

**ELM FORK CHAPTER OF TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST™
PROJECT Summary**

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PROJECT NAME: Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP)

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ORGANIZATION/PERSON ASSISTED: Denton County 4-H

WHEP is a 4-H and FFA youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to junior and senior level (ages 8-19) youth in the United States. The WHEP is a hands-on environmental education program. WHEP also provides participants an opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly competition, as each state supporting WHEP conducts an annual contest where teams of 3-4 similarly aged individuals gather.

This project was created to support the members of the Denton County 4-H WHEP teams as well as members who are interested in the 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Project areas.

WHEP is supported by a national science-based manual which can be found at <http://whep.org/>.

Studying this manual participants:

- Learn wildlife terms and concepts

- Learn about wildlife habitat

- Learn how to judge the quality of wildlife habitat

- Learn about wildlife habitat management practices

- Learn about wildlife damage management

Denton County 4-H members currently have 4 opportunities to test their skills: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Texas WHEP Contest, Wildlife Contest Invitational and the National Wildlife Invitational

Knowledgeable members are invited and welcome to join WHEP team and share their wealth of 'natural' information with the youth. Please contact the above mentioned EFCMN and 4-H Volunteer for more information.