

Texas Master Naturalist – El Camino Real Chapter

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 9, 2026

All Saints Episcopal Meeting Hall

5:30 p.m.

Welcome

Potluck – Fish, seafood (with a fish fry) and the greatest hushpuppies ever

Brittany Perry, District Biologist for Milam, Falls and Burleson Counties, presented a program on the San Gabriel Little River Rio Grande Turkey Restoration Project. You can contact her at Brittany.perry@tpwd.texas.gov if you have lots of doves on your property.

President report

Be sure to use the URL below to post logbook entries:

https://tpwd.samaritan.com/custom/1353/volunteer_login

Reminder: The Pollinators for Texas application period is April 1 through June 1. If you are interested in applying for this grant, board approval is needed beforehand. There will be a webinar on April 15 regarding the application process.

Virtual Volunteer Fair, April 14. 11:30 – 1:00.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 22 -25, 2026 in Waco, Texas.

Phyllis Shuffield – Vice President – nothing to report. Next speaker will be announced soon

Sue Ann Kendall – Secretary –

Sandra Dworaczyk moved to approve the March minutes, and Carolyn Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

The Wildflower Walk at the Muller property has moved to May 23.

Debra Sorenson – Treasurer – balance in the account as of 3/31/26 was \$8,355.82. A check has been written for \$900 for gravel at the Wildscape as part of the HEB grant. The remaining balance from the HEB grant is \$292.93.

Patricia Coombs – Membership/VMS/AT Hours

Recertifications: Michelle Lopez, Patricia Coombs, Catherine Johnson

You can now delete unapproved entries in the new VMS system. If you have issues with the system, let Patricia know.

Linda Jo Conn – State Liaison

Linda Jo found an herbarium entry collected by Marian Buegeler from years ago.

iNat WOW Award went to Phyllis Shuffield for her cool photo of a Western Ribbon Snake in the process of swallowing a frog.

City Nature Challenge 2026: Heart of Texas. April 24 -27.

There is an iNaturalist training coming up online at 2pm on April 20 and 6pm on April 22.

Catherine Johnson

We were donated a book called *Native Host Plants for Texas Moths and Butterflies* by Jim and Lynn Webber. We will share it among members.

The meeting coincided with the 8th anniversary of the Class of 2018, of which Catherine was a member.

Updates: Wildscape and Earth Day Program at Rockdale Library. Several members attended the Pollinators for Texas program at the Earth Day program, and it also included the seed library project.

Debbi Harris

The 2026 Bat Project is moving forward. Chad Cryer will be the analyst. We will be having more accurate latitude and longitude for observations and will have two monitors per site, with a better stand.

The first week of observation will begin May 11 and the last week will start July 6.

Linda Burgess – Publicity –

April 21 is the next seed packaging meeting at the Cameron Library from 1-3 pm.

Chapter members presented on the Pollinators for Texas program and the seed library at the Lucy Hill Patterson Memorial Library in Rockdale on April 6.

We will not have a table for the Independence Day celebration this year.

Ellen Luckey – Hospitality – thanks to Alan Rudd and his crew for the fish fry. Next meeting we will have “Asian, Chinese, Indian, and Mediterranean” food.

Other Business

Carolyn Henderson – the trip to the Ladybird Johnson National Wildflower Center will be on April 18. There will be carpooling.

Adjourn – Alan Rudd moved to adjourn and Gene Rek seconded.

Presentation: 1.25 AT

Chapter meeting: .75 VT

Hospitality: 1 VT