



*“The best place
to study nature
is at one’s
own home—
on the farm, in
the mountains,
by the sea—
wherever that
may be.”*

John Burroughs



To find out how you can become a Texas Master Naturalist volunteer, call your local office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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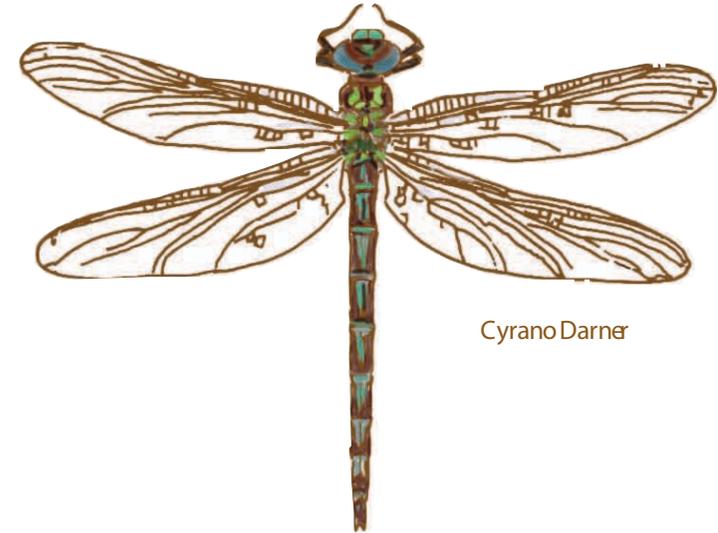
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*right here
at home*

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The natural Texas is home to all of us, no matter where we live. The natural Texas, the real Texas, is still to be found all across our state—from the wilds of rural areas to the squirrels in a city park to a wildflower in our backyard.

But as Texas grows more urban, we hurry to keep up with the hectic pace of urban and even suburban life. And we don't take the time to notice, enjoy, and ultimately conserve the natural resources all around us.

Through the Texas Master Naturalist volunteer program, you can help children and adults in your community learn about Texas' natural resources, inspire them to a new appreciation of their environment,

and ensure that others will be able to enjoy the natural Texas for years to come.

In the Master Naturalist program, you will enhance your love of nature with research-based, scientific knowledge. You will receive in-depth training in wildlife and natural resource management taught by recognized experts in the field and customized to focus on the native ecosystems of your home. You will also have the opportunity for advanced training in special subjects that interest you.

In return, you will provide your community with volunteer service in the form of educational activities, projects, or demonstrations. You might serve on a speakers bureau to make presentations to community organizations, or you might introduce children to local plants, insects, and animals through an after-school project. You might serve as a guide at a local nature center, or you might

build trails or exhibits at a local park. The possibilities are endless, limited only by your imagination!

As a Texas Master Naturalist, you will be helping people appreciate their natural environment around their homes, while you enhance your own knowledge and skills. And, perhaps most satisfying of all, you will have a chance to build friendships and working relationships with others who share your love of the natural Texas.

