

El Camino Real chapter Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

Oct. 9, 2025 5:30 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church

- I. Welcome
 - A. Potluck theme is casseroles
 - B. Speaker: Annika Lindqvist – All Things Moths. Ms. Lindqvist is an active iNaturalist and moth expert.

- II. President's report
 - A. Vote on new officers for 2026. The nominees are as follows:
 - President – Marian Buegeler
 - Vice President – Phyllis Shuffield
 - Treasurer – Debra Sorenson
 - Secretary – Sue Ann Kendall

No other nominees were submitted. All directors are appointed by the officers' board of the incoming elected members.

Sandra Dworaczyk. moved to approve and Pamela Neeley seconded. All who voted said "Aye." The motion has passed and the slate is approved.

- B. Don't forget to gather seed. Many are producing them right now.
- C. Catherine Johnson and Patricia Coombs updated on the H-E-B Pollinators Project getting underway at the Wildscape. (Sue Ann notes that you need to spell the store name H-E-B)
 - a. They have sent an email with information on how to record hours for the project and provided extensive handouts, of which I do not have the originals.
 - b. Carolyn Henderson also sent a summary, which is attached to these minutes.
- D. December End of Year Party
 - 1. The Yards of Cameron has already been reserved and paid for our annual party. The cost was covered by a very generous member whom I have not been given permission to identify.
 - 2. We will each pay for our catered meals. Do you want Barbara Dominguez or Hecho en Texas (if they are available)? I believe the meals will run between

\$22 to \$25 each. Hecho bar b que would probably be more expensive but they can do other stuff.

- a. Vote Barbara Donimiguez was chosen, because she provides vegetarian options. Alan Rudd moved to approve and Neil Wettstein seconded.

III. Officers and Directors

- A. Liz Lewis, vice president – not present. Tim Siegmund will be the next speaker
- B. Debra Sorenson, treasurer - \$6445.50 in the bank, with \$3300 coming from H-E-
- C. Sue Ann Kendall, secretary – Patricia Coombs moved to approve the September minutes, and Kim Summers seconded. The motion passed.
- D. Michelle Lopez, communications – nothing to report
- E. Patricia Coombs, membership/VMS/AT hours
 - a. Recertifications were Cindy Rek, Gene Rek, and Scott Berger
 - b. 500-hour pins were awarded to Gene and Cindy
- F. Alan Rudd, student trainer – nothing to report
- G. Pamela Neeley, VMS/AT authorization – nothing to report
- H. Linda Jo Conn, state liaison/iNaturalist specialist
 - a. WOW awards went to Dorothy Mayer and Marian Buegeler
 - b. 2025 Texas PolliNaturalist BioBlitz starts tomorrow (October 10) so do sign up.
- I. Linda Burgess, publicity/ free seed library coordiNaturalist
 - a. Ann Collins thanks us for the get-well card.
 - b. The next seed sorting meeting is Tuesday, October 21 from 1-3pm at the Cameron Library.
- J. Ellen Luckey, hospitality – next month features Thanksgiving. Please bring side dishes and desserts.
- K. Janice Johnson, weekly notifications – continue to send in your notifications.

IV. New business – none

- V. Adjourn – Sue Ann Kendall moved to adjourn
1.25 hours AT for the speaker
.75 VT for the meeting
1 hour hospitality if you brought food
Additional time for nothing after the meeting

- VI. Members went out and collected photos of insects and moths under black lights after the meeting. Few moths. Many insects.

Submitted by Sue Ann Kendall, Chapter Secretary

HEB Pollinators for Texas project Info - important to know!

By Carolyn Henderson

Catherine and Patsy outlined how to record volunteer hours for the HEB Pollinators for Texas grant project at the meeting last night. For those who weren't there, I have attached the instructions. I highlighted what is of relevance, also.

There are actually four categories to report hours to for this event. The first one is field research hours which involves dissemination of information either by media or directly to other people. The second is NPA, which involves improving the area for humans. The third is NRM which involves improving the area for Pollinators and other living things. The fourth is "Training others," which will not apply to most members. Catherine and Patsy are doing the training. The documents with examples of what qualifies in each of the first three categories are attached.

Reporting hours is very important for this project. If you donate native plants from your place to the Wildscape report the time you spent gathering the plants and preparing them to be replanted and report that as an "NRM" event (improving the area for animals

If you clear the paths through it, report it as "NPA" (improving the area for humans).

If you take photos of Pollinators at the Wildscape and post them on a blog and/or iNaturalist, report all the time spent doing the photos and writing the blog, or posting on iNaturalist as "FR" (dissemination of info). If you post a blog and post on iNaturalist record the time posting on iNaturalist separately and include in the notes "HEB Pollinators for Texas" project.

I've listed links below for our very own Bioblitz on iNaturalist for the HEB Pollinators for Texas project. If you join the bioblitz, your post photos from the area of the Wildscape will automatically be posted to our bioblitz.

I've also listed the link for the statewide bioblitz on Pollinators. You can take photos anywhere in the state for this. Your posts will go automatically to the bioblitz if you "Join" it . Count time spent photographing, editing and posting the photos.

There is no official workday at the Wildscape this Saturday. They will be coming soon, but you can go out there and take photos and post or pull weeds or remove debris or reorganize the storage shed. Report those hours under the HEB Pollinators for Texas hours.

I hope this is helpful.

Report Service

Please select from the following survey(s):

Pollinators for Texas-2025-FR:TMN Field Research Hours ▼

Cit. Sci. - Citizen Science Transcribing/GeoReferencing Selections for BRIT:TMN

Cit. Sci. - CoCoRaHS:TMN Field Research Hours

Cit. Sci. - Cornell Lab (CL) / National Audubon Society (NAS) / Other National Sc

Cit. Sci. - Ecological Land Management Research, for Conservation and Restora

Cit. Sci. - iNaturalist recording of Milam County species.:TMN Field Research Ho

Cit. Sci. - Invasive Species:TMN Field Research Hours

Cit. Sci. - Journey North Migrations:TMN Field Research Hours

Cit. Sci. - Migratory Dragonfly Project:TMN Field Research Hours

Cit. Sci. - Purple Martin Conservation projects:TMN Field Research Hours

Cit. Sci. - S. M. Tracy Herbarium support of flora collections and documentation:TM

Community Outreach - Indirect:TMN Report Hours

Community Presentations - Direct:TMN Report Hours

Natural Resource Management:TMN Report Hours

Nature Improvements Public Areas:TMN Report Hours

Pollinators for Texas-2025-FR:TMN Field Research Hours

Pollinators for Texas-2025-NPA:TMN Report Hours

Pollinators for Texas-2025-NRM:TMN Report Hours

Pollinators for Texas-2025-Training Others:TMN Report Hours

TMN Virtual Volunteer Service Fair:TMN Report Hours

Wildlife Mgmt Ecosystem Consulting:TMN Report Hours

For your personal records....

What was the total number of miles
you drove round trip?

Do you have impact data to add to the opportunity? No ▼
(Add only once per event)

Update from Patricia:

There has been a change in where we will report hours for reports and all media articles for Pollinators for Texas HEB Grant (newspaper, website, blogs, Facebook, etc.). We will NOT be using the Pollinators for Texas FR Opportunity that I handed out at the Chapter Meeting.

Please charge all hours for media work on Pollinators for Texas project to:

Administrative Work, drop-down Project Management and in addition to describing your activities please include in the description of service "Pollinators for Texas 2025 Grant: Milam Wildscape".

