

## Prairie Plant ID or Transects 101 at ABNC, 9/22/2023, 9am - noon

Plants of the Texas coastal tallgrass prairie - would you like to learn more about them?



Armand Bayou Nature Center has 900 acres of Texas coastal tallgrass prairie which is at its most beautiful in October with climax species in full bloom!

ABNC volunteers and staff have worked for 20+ years to restore and maintain this amazing habitat by finding, propagating and planting prairie species, while monitoring their progress. This work includes monitoring progress, which we do spring and fall by inspecting transect lines, recording presence or absence of a specific list of

desirable (and otherwise) plants. This is, by far, the best way to really “see” the prairie in all its glory!

So, if you would like to learn or refresh your prairie plant ID skills, with a goal of joining the prairie transect team, please join the group at ABNC on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 9am - noon, in the auditorium of the Environmental Learning Center. Following a bit of classroom time, we will head out to the prairie to get up close to climax species: Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Eastern Gamagrass, Yellow Indian Grass, and Switchgrass., among others.

For going to the field, wear closed-toe shoes or boots. We will provide hand lenses and have guidebooks. We will learn about basic plant ID, a few family characteristics, and species on the transect list, plus basic transect procedures.

For questions or to sign up, please contact Diane Humes, [treimanhumes@gmail.com](mailto:treimanhumes@gmail.com), by September 15. GBAC members; this class will count for 3 hours AT.