front of the station and we will try to have that door unlocked. If you run into issues, please call Susan at 972-890-3620. There is no set up needed at the station, so no need to get there super early. No VT for just hanging around!

We will have some exciting AT at this meeting. Laura Wilson has just spent a few days in the San Marcos/San Antonio area learning all about bats and she will share some of that with us in a 30 minute program, which includes Q&A. Come and learn more about these amazing nocturnal, insect devouring mammals! We will also hear about the upcoming 2023 Centennial Celebration for Caddo Lake State Park, as they need our help to make this a success!

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*"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree ."* – Stanley Horowitz

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### Texas Pollinator BioBlitz is Back this Fall!

7th Annual Texas Pollinator BioBlitz returns in October. Mark your calendars now and get ready for some photographic fun and the opportunity to contribute to community science!



#### Join the fun:

- Post your pollinator photos during the event to your own Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook accounts (use #txpollinators).
- All ages and abilities are encouraged to find pollinators and nectar-producing plants and take photos to share with friends!

Find events to attend near you (please note: new events added regularly) by using our [online events calendar](#). You may also [submit](#) your events if your site is hosting an event this fall.

Add pollinator and flowering plant photos to [iNaturalist](#) during the event dates to be included in the [2022 Texas Pollinator BioBlitz](#) iNaturalist project.

Whether you enjoy viewing pollinator photos, honing your photography skills, learning more about pollinators in Texas or taking part in community science, we'll have something for you!

**JOIN OUR  
TEAM**

### Secretary Needed!! No Experience Necessary!

The Chapter is in need of a new secretary for the upcoming year. This is a very important role and does require a commitment to the monthly meetings. It's helpful to have good note taking ability in whatever form that means, electronically or hand written. The minutes are then sent to the membership each month for review. The board surrounding the secretary is strong and can provide you with any support you need.

If interested please contact Stella Barrow at [cypress-basintmn@gmail.com](mailto:cypress-basintmn@gmail.com) or send her a text 903.736.3063

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"The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves! ." - **Humbert Wolfe**

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## OFFICERS:

Becky Gulette  
*President*

Susan Sedberry  
*Vice President*

Barbara Judkins  
*Secretary*

Charles Gillis  
*Treasurer*

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TBD  
*Class Rep.*

Linda Richtsmeier  
*Membership Director*

Vanessa Adams  
Neace  
*Advisor*

Doug Weir  
*Advisor*

### Join the Bird Herd!



Volunteers needed to maintain the bird blinds at the Refuge. Please contact Barbara Judkins

### Join Bluebird Buddies



Volunteers to help maintain the bluebird houses and counts. Please contact Sue Simmons

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## October 11, 2022

## Project Fair Contest!

Join us for our annual showcase of TMN chapter projects from across Texas!



*Please share pictures and updates of any presentations, field trips, etc. that is going on! We also can use interesting articles you come across. You can email them to [cypress-basintmn@gmail.com](mailto:cypress-basintmn@gmail.com)*

List of projects coming soon! We are so excited to share the great projects our members have been working on. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/TMTuesday>

*"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." - Unknown*

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