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TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST

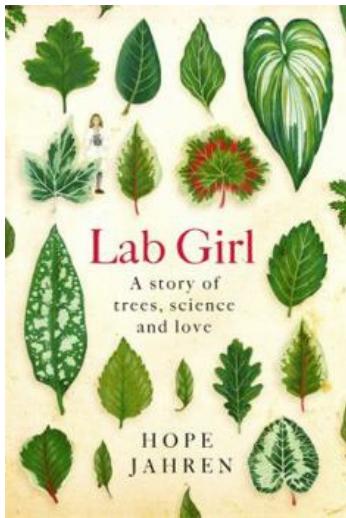
NATIVE PLANTS IN LANDSCAPING

Incorporating native plants into your landscaping is an effective way to reduce water usage. Native plants are naturally adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, requiring less water and maintenance compared to non-native species. They thrive with the natural rainfall patterns, reducing the need for supplemental irrigation. Additionally, native plants enhance local biodiversity by providing habitat and food for native wildlife, including pollinators. They also promote soil health and prevent erosion. By choosing native plants for your garden, you can create a beautiful, sustainable landscape that conserves water and supports the local ecosystem.



JULY MEETING INFORMATION-- NO JULY MEETING

Our next monthly meeting is Monday, August, 12th, at the Transportation Center in Jefferson. We will meet at 5:45 to set up for the POT LUCK DINNER. We will eat at 6, then have a short business meeting at 6:30. Please join us and bring something yummy to share!



BOOK CLUB

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Caddo Lake Wildlife Refuge Classroom
Caddo Lake Wildlife Refuge

"Lab Girl," by Hope Jahren, is a memoir detailing the author's journey as a scientist. Jahren, a geobiologist, has studied trees, flowers, seeds, and soil her entire career. The book is her "revelatory treatise" on plant life, but it also honors the passion and drive of all scientists. The New York Times calls "Lab Girl" "engrossing" and "thrilling," and The Washington Post labeled it "One of the Best Books of the Year" when it was published. Everyone is welcome to join the Nature Book Club. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Hughes at cahughes8@gmail.com.



Eating locally from farmers markets offers numerous benefits for both individuals and the environment. By purchasing fresh produce and goods from nearby farmers, consumers support local economies, ensuring that money stays within the community and helps sustain local agriculture.

Farmers markets provide access to seasonal, organic, and often pesticide-free produce, which is fresher and more nutritious compared to items transported over long distances. This freshness enhances flavor and nutritional value, promoting better health.

Environmentally, eating locally reduces the carbon footprint associated with long-distance food transportation. It cuts down on fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a decrease in air pollution and climate change.

Moreover, local farming practices typically prioritize sustainability, biodiversity, and soil health, avoiding the large-scale monoculture and chemical use seen in industrial farming. By choosing local, consumers help promote sustainable agriculture and preserve local farmland, fostering a resilient and eco-friendly food system.

MINUTES OF MEETING

CBTMN Chapter Meeting – June 10, 2024

The following members were present: Barbara Judkins, Cal Witt, Pat & ViAnn Sawyer, Steve & Susan Sedberry, Dudley Swafford, Terry Venden, Mike & Thelma Woodruff, Stella Smith, David & Vicki Gilliland, Kristi Thomas, Charles Gillis, Teresa McKinney, Linda Richtsmeier, Becky Gullette, Becky Cantor, Jim Meyer, Caryn Duncan, Pam Andrews.

Guests: Keith McKinney and Diana Lauerman

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm at the Marshall Public Library by CBTMN President Barbara Judkins, followed by an introduction of the two guests: Diana Lauerman (Charles Gillis's granddaughter) & Keith McKinney (Teresa McKinney's husband).

Last month's minutes, which are published in the June paddlefish, were approved.

Treasurer's Report is published in the June Paddlefish. The ending balance on June 10, 2024, is \$29,258.74, and of that, \$21,228.39 is the Flotilla fund. Please consider & share at a chapter meeting any ideas for projects for these funds.

VMS: Linda encouraged new members to complete their trainee volunteer hours by the deadline. There is now a specific category for volunteer work with the bat program (Bat Project Acoustic Monitoring: TMN Field Research Hours). It is not necessary to change the category of any previous volunteer hours associated with the bat project.

Future Members: Susan asked members to encourage anyone who might be interested in the Master Naturalist program to participate in the fall classes. Currently, there are five students registered. The minimum goal is six. Fall class dates are in the June Paddlefish.

Nature Book Club: Susan encouraged anyone interested in the book club to participate by reading the new selection, *Lab Girl*, by Hope Jahren. The book was suggested by a docent at Yosemite National Park. The next book club meeting is Thursday, August 08 at the refuge visitor's center pavilion.

Bat Project: Terry & Steve explained this is week seven of nine weeks of monitoring. Last Saturday, they went to Carthage & installed some monitors & had a lot of fun. So far, the CBTMN chapter has accumulated 320GB of data which lists the probable species of bats. Terry provided a detailed explanation of the recording process. Steve described how the site selection process works. Members were given a spreadsheet detailing the most recent installations. Of the 13 documented bat species known to East Texas, 11 have been ID'd during this monitoring cycle. The next monitoring cycle of this ongoing project will be in April of 2025. They also recommended members might enjoy reading the book, *The Secret Life of Bats*, by Merlin Tuttle.

There will not be a July chapter meeting. The next chapter meeting, which is also a potluck dinner, will be August 12 at the Transportation Center in Jefferson.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

VT = 30 minutes (.5) + drive time

2024 #TMNTuesdays

January 9 **May 14**
February 13 **June 11**
March 5* **July 9**
*first week of the month
April 9 **August 13**

September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10



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In Need of AT?

Remember that out of the 8 hours of advanced training required each year, only 4 can be online except the current year TMNTuesdays.

Here are a few good online options:

#TMNTuesdays

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

Forestry and Natural Resources Webinars

<http://forestrywebinars.net/>

Conservation of Natural Resources

<http://www.conservationwebinars.net>

Natures Notebook

<https://www.usanpn.org/nn/webinars>

Texas Wildlife Federation

<https://www.texas-wildlife.org/>

Trainees Wanted for 2024 Class

Contact Caroline Hughes (cahughes8@gmail.com) or Susan Sedberry (wsedberry@sbcglobal.net) for additional information!

2024 Meeting Dates and Locations

August 12- Transportation Center*

September 9- Library

October 14- Kellyville

November 11- State Park

December- No Meeting



Newly Certified TMNer's



The Bat Brigade