**Texas Nature Trackers**

More than ever, people are interested in watching and learning about Texas wildlife. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, along with other partners, offers Texans the opportunity to do just that while making valuable contributions to the conservation of animal and plant species in the state. Texas Nature Trackers, associated with the [Texas Master Naturalist Program](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/master_naturalist/), is a citizen-science monitoring effort designed to involve volunteers of all ages and interest levels in gathering scientific data on species of concern in Texas.

Through Texas Nature Trackers projects, you can learn how to gather data about various species found on public lands or on your own property. Collected data is sent to biologists who use the information to gain a better understanding of the status and management needs of various species. The goal of the program is to enable long-term conservation of these species and appreciation among Texas citizens.

**Texas Hummingbird Round-Up**

Saddle up, folks, it's roundup time! Join Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texans around the state in a hummingbird survey. Your participation. along with that of other Texans, will help us to determine more about range, distribution, favored sites and feeding habits of hummingbirds. The survey is also a way to share information about their natural history. Information collected from the Texas Hummingbird Roundup will provide more insight on conservation and habitat needs for these wonderful birds.

Participating in the Texas Hummingbird Roundup is easy. You may purchase a packet containing the survey sheet, as well as informative materials including feeder maintenance tips, a Quick Reference Guide to Texas Hummingbirds, and other related birding materials.

See the TPWD web site for complete details and additional information: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/wildlife\_diversity/texas\_nature\_trackers/hummingbird\_roundup/

**Requirements for Texas Master Naturalist Elm Fork Chapter approved Service Hours:**

1. Attend a TPWD sponsored/approved workshop. For a workshop calendar, see the web site: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/wildlife\_diversity/texas\_nature\_trackers/workshops/
2. Register with TPWD as required
3. Notify the Project Manager of participation
4. Send completed forms to both TPWD and the Project Manager

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