

THE
PADDLEFISH
CYPRESS BASIN CHAPTER
TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST

TRAINING CLASS THIS WEEKEND

The October training classes are this coming weekend! Friday evening, October 4th, at the Refuge, Fiona Rabakukk-Langthorn, will present Texas Water Resources/Aquatic Systems Ecology, beginning at 6pm. Saturday morning's class, October 5th, will be at the US Army Corps of Engineers office on Lake of the Pines. The address is 2669 FM 726, Jefferson 75657. Tim Bister will have his Inland Fisheries boat there for some on the water fun while presenting on Ichthyology. Class will start at 9 am, with breakfast foods being served at 8:30. When Tim is finished, we will drive to the Refuge for the Saturday afternoon class. Lane Neely from Caddo Lake State Park will begin his presentation on Wetland Ecology & Management at 1:30. It's going to be a weekend all about water - hope you can join us for some of it!



OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

Monday, October 14th is our next chapter meeting. We will meet at 5:45pm at Kellyville for set up. The address is:

Marion County Extension Center/Kellyville Community Center
130 Kelly Park Road
Jefferson 75657

Hope to see you there!

2024 Presenter's Schedule – CBTMN Training Class

Friday, August 16 6-9pm Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge 15600 FM 134 Karnack 75661

Orientation/Program Overview

Intro to TMN program - Caroline Hughes, Co-Training Director & Barbara Judkins, Chapter President

Ethics and TMN Code of Conduct – Barbara Judkins, Chapter President

6:15-8:30 Historical Naturalists of Texas – Barbara Judkins, Texas Historical Commission, Site Manager of Starr Home in Marshall

8:30-9pm Trainee Informational Tidbits – VMS questions

Saturday, August 17 8:30-5pm Refuge

9am-12pm Forest Ecology and Management (Unit 17) - Ricky Maxey, Retired Army Corps of Engineers

1-4:30pm Archaeology (Unit 2) – Nick Bourgeois, Texas Historical Commission, Archaeologist

4:30-5pm Training Wrap Up

Friday, September 13 6-9pm Refuge

6-8:30pm Mammalogy (Unit 16) – Vanessa Neace, TPWD, Caddo Lake Wildlife Management Area Manager

8:30-9pm Volunteer Management System and How It Works – Linda Richtsmeier, Chapter VMS Manager

Saturday, September 14 8:30am-5pm Refuge

9am-12pm Weather and Climate (Unit 8) – Josh Marcisz, Meteorologist for KTAL TV in Shreveport

1-4:30 Herpetology (Unit 15) - Ellen Miller, TMN Member and Reptile Lover

4:30-5pm Training Wrap Up

Friday, October 4 6-9PM Refuge

6-8:30pm Texas Water Resources/Aquatic Systems Ecology (Units 9 & 18) - Lynlee Russell, Park Ranger with US Army Corps of Engineers

8:30-9pm Trainee Informational Tidbits

Saturday, October 5 8:30-12:00pm US Army Corps of Engineers Office, 2669 FM 726, Jefferson 75657

9am-12pm Ichthyology (Unit 14) – Tim Bister, TPWD, Inland Fisheries Division

Travel to Refuge

1:30-4:30pm Wetland Ecology & Management (Unit 19) – Lane Neely, TPWD, Caddo Lake State Park Interpreter

4:30-5pm Training Wrap Up

Friday, November 1 6-9pm Refuge

6-8:30pm Entomology (Unit 13) – Allen Smith, Texas Forest Service

8:30-9pm – Trainee Informational Tidbits

Saturday, November 2 8:30-5pm Refuge

9am-12pm Ornithology (Unit 12) – David Brotherton, Birder Extraordinaire and author of *100 Birds of Morris County*

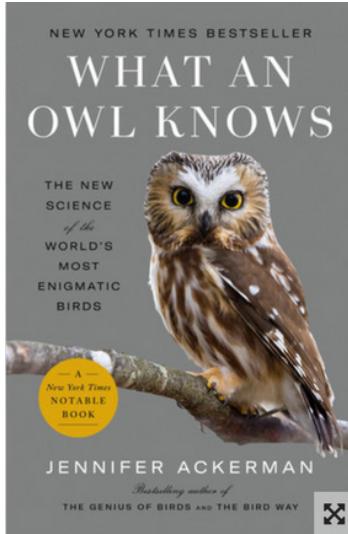
12-1:30pm – Hamburger cookout served to all by our fabulous TMN chefs

1:30-4:30 Laws & Ethics/Volunteers as Teachers/Citizen Science (Units 22-24) – Boyd Sanders, TPWD, Asst. Superintendent Martin Creek State Park

4:30-5 Training Wrap Up

Be prepared for some outside field study (closed-toed shoes/comfortable seasonal clothing/layers). We will provide sunscreen and bug repellent when needed. **Please bring a sack lunch for Saturdays. We will have coffee and water.

Please call Susan Sedberry at 972.890.3620 or Caroline Hughes at 903.821.4264 with any questions.



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

Caddo Lake Wildlife Refuge Classroom
Caddo Lake Wildlife Refuge

"What an Owl Knows"** is a fascinating exploration of the mysterious and captivating lives of owls, penned by science writer Jennifer Ackerman.

Drawing from scientific research, personal observations, and interviews with experts, the book delves into the unique biology, behavior, and intelligence of these enigmatic birds. Ackerman uncovers how owls use their acute senses, such as exceptional hearing and night vision, to hunt and navigate. The book also highlights the cultural significance of owls throughout history and their roles in various ecosystems. Ackerman's narrative blends science with storytelling, offering a profound appreciation for these nocturnal creatures. Everyone is welcome to join the Nature Book Club. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Hughes at cahughes8@gmail.com.

FOOD NEEDED FOR NEW CLASS

The upcoming class weekend is October 4th and 5th, and we need food for Friday evening and breakfast foods for Saturday morning. There have been few sign-ups for this one, so if you want an easy way to earn some VT, this is the way to do it! We will be at the Refuge again for Friday night this weekend, and food needs to be there by 5:30 pm. We will meet at The US Army Corps of Engineers Office in Jefferson on Saturday morning, and food needs to be there by 8:30 am. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed thus far and made our new recruits feel welcome!

Ellen Miller
ellenbrianamiller@gmail.com or 903-241-6263.



SUSTAINABLE SWAP



Buying secondhand clothing offers numerous benefits for both individuals and the planet. First, it's a cost-effective way to access quality fashion, often at a fraction of the original price. It also promotes sustainability by reducing the demand for new clothing production, which is resource-intensive and contributes to environmental issues like water waste and carbon emissions. By choosing secondhand, shoppers help keep clothes out of landfills, extending the lifespan of garments. Additionally, it supports a circular economy, encouraging reuse and mindful consumption, ultimately leading to a more sustainable and eco-friendly fashion industry.

MICROADVENTURES

A **microadventure** is a short, simple, and local escape into the outdoors that can be easily achieved within a day or even a few hours. These adventures offer a break from routine without requiring extensive planning or travel, making them accessible to everyone, regardless of time constraints. In Northeast Texas, a region known for its rolling hills, serene lakes, and vast pine forests, there are countless microadventures waiting to be explored. Perfect for outdoor enthusiasts, families, or anyone seeking a quick escape, the area is brimming with opportunities to reconnect with nature in meaningful and exciting ways.

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One great microadventure is hiking in the **Caddo Lake State Park**. Known for its mysterious bayous and towering cypress trees draped in Spanish moss, the park provides a unique landscape for kayaking, canoeing, or simply walking the park's scenic trails. A paddle through the maze of waterways feels like stepping into a different world, making it an exciting day trip.

If you're interested in history and scenery, visit the **Daingerfield State Park**. This hidden gem offers peaceful hiking trails, picnic spots, and fishing opportunities. The Rustling Leaves Trail loops around the lake, providing tranquil views of the water and forest. It's especially stunning during fall when the foliage bursts into vibrant colors.

For a more adrenaline-packed experience, head to **Texas ZipLine Adventures** in New York, Texas. This location offers thrilling zipline courses that give adventurers a bird's-eye view of the picturesque East Texas landscape. It's a perfect way to inject a bit of excitement into your outdoor explorations.

Cyclists can enjoy a scenic ride along **Northeast Texas Trail**, a 130-mile-long rail-trail running through small towns and countryside. This trail is great for casual bikers and offers a peaceful retreat into nature.

Whether it's paddling, hiking, or ziplining, Northeast Texas provides countless microadventures that promise fun, beauty, and a refreshing connection to the outdoors.



MINUTES OF MEETING

CBTMN Chapter Meeting - September 9, 2024

Members present: Terry Venden, Jim Meyer, Teresa McKinney, Kim Delony, Ellen Miller, Linda Richtsmeier, Laura Wilson, Cal Witt, Steve & Susan Sedberry, Kristi Thomas, Ted Barrow, Dudley Swofford, Phyllis Wilson, Becky Gullett, Kathy Koenig, Pam Andrews
Trainees present: Michelle Clagg, Keith McKinney, Becky Canter, Diana Laverman, Don Duncan

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Marshall Library by Vice President Susan Sedberry.

Cares, Concerns, Joys: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Charles Gillis who is recovering from a serious back injury. Charles will be in physical therapy for the next few weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved as published in the current Paddlefish.

Treasurer's Report was approved as published in the current Paddlefish. Teresa reported a balance of \$25,489. Terry Venden requested that the board consider the purchase of a Kaleidoscope software subscription for data entry for the NA Bat Monitoring Project.

VMS-Linda stated there are some issues with getting the new trainees up and running in VMS. She received feedback from the trainees who were present and will check into the issue further.

AT Opportunities: David Brotherton will be leading a Hawk Watch at Daingerfield State Park on Sept. 28th (and also on Sept. 21st), and an Owl Prowl on Nov. 9th at Lake O' the Pines. If interested, contact Mark Edmund (maedmund321@gmail.com) or David Brotherton (dbrother1227@outlook.com)

2024 Training Class: Class will be held this weekend. Presenters: Vanessa Neace on Mammalogy, Josh Marcisz on Weather & Climate, and Ellen Miller on Herpetology. Sign up sheets were available to volunteer for food preparation.

Nature Book Club: Next discussion will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at the Refuge. Book selection is What an Owl Knows by Jennifer Ackerman.

Refuge Trails: Becky invited all members to come out on Friday afternoon to start evaluating the trails for clean up. Bring manual or battery powered tools for clearing. Due to the spring flooding and extreme summer heat, we are behind on trail work and need to consider getting back to regular monthly workdays.

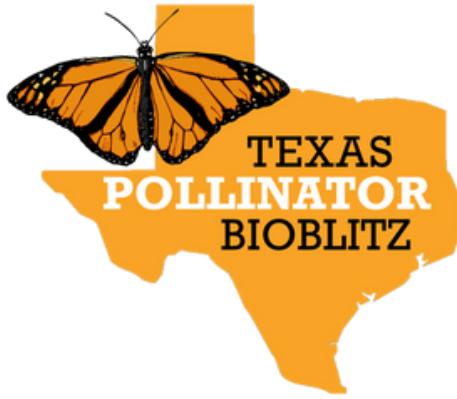
Susan reported that the GCLA fundraiser/FishFry was successful and raised \$4000 to donate to the Biocontrol Alliance for maintaining the Weevil Greenhouse.

What are our members up to? We would love to hear of your activities and interests! Please consider doing brief, informal presentations at our chapter meetings. This is a great way to share your interests, get to know your fellow TMN's, and for us all to learn from each other... doesn't have to be fancy! And please submit photos for FaceBook and Instagram postings.

Vanessa Neace gave a very interesting/informative presentation on the Eastern Box Turtle Project of the CLWMA.

Our next meeting will be October 14th at Kellyville.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 PM. VT: 30 minutes (.5) plus drive time. AT: 45 minutes (.75)



How to Participate

- Pollinator BioBlitz participants observe and identify pollinators.
- All ages and abilities are encouraged to find pollinators and nectar-producing plants, take photos, and share with friends!
- Share observations by posting a photo or video to [Instagram](#), [iNaturalist](#), or the [Facebook event page](#).
- Pollinator observation challenges and informative links will be emailed to all **registered** participants regularly to add to the fun.

Owl Prowl - Saturday November 9. Meet David

Brotherton at the Jack Rabbit Grill on Hwy 155 at 5:30 PM to enjoy dinner and then go on the Owl Prowl on the backroads around Lake O' the Pines. NOTE - you don't have to attend dinner to participate (just let David know you are coming and be at the restaurant by 6:15 or 6:20 PM).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalists		
Financial Report for Aug 2024		
Beginning Balance 7/26/24		\$29,481.39
Deposits:	Tuition	\$80.00
	Dues	\$75.00
	Textbook	\$70.00
	Donation	\$15.00
		<hr/> \$240.00
Expenses:	Postage	\$91.64
	Facility Rental	\$125.00
	Batteries	\$23.36
		<hr/> \$240.00
Ending Balance: 8/23/24		
	Flotilla Fund	\$22,086.75
	Trainee Scholarship Fund	\$600.00
	General Fund	\$6,794.64
		<hr/> \$29,481.39

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AT Offered at Oct Meeting

Laura Wilson will present a most appropriate Bat Presentation, since Halloween is right around the corner! She's recently been to a bat rehab workshop and on 2 bat cruises with Dr. Merlin Tuttle in Austin. So come get you some AT!

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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



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>

Nature's Notebook
<https://www.usanpn.org/nn/webinars>

Texas Wildlife Federation
<https://www.texas-wildlife.org/>

2024 Meeting Dates and Locations

August 12- Transportation Center*

September 9- Library

October 14- Kellyville

November 11- State Park

December- No Meeting