

—From the Album—



Becky Bertoni, dragonfly & hummingbird— friends or foes?

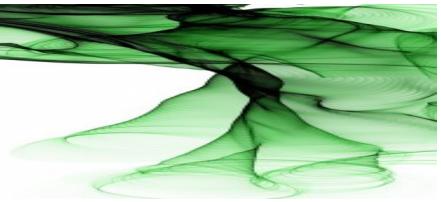
Sunset puts on a show—
Dorothy Thetford



—From the album cont'd

Rita Lokie, to her delight, discovered these monarchs on Meyer Lemon blooms at a local nursery.





Speaker at November 17, 2016 Regular Meeting

From Rita Lokie

Rachel Richter is an Urban Wildlife Biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife in the DFW area. She has a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Texas A&M and a master's degree in Wildlife Ecology from Texas State. Her thesis research focused on home range and habitat use of a reintroduced population of javelina in Central Texas. As an urban wildlife biologist, she focuses on making our communities more wildlife-friendly through educational outreach and providing technical guidance.

Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2016

The purpose of the Act is to fund state wildlife conservation and restoration programs for managing fish and wildlife species of the greatest conservation need as determined by a state fish and wildlife agency.

This bill amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to direct the Department of the Treasury to transfer, beginning in FY2016, revenues from energy and mineral development on federal lands totaling \$1.3 billion to the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Subaccount of the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund, to be available without further appropriation. The purpose of the subaccount is to fund state wildlife conservation and restoration programs for managing fish and wildlife species of the greatest conservation need as determined by a state fish and wildlife agency.



—AND A PAGE OF THAT—

What's wrong with my tree? Why are the leaves on my hibiscus turning yellow? When is the best time to fertilize my tomatoes?

This is a sampling of the types of questions received from citizens all around Denton County when they contact the Denton County A&M AgriLife Extension

Denton County Master Gardener Association Help Desk

The Help Desk was formed to assist the AgriLife Horticultural Agent field the numerous calls that come in to the office weekly from homeowners and others needing help. Approximately 611 emails, calls or walk-ins have been referred to the Help Desk this year. Most of the inquiries can be handled talking to the homeowner and asking specific questions to resolve the homeowners' concerns. If possible, we ask they send in pictures, via email, or bring in samples to the office to help us determine what the problem is, how to fix it and what will help the homeowner avoid future problems.

When the inquiry involves a tree there are times the Help Desk may refer the homeowner to the Tree Musketeer Team. If the inquiry cannot be resolved over the phone or through emails the Tree Team will set up an appointment and make a visit to the site. We are one of the few counties that offer this type of support.

The Help Desk has many resources through the A&M AgriLife Extension program they can refer to for the answers to many of the questions. They often tap into the Texas A&M Diagnostic Plant Clinic, the A&M Forest Service, A&M Research and Extension Center, and the scores of A&M AgriLife professionals that offer their expertise in many areas that concern homeowners. When they turn to the world wide web for a resolution they use education based sources.

The next time something pops up in your home landscape, give us a call, we will be glad to help you!

You can reach us by phone **940-349-2892** or email us at **master.gardener@dentoncounty.com**.

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