

# Wood Duck Whistler

## June 2023

### President's Message by Wanda Rauscher



#### City Nature Challenge

I want to thank all those who participated in City Nature Challenge 2023! I am still looking at all the species seen in our chapter catchment. Note that we observed one more species of mammals and 2 more species of birds than were observed for 2022. Even with the contest over, expect to see identifications continue to evolve. This is a great tool for recording organism occurrence. Hopefully we can continue participation in the years to come! If you have not looked go to: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2023-tyler-east-texas> to see our observations.

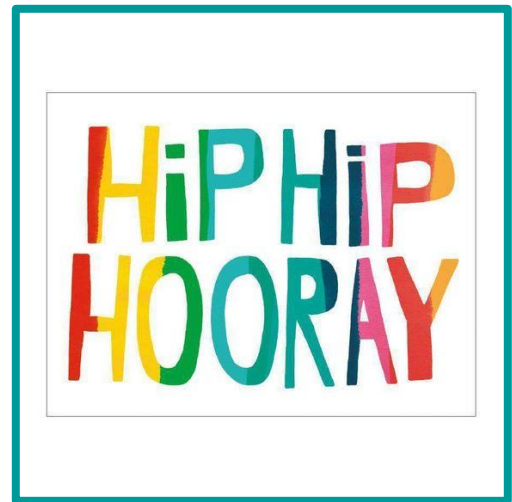
#### April Special Board Meeting

We had an excellent discussion at the Special Board Meeting in April about unmet needs for our chapter. I expect to see a member survey distributed by midsummer. Remember we can't do more without help so be sure to indicate where you might contribute!

#### Annual Meeting



Texas Master Naturalist 2023 Annual Meeting – to be held Thursday, October 12th through Sunday, October 15th this year at the southernmost point of the South Texas Plains ecoregion, surrounded by mesquite and prickly pear brush country in McAllen, Texas. The full agenda will post in June. Housing is available now. Go to <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2023-annual-meeting/> to see details.



#### **Initial Certification**

Meleena Byram  
Todd Guest  
Pat Howarth  
Carolyn Nanni

#### **Recertification**

Bob Lumpkins  
Donna Smith  
Lindsey Smith

#### **250 Hours**

Jason Pike

#### **500 Hours**

Mark Edmund  
Dale Wade  
Becky Whisenant

## ETCMN IS ALL ABOUT BIRDS

**Mark Edmund**

### **No Kolaches for Old Crows**

Holly Boyd-Leader ETCMN

Amy Martin

Laura Schneider

Kari Steph – ETCMN

Birded April 29 in Smith County around Lake Tyler

105 Species

### **The Birds Nerds Go Cuckoo**

**Sandy Tibbs**

The Bird Nerds team, consisting of Bobbie Williams, Pat Spradlin, Jaime Upton, Dawn Bahr and Sandy Tibbs along with Ann Reynolds as our record keeper, teamed up a once again for this year's Great Texas Birding Classic.

On Wednesday, May 3, much of our "birding" was at the Mineola Nature Preserve with a field trip to the SRA Lake Fork Park on highway 154. We then travelled on to Julie Mattox's property to enjoy her native prairie restoration and to be guaranteed dickcissels and purple martins. We registered for the dispersed flock category which allowed us to include birds we saw individually as well those we saw as a team. Our overall count was 73 species - with the yellow-billed cuckoo and its unique clucking call always being a favorite.



### **GRAY CAPPED CHICKADEE'S**

**Meleena Byram**

Pat Howarth, Melinda Moffat, and I (AKA Gray Capped Chickadees) participated in their first ever Great Texas Birding Classic (GTBC). All

three of us are recent graduates of the 2023 Master Naturalist training class, so we are all new to birding. Mark Edmondson, veteran Master Naturalist Birder, graciously took us out a few weeks prior for a trial run to show us the ropes, share tips, and encourage us. We had fun; and are so grateful to him for taking his time with us. We encountered many different species.

We decided to bird together as an "in-tact" flock on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Mineola Nature Preserve. Donning our GTBC T-shirts, we started out early, encountered lots of different species, and ended our adventure with a late lunch and celebratory Margueritas in Mineola!

We encountered a total of 41 species and 150 total birds. While it might not seem like a lot of species to veteran birders, we were excited and proud of our first "official" outing. We posted our bird list to e-Bird and shared so others could access our encounters.

We are looking forward to future birding adventures!

### **Gertrude and the Water Witches**

**Amanda Solorza**

How do you "extreme sport" birding?

- Four birders: Jessica Coleman, Amy Cumbie, Amanda Solorza and Laura Wilson
- 7 days nonstop (May 9-14)
- 250+ species of birds
- 2250+ miles across the state of Texas



## Old Coots

Mark Edmund, Team Leader  
Lance Homeniuk  
Kris Homeniuk  
Buck Lee  
Birded April 25  
Camp Tyler, Pump Station and The Boulders at  
Lake Tyler, Lake Tyler Dam area, Neches River  
WMA  
65 species

## Half-Cockaded

Karen Rueb-Hall, Team Leader  
Carol Lanthrum  
Bonnie Edwards  
Gail Bean  
Birded May 3 at Tyler State Park  
48 Species

## Chuck-will's-widow

### Wanda Rauscher

Taking the trash out at 11 p.m. I heard a bird. Normally if there is a bird calling in my front yard this time of night it's just the mockingbird which seems to call whenever it happens to be awake- day or night. With mockingbirds there is the pattern- 2-6 calls then a change in theme and different calls. This new bird I heard makes the same call over and over. So back in the house I went to whip out my phone with the Merlin sound recording app. Mystery solved! Bird is a Chuck-will's-widow and that is what someone thinks the call sounds like. This bird is a nightjar, Caprimulgidae family. According to the Cornell Lab, Chuck-will's-widow is included in the list of Common Birds in Steep Decline for species that are still too numerous or widely distributed to warrant Watch-List status but have been experiencing troubling long-term declines. From 1966 to 2019 it is estimated that the population declined by 58%. This bird is primarily an insectivore and eats insects on the wing at dawn and dusk or throughout the night when there is a full moon. It is found in both pine and mixed forests. The bird has the same length as a Blue Jay. It has also been known to



Photo credit: All About Birds

take smaller birds and bats as well as flying insects. I have heard its call for several nights. We are in its breeding range (fingers crossed that there will be more Chuck-will's-widow after this breeding season). It nests on the ground making a small depression (as I have seen killdeer do).

## Backyard Drama

### Wanda Rauscher

Project Feederwatch (the November-April program) has set the habit of my entire family to watch the bird feeders even as we sit at the table for mealtime. Today we had excitement! A juvenile Cooper's hawk flew to rest in our Vitex bush after narrowly missing its intended meal. Suddenly there was a commotion above as 6 Barn Swallows swooped in to make passes at the hawk. The hawk flew and may have grazed a crow sitting on the fence. A tussle ensued on the far side of the fence between crows and the hawk. No bird was down and out and the barn swallows continued making passes until the hawk flew away. We've had Sharp-shinned hawks harassed by Blue Jays. We've had a Red-shouldered hawk harassed by Mockingbirds. We've watched squirrels chased by Eastern Bluebirds. This is the first time we've seen mobbing behavior from Barn Swallows. The swallows are normally in the neighborhood this time of year but not visitors to our backyard. And we wait to see what drama will unfold next!

## Tyler Nature Center Update

**Ann Reynolds**

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, a cadre of Master Naturalists showed up to almost complete the



redesign of the Tyler Nature Center's Wildscape. One area is lacking in mulch and some plants will need to be replaced but it is beginning to look really good. We saw no signs of the venomous Cottonmouth ((Agkistrodon piscivorus). Pictured above is the result of three hours of work. Thanks for all for their dedication to this project.

## Master Naturalists out in the Community

**Ann Reynolds**

On April 28<sup>th</sup> Sharon Hanzik participated in the EnviroFest at All Saints Academy in Tyler where she presented 3 nature-based story time programs to approximately 345 students.



On May 6<sup>th</sup> she participated in the Brazos Bend



State Park Outdoor Expo. at the nature center's information station and conducted roving interpretation.

On May 22, she returned to All Saints for a presentation about public service. I presented a slideshow about my career with TPWD at Brazos Bend State Park and also about my TMN volunteer service. There were 32 students in attendance.

## Mineola's Sesquicentennial Spring Fling

ETCMN's own Allison Utley and Polly Jones representing the Mineola Nature Preserve.



## Wildflower of the Month

Meleena Byram

### GAILLARDIA: The Workhorse of My Texas Garden

Fall before last, I planted Gaillardia Aristata seed in my landscape. It came up the next Spring and started blooming right away. Blooms were prolific and continued blooming until the first hard frost! It also produced huge amounts of seeds. It defied the heat, sun, and drought of our summer...seeming to laugh in their faces and continue to thrive. Besides the tough nature of Gaillardia Aristata, the blooms are gorgeous. All of the pollinators love them. Being a perennial Gaillardia, they all re-emerged last Spring, along with a ton of re-seeded volunteers. Proving their worth yet again, they performed just as well last summer. I had numerous new plants to share and have been sharing the voluminous seeds gathered. Spring 2023 is proving to be the start of another great year for them. They've been blooming for several weeks. I'm sold. I've never had a plant with that kind of superior performance (particularly in Texas).



Gaillardia Aristata (Blanket Flower, Great Blanket Flower) is a long-lived western native. It is an erect perennial wildflower with daisy-like flower heads approximately 3 inches across with a red center, red rays, and yellow tips.

Their leaves are dandelion like and grows 24-30 inches tall. Rich in nectar, the flowers attract many pollinators (bees and butterflies). Birds love the seed heads. It is an important wildflower of the prairies and meadows. It is easy to grow, and heat and drought tolerant. It looks best in naturalistic plantings. It works well in xeriscape and water-wise gardens. Blooms Spring to Frost. Hardy in zones 3-8. Exposure: full sun.

Gaillardia Pulchella (Indian Blanket, Firewheel) is native to most of the United States. It is a showy annual or short-lived perennial with daisy-like flowers similar to Aristata, but smaller. Grows 10-12 inches tall. Also rich in nectar, attracting many pollinators (including native and honeybees and butterflies). Birds love seed heads. As with Aristata, it is an important wildflower of the prairies and meadows. Pulchella is also easy to grow, heat and drought tolerant. Blooms Spring to Frost. Hardy in zones 2-11. Exposure: full sun.

Gaillardia Pulchella is more familiar as an annual wildflower in Texas. When I ordered seeds to plant, I didn't realize I was ordering Gaillardia Aristata. However, I am glad I did order the perennial variety. While not specifically a Texas native, Aristata has virtually the same tough characteristics as its smaller cousin Pulchella, with the added benefit of being a perennial...and seems to be quite happy and thriving in my Texas Garden.

### Got Wolf's Milk?

Denise Gary

With so much rain falling recently, slime mold is making its presence known in the woods and in garden beds.

This one (pictured) is Lycogala epidendrum, commonly referred to as wolf's milk slime or toothpaste slime, due to the pink, milky substance secreted by its reproductive structures, known as aethalia. These globular fruiting bodies can be found from summer to

fall. Though not a fungus, wolf's milk also thrives on damp, rotting wood and leaf litter throughout North America, including mulch in our gardens. Its preference, however, is large logs. The color of the aethalia changes as they age, starting off as a grayish-pink color, then changing to various shades of tan.

One fascinating characteristic of this and other plasmodial slime molds is that while in their nonreproductive stage, the plasmodium moves through soil and dead leaves consuming bacteria, just like an animal with muscles and a nervous system. It stops moving when ready to reproduce, sending up the



pinkish puffballs to distribute spores and carry on. Wolf's milk slime is not harmful to humans or plants, but you could say it looks odd. Personally, I think it's cool!

## Camp Tyler Outdoor School - History

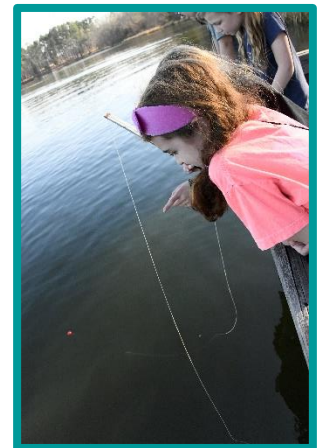
Neil Ford

As a volunteer at Camp Tyler I hear lots of misinformation about Camp Tyler and how it functions. I thought a short history might be of interest to our group.

Camp Tyler Outdoor School (CTOS) started as a 385-acre treasure on the shores of Lake Tyler. Conceived by the Tyler Kiwanis, with help from D.K. and Lottie Caldwell, the idea began as a simple project for the Camp Fire Boys and Girls to have summer camp. Soon, other civic

organizations joined with an eye to include additional youth summer camps. Their passion grew from seeing children lose their roots to the land and nature as Tyler became more urban.

Chartered in 1945 as the Smith County Youth Foundation (SCYF), Camp Tyler was designed to serve all youth organizations and schools. In the late 1940s, the community raised \$250,000



for initial construction of the facilities. Many of the buildings were built by skilled craftsmen who worked at their jobs during the week and then at the camp on weekends and in the evenings. In 1948 the first youth groups began coming to Camp Tyler and in 1949 the first classes from Tyler Schools started attending. In 1951 a contract was made with TISD for exclusive use of the facilities during the school year and overnight week-long camps began with TISD teachers. In return, TISD was responsible for all maintenance and utilities. When Tyler Schools were not in session (summer) other organizations started programs for kids such as diabetes camp and camp Heyday for disabled children.

In 1995 SCYF officially changed its name to the Camp Tyler Foundation (CTF). The mission remained the same, although some of the populations had changed. In 2000, at the request of Tyler ISD, CTF began offering

programs to other school districts with the goal of providing extra income to offset costs. By 2008 Camp Tyler staff took over instructional programs and became known as Camp Tyler Outdoor School (CTOS). Today CTOS continues to provide outdoor education in “the classroom without walls.”

CTOS currently serves private and public schools through outdoor education programs aligned with recognized educational standards, such as Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). These school groups range in age from preschool through college level. In addition, many different special needs, faith-based, and youth organizations utilize the facility throughout the year.



The East Texas Master Naturalist program offered projects at Camp Tyler over the years before CoVid. The Camp still encourages volunteers to help with work on the Butterfly Garden next to the office, repairing and replacing bluebird houses along the road into the camp, and various other hands-on projects. These activities are qualified for volunteer hours for Master Naturalists under Community Works Projects. Contacts to arrange to volunteer at the camp are listed below.

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1903-565-4475  
[info@campt Tyler.org](mailto:info@campt Tyler.org)

## Member Spotlight

### Ruth Adame

Dale Wade, Texas Master Naturalist class 2019, spent 25 years in business as a marketing director followed by 10 years as a high school teacher. He currently serves our Chapter as webmaster and Facebook administrator. He works with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as our Adopt-a-Loop coordinator for the Great Texas Wildlife Trails.



A true educator, Dale's belief in life-long learning helps him as a naturalist. An avid hiker around state and national parks he chose to become a Master Naturalist to explore more deeply all things nature. He enjoys sharing what he has learned with others. That serves him well as a member of our Speakers' Bureau. He favors neither the training nor the volunteering saying they both provide information and association with like-minded folks equally. The John Bunker Sands Wetlands and Daphne Prairie stand out as favorite field trips to date, although he anticipates future outings.

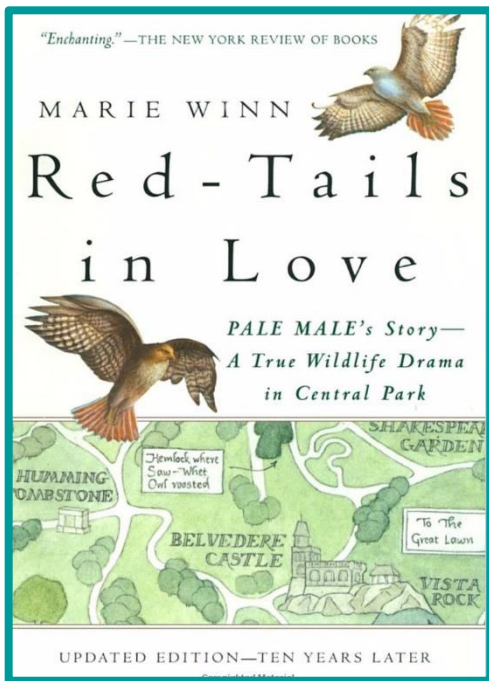
His latest adventure is being the “nature guy” for RV Travel digital magazine. He has written several articles, most of which can be found on his website. His favorite writing moments involve watching various birds (blue jays, chickadees, robins, cardinals, mocking birds, red breasted and pileated woodpeckers, and lately, a brown thrush) enjoy the bird bath just outside his office window,

His advice to new Master Naturalists, “Enjoy nature by being in the moment.”

## Book Reviews

Lance Homeniuk

RedTails In Love: PALE MALE's Story – A True Life Drama in Central Park, by Marie Winn. 2005 by Vintage Books, a Division of Random House, NY, NY. Paperback, 333 pages.

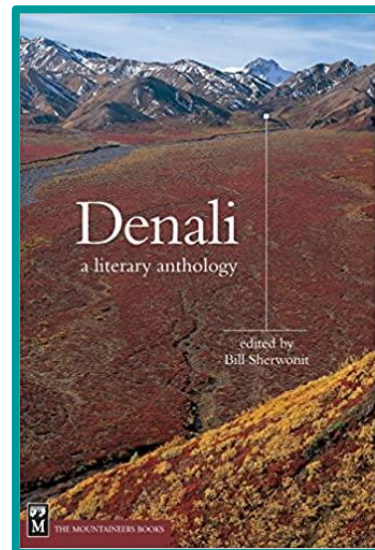


The particular copy I have is a ten-year anniversary publication (it says so on the cover). The avian protagonists are red tail hawks living and breeding in New York City. The human protagonists are a motley loose collection of hawkers, birders, naturalists, and interested citizens of the Big Apple. Winn introduces us to a cast of very interesting people. Confession – for the first time ever I look favorably to visiting NY, NY just to wander Central Park and get acquainted with binocular packing folks. It has been my experience that the nature crowd anywhere are more approachable, welcoming, friendly, and generous than the average bear.

Hawks and humans are not the only characters in this literary romance. We meet warblers, woodpeckers, rodents, trees, flowering plants, butterflies - migrants, residents and accidentals. The whole cycle of life is on view and recorded in the Big Book. It is surprising how much of it is hidden in plain sight. And how positive people's response is when their attention is directed to raw nature in the center of the big city.

Following the narrative, the last section, “A Wildlife Almanac” consists of Tom Fiore's “birds Through the Year in Central Park”, Nicholas Wagerick's “Butterflies of Central Park” and “Damselflies and Dragonflies of Central Park”, Sharon Freedman's “Migrating Hawks Over Central Park”, and Collin & Kennedy's “A Taste or Two Along the Way” (foraging!). Best of all – an annotated bibliography.

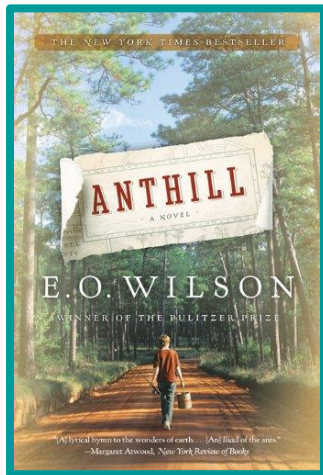
Denali A Literary Anthology edited by Bill Sherwonit. Published in 2000 by The Mountaineers Books, Seattle, WA. Paperback, 260 pages.



Some books by their very nature make good “bathroom or bedroom” books. They have longer chapters than you can read, say, in the car, but short enough you for which you

don't have to schedule an hour of comfy time. The word for this is anthology! And this one is all about Alaska's Denali (formerly Mt. McKinley) area. But it has variety- Native stories, explorers, mountaineers, natural history, and modern homesteaders. Twenty-one stories, several B&W photos, a map. Yes! Something for everyone, and in bite-sized chunks. Perfect!

Anthill A Novel by E. O. Wilson. Published in 2010 by W. W. Norton & Co., NY, NY. Hardcover, 378 pages.



I have reviewed EO Wilson before. I have reviewed nature fiction before. But I never thought I would run across a novel by EO Wilson. So, when I did I couldn't pass it by. And a fortuitous serendipity it was. Not great literature or profound science, but a good read. It's actually a bit of a fairy-tale or value lesson, juxtaposing ant societies with human societies. Happily, the balanced, sustaining cultures of each win out. (oops, spoiler alert).

## Five Points When Hiking with Kids

Dale Wade

**(Note from Editor: If you watched the most recent addition of TMN Tuesday you will note that Dale's experience is an excellent example of Roving Interpretation.)**

When my grandkids were younger, we used to go on nature walks around the neighborhood. They had me take pictures of rocks and sticks and a bird in a tree. Now that they have turned the ripe old ages of 7 and 9 years old, I realize that they are more focused with an educated curiosity about what nature offers. To keep them actively interested, I follow these five basic points for a hike that is fun and educational.

### Plan Ahead

I hike a lot. I study the trail ahead of time so that I can get the most out of it. Same goes with kids. Whatever trail that we hike, be it a local park, a state park, or the woods behind my house, I scout it out looking for interesting nature finds. Walking the path, I observe and ask myself several questions. What kind of tree is that? Is there a vine running up the trunk? Are there wildflowers around? Are we likely to run across birds, insects, or critters? If so, what are they and why are they there? Do not assume that they know the answers, and, keep it simple.

### Know the Trail Conditions

My grandkids can hike from a quarter to a half mile. After that they get tired. If the trail is a loop, that is great. If not, backtracking requires a bit more thought on your part to keep things interesting. Backtracking is not a bad thing as you can point out features that were missed.

Trail conditions are important as well. Your hikers should be dressed appropriately including wearing shoes designed for hiking. If you are on the beach or lake front, sandals, shorts, and tees work (do not forget the sunscreen). If hiking through the woods, dress with sturdy shoes/boots and long pants (do not forget the insect repellent).

### Get Your Game On

Kids like to play, and so do you. Do not rush down the trail. Rather, take time to explore. What is the first thing everyone needs on a

hike...a walking stick, of course. You can have one ready or find one on the trail.

Make a scavenger hunt list beforehand. Kids can be on the lookout for nature's particulars. Every time you find one, cross it off the list and make it a learning moment through description.

Bring along binoculars for seeing those birds and magnifying glasses for checking out the bugs and flowers.

Take pictures with your phone. The kids will want to share the adventure with parents and others upon their return to civilization.

### Bring a Pack

I promise that the kids will find a rock or a stick or a leaf or a flower that has to go home with them. Make room in your back pack to bring



Photo courtesy of Ann Reynolds

those treasures back. Also, load up with snack bars, trail mix, and water. Not only will they want it, but sitting at the end of the trail, enjoying a great view, and just visiting with the kids brings its own rewards for all.

### Après Hike

Now that you are back home, encourage them tell everyone about the hike. What did

they like the best? What did they see? If they brought back souvenirs, let them talk about what it is and why they like it.

Go to the [iNaturalist](#) app and show them how to upload the photos that you took. Help the kids use the app to identify the object. Read about it, talk about it, and post it to the app. More than anything, have fun with them. These are moments that become memories. Enjoy them.

**Editor – many of you asked where I got my messenger bag. Here is the info.**

### Messenger Bag w/ ETCMN Wood Duck Logo Embroidered

**Price \$25**

Colors: Khaki green, putty (tan), smoke (grey), poppy (red), denim (blue), flamingo (pink), java (brown).

#### Authentic Pigment Dyed Canvas

**Field Bag. Features:** 100% cotton canvas, heavy enzyme-washed, cotton webbing straps, front flap with antique brass turn-buckles, inside hanging zippered pocket 3.5" D x 16" L x 12" W

Contact Sandy Tibbs

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**Deadline to order is June 5, 2023**



**City Nature Challenge 2023**  
Tyler/East Texas

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Join Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Master Naturalists, the Nature Conservancy, the Audubon Society, and many others in a fun challenge to see which city can document the most species during April 28 - May 1. It is easy to participate by joining an event or [Read More >](#)

[Project Journal](#)

Overview **4,087** OBSERVATIONS **1,063** SPECIES **375** IDENTIFIERS **135** OBSERVERS [Stats](#)

Recent Observations [View All](#)



**Most Observations**

mrmak	532
jwwalker	482
cosmiccat	296
phototime	244
autley	232
wwrauscher	221

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**Most Species**

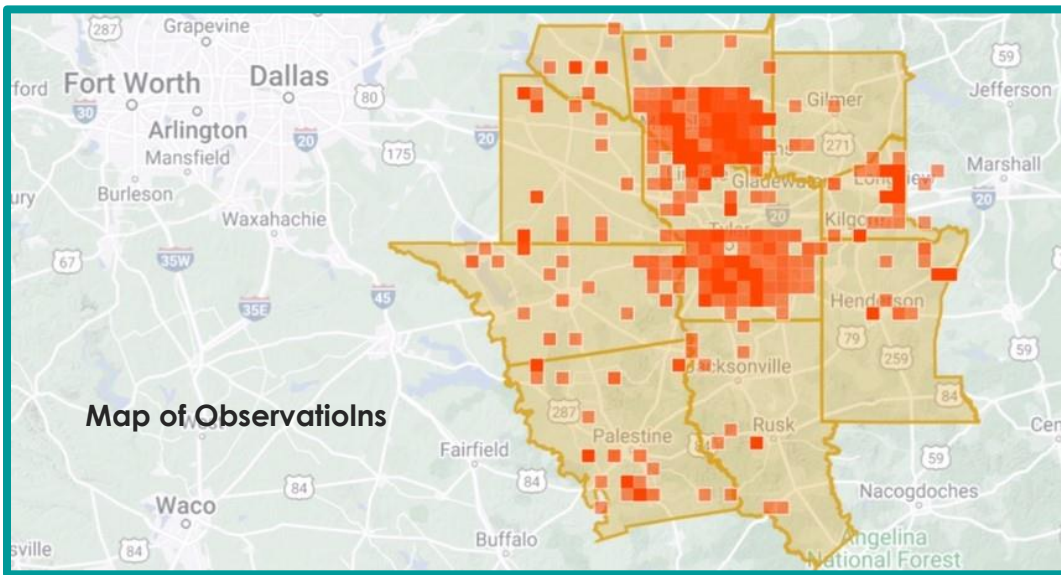
jwwalker	320
cosmiccat	223
mrmak	183
phototime	145
autley	132
wwrauscher	105

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**Most Observed Species**

Texas Paintbrush	28
Pinkladies	26
Common Buckeye	24
Common Selfheal	24
Southern Dewberry	23
Chinese Privet	23

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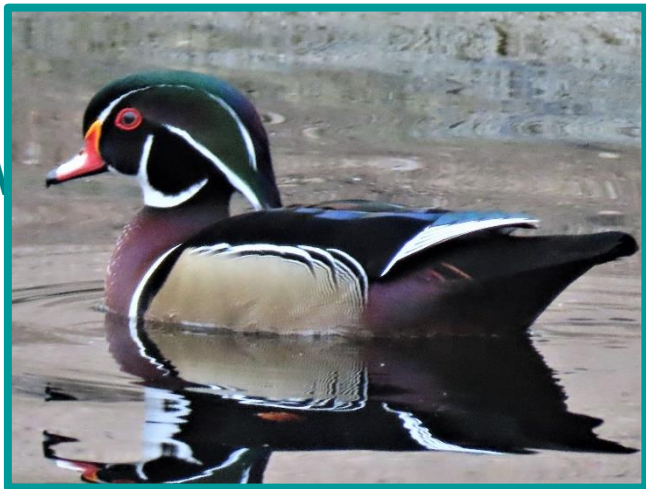


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If you are interested in learning more about the business side of the chapter, all ETCMN members are invited to attend the quarterly chapter Board meetings. You can also access the Board meeting minutes on the chapter website under Members Only section, select Board of Directors and enter the current password.

The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

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### Upcoming Events

**June 3 – Wildscape Work Day**, 9-noon, Tyler Nature Center, contact Kay Jenkins

**JUNE 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Backyard Farming & Management Practices Workshop.** See eBlast.

**June 13 – TMN Tuesday noon – General topic: Plants**

**June 20 articles for the chapter newsletter due to Ann Reynolds**

**June 22 – Chapter Meeting**, 6:45 pm, Tyler Nature Center

**June 24, 2023 Tyler Bee Day in The Garden**  
See eBlast.

**Sept 5-Oct. 31 Master Volunteer Entomology Advanced Training.** See eBlast.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Adopt-A-Loop**

Need members to be Lake Tyler site reporters for three locations: Caldwell Zoo, East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society, and Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. Your responsibilities are to visit the site seasonally, complete a site report, upload any wildlife photos to eBird and iNaturalist. If interested, please contact Dale Wade

#### **IN THE COMMUNITY**

**NETFO – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6:30 pm**, Alethea SS Classroom at Greggton UMC (1101 Pine Tree Road) in Longview.

**Tyler Audubon Society**, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm St. Francis Episcopal Church, Education Room, 3232 Jan Avenue, Tyler.

**NPSOT-Longview – 4th Thursday, 2:00 pm**, Longview Arboretum



You can find East Texas Chapter Master Naturalists here:

<https://txmn.org/etwd/>

<https://www.facebook.com/EastTexasMasterNaturalist/>



<https://tpwd.texas.gov/>

Texas Master Naturalist – East Texas Chapter Monthly Chapter meetings are held the **fourth Thursday of the month at the Tyler Nature Center, 11942 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75707**. Meet and greet 6:45 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Safety Guidelines from TMN: Safety is our guiding principle. Follow all federal, state and county guidelines for TMN activities. Virtual platforms are useful and should remain an important consideration for planning meetings and events. Masks and social distancing considerations are encouraged. (July 2021)

## ETCMN CHAPTER ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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