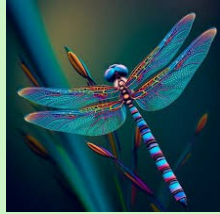


Guadalupe Chapter

Texas Master Naturalist

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



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Mission. *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.*

Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Business Meeting

Date: Monday, September 22, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - Social/Visiting

7:00 PM - Program

8:00 PM - Business Meeting

Location: AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX

Description: TBD – email notification will be sent



**Pre-meeting social time will begin at 6:30.
Arrive early to visit with your fellow
Master Naturalists, meet Training Class
students and enjoy refreshments.**

If you are able, please bring something to contribute to the refreshment table. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate or even homemade; whatever you place on the table will be appreciated!

The Chapter will provide drinks.

Marilyn Anderson serves as
hospitality coordinator for the Seguin meeting.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NATURE EDUCATION

Discover A Bug's World

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: Participants staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AM

Volunteers, please arrive at 8:30 A.M.

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

Description: The world needs bugs! A world without insects would be a changed world with human consequences. Using observational skills, children develop an understand of the essential role insects play in the natural environment and their relationships with humans.



Contact: Laura Griffith at ljgriffith528@gmail.com for information and to volunteer.

Please use the link below to sign up to help at the September Discovery Series.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48AAAD2AABFE3-58136458-discover>

Agriculture Awareness Days at Big Red Barn "Texas Wildlife"



Dates:

DAYS	DATES	AUDIENCE
Monday – Friday	September 22 – 26	Guadalupe County schools
Monday – Thursday	September 29 – October 2	Karnes, Lavaca, Goliad, Comal counties
Monday – Friday	October 6-10	Wilson County

Time: 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM; **Lunch provided!!**

Location: The Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center, aka "Big Red Barn"
250 Cordova Rd., Seguin

Description: Our Chapter will be presenting the lesson "Texas Wildlife" to 4th grade students from Guadalupe and surrounding counties. This is our wonderful opportunity to interact with literally 100's of children, impacting their knowledge of and appreciation for Texas' native wildlife. Student groups rotate between various learning stations spending 15 minutes per location. Six to eight groups will visit the Wildlife station per day.

The interpretation script is attached to this newsletter email. Wildlife "props" are provided by the Red Barn.

Hopefully many of you will represent Guadalupe Chapter at this important learning event! Please respond to this e-mail with the days you are able to help. I am also glad to answer any questions.

Contact: Jennifer Ehlers 830-305-1352 ehlers@gvec.net

Owl Prowl at Crescent Bend

Dates: Sunday, September 28, 2025

Time: 8:30 – 9:30 PM

Volunteers arrive at 8:00 at the picnic tables next to the restrooms

Description: It's that time of year again....Texas HEAT! Of course, that also means we get to wander Crescent Bend at night during our monthly Owl Prowl.

If you're not familiar, we take participants around the park and look for scorpions, spiders, and hopefully owls. While walking we'll talk about anything in nature that sparks your interest. These walks are inspired by the interests and observations of those who attend. We will expand knowledge on all types of nature from soil, plants, insects, mammals, and birds, talking about their dependence, interaction and place in preserving the nature around us. You do not need to be an expert, just need to have a willingness to talk with people about becoming a Master Naturalist and answer questions that participants might have regarding things they see during our walk. Helping with Merlin and iNaturalist is always welcome since most people aren't familiar with those apps. We'll walk about a mile, finish in about an hour and the route is completely accessible. If you don't want to lead a group you're welcome to walk with another naturalist and work together to introduce visitors to the neat things to see in Crescent Bend at night. I have a supply of UV and normal flashlights that we pass out to let people look for spiders and scorpions but it would be really helpful if you have some of your own to bring for your use.



John Barrington will be leader in September.

Contact: Carolyn Wolfer, wolfercdat@mac.com for information and to volunteer with this popular program.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Schertz Pollinator Garden – NEW Opportunity

Dates: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Location: 1101 Elbel Rd., Schertz [behind the Guadalupe County Clerk's Office (Annex)]

Description: The Schertz Pollinator Garden was installed by the Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) in 2011-12 as a demonstration garden and habitat for pollinators.



This garden displays native plants in a semi-natural way, allowing them to achieve their natural shape and size (mostly). Plants are left as habitat during the winter and trimmed before spring growth.

The NPSOT team would appreciate the help of Master Naturalists several days a year (mostly in the spring, but there are a couple of fall dates scheduled) to prune plants and remove weeds.

Volunteers should bring their own weeding/pruning tools, gloves, and water.

This project qualifies for volunteer hour credit in VMS, in the category of "NPA: Chapter approved."

Contact: Questions?? Please **contact** Belinda Rossiter (belindarossiter@gmail.com or 713-248-2001)



Park West Pollinator Garden

Date: Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 AM [or later]

Location: Park West, 601 N. Vaughn, Seguin



Description: Earn volunteer hours by helping to maintain the garden for the many pollinators who are visiting. Volunteers should dress for gardening work including gloves and a hat and bring a rake, clippers and water.

Contact: Please **RSVP** to Belinda Rossiter (belindarossiter@gmail.com or 713-248-2001)

Garden Volunteer Day at Fischer Park Nature Center Pollinator Garden

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Fischer Park, 1935 Hilltop Summit Rd., New Braunfels

Description:

Come join other volunteers on the first Saturday of each month helping our pollinators have a great place to stop off for a meal. There are always tasks available for any age or ability and the garden is completely accessible, so feel free to bring additional family members. The tasks vary depending on the time of year, how many volunteers we have available and what's going on in the garden at that moment. This July we will be removing invasive plants from the beds, clearing the paths of overgrown vegetation and removing excess vegetation to allow more space for individual plants. Volunteers are provided water, gloves, and tools but you're always welcome to bring your own. The Pollinator Garden is located down the hill next to the Nature Center in New Braunfels.

Contact: Carolyn Wolfer, wolfercdat@mac.com or Craig Bruska craigbruska@hotmail.com for information.



Forest Restoration Crew is

HANGING UP THEIR TOOLS

Hot Texas summer forces a pause in the invasive plant removal at Park West. Work will resume in the Fall; watch for announcement in newsletter.



Guadalupe Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists will partner with H-E-B and Texan by Nature to Plant Trees for Texans in Park West

We are thrilled to announce that our chapter's grant application has been accepted and will be awarded \$5,000 in H-E-B's Trees for Texans program. This fall, we will plant over 130 trees in Park West, 125 seedlings and 6 large trees to help Texans cultivate a deeper connection to nature and promote environmental stewardship. Master Naturalists will plant native trees alongside H-E-B partners in Park West starting on November 6, 2025.

Resource Management Committee co-chairs, Nancy Masterson and John Barrington, planned and submitted the application. GMN volunteers will begin site preparation work-days in October, so watch for announcements of October Resource Management workdays

For over ten years, our chapter has scheduled volunteer workdays in the Park West forest. The 48-acre public park was acquired by the City of Seguin in 2013. Native trees provide crucial ecosystem services like air and water filtration, shade, and cooling. Trees also enhance our communities, providing educational opportunities and mental health benefits that enrich the quality of life of Texans.

H-E-B Trees for Texans is managed by Texan by Nature awards community grants annually.

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About H-E-B:

H-E-B, with sales of \$38 billion, operates more than 430 stores in Texas and Mexico. Known for its innovation and community service, H-E-B celebrates its 118th anniversary this year. Recognized for its fresh food, quality products, convenient services, and a commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability, H-E-B strives to provide the best customer experience and lowest prices. Based in San Antonio, H-E-B employs over 154,000 Partners in Texas and Mexico and serves millions of customers in more than 300 communities. For more information, visit [HEB.com](https://www.heb.com) and the H-E-B Newsroom.



About Texan by Nature:

Texan by Nature (TxN) unites conservation and business leaders who believe Texas' prosperity is dependent on the conservation of its natural resources. TxN, founded by former First Lady Laura Bush, acts as an accelerator for conservation groups and a strategic partner for business. TxN supports 140+ conservation organizations and has accelerated projects and programs that have impacted 7 million-plus people, 20 million acres, and all of Texas' 254 counties

Get involved and learn more at www.texanbynature.org and follow us on Facebook @TexanbyNature, Twitter @TexanbyNature, and Instagram @texanbynature for the latest.

Native Seed Library Events

Sat., 09/20/2025	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Seed Cleaning/Packaging Workday	Seguin Public Library Downstairs meeting room	Belinda Rossiter belindarossiter@gmail.com
Sun., 09/21/2025	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Seed Cleaning/Packaging Workday	Schertz Public Library	Milda Scott mldsct@gmail.com

Earn Volunteer Time while enjoying the cool A/C and the company of fellow Master Naturalists at the public libraries. No experience necessary in cleaning, sorting and packaging valuable native seeds.

Kirchoff Prairie Restoration

This volunteer opportunity does not have a set date as it's dependent on when Don needs help with projects. If interested, I'll add your name to his mailing list so you can be notified when a workday is set up. Workdays occur usually two or three times a month; you can participate as much or as little as you want. These tasks are generally labor intensive, such as removing huisache, planting native vegetation, cutting back trees and maintaining/installing owl and bird boxes. The Kirchoff Prairie is located at 1444 County Rd 210, Floresville, TX [around Dewees.]

Contact: Carolyn Wolfer, wolfercdat@mac.com for information or (713) 562-768.

Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary



Dates/Times: Vary

Description: Assist with filling feeders, clearing brush, building owl boxes, general maintenance, golf cart repairs/maintenance

Location: Warbler Woods, 19349 Old Wiederstein Rd, Cibolo, TX

Contact: Sandi Wheeler at wheels5683@gmail.com for current opportunities

Fall Stream Clean-up – Geronimo/Alligator Creeks

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025

More details and registration coming soon!

Free Breakfast Tacos
Free Event Swag (t-shirts)
Trash Pickup Supplies

Geronimo & Alligator Creeks
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE
October 4
Fall Stream Cleanup

SINCE 2013...

Over 40,000 lbs.
litter removed

By 1,774
volunteers

www.facebook.com/GeronimoAlligator

TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

Funding for this effort is provided through a Clean Water Act 515(b)(1) Nonpoint Source Grant administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.

AGRICULTURE

Birding Crescent Bend Nature Park

Bexar Audubon South Central Texas Chapter of National Audubon Society

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Time: 8:00 – 11:00 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, 12780 W Schaefer Rd., Schertz, TX

Description: Meet leader Sandi Wheeler at the parking area near the restrooms at 8:00 AM. You will walk on easy gravel and paved paths and visit the two bird blinds looking for summer species and early fall migrants. The park is made up of wooded areas and open fields along Cibolo Creek and a variety of species are possible.

Bring binoculars, water, and sun/insect protection. Wear neutral colored clothing, close-toed shoes, and a hat.

Please check the weather forecast the day before the outing to assess the potential for extreme temperatures and/or precipitation. Prepare accordingly. Check your email the day before the outing in case the outing had to be canceled due to weather.

Mostly easy; areas around creek moderate; Distance: About 1.6 miles; Restrooms available.

Guadalupe Master Naturalist VMS: FR Chapter Approved or AT Chapter Approved: TMN AT Report Hours

Sign up: https://bexaraudubon.org/3174-2/?sheet_id=245
Sandi Wheeler, 210-632-2812 wheels5683@gmail.com

Leader:

Fall Migratory Bird Survey at Kirchoff Prairie

San Antonio Chapter – Native Prairies Assn. Of Texas

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 7:30 – 11:00 AM

Location: Kirchoff Family Farm, 1444 CR 210, Floresville, TX

Description: Experience fall migration at Kirchoff Prairie during a morning of bird surveys led by experts from the Bexar Audubon Society.

Arrive at 7:30 AM to connect with fellow bird enthusiasts before teams are formed to survey designated 50-acre areas from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Afterward, findings will be shared over lunch to conclude the day.

Kirchoff Prairie provides an ideal setting to observe migratory bird species as they journey south for the winter. This restored Blackland prairie offers critical habitat for a variety of grassland birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, reflecting years of dedication to conservation.

Please RSVP here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nativeprairiesassociationoftexas/1554408>



JOIN US FOR A NATIVE
PLANT SOCIETY MEETING

*Wildflowers
Texas Style*

By Karen Brkich, Advanced Master Gardener

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9th
6:30 SOCIAL TIME
7:00 PRESENTATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1121 EAST WALNUT
SEGUIN, TX 78155

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information, directions to First Presbyterian Church, or Membership application see our website & link to our Facebook page at:
<https://npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>

Enter parking lot on south side of church, off North Moss Street.

Native Seed Collection and Processing Workshop **Collin County NPSOT**

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM ZOOM set-up/ connection
7:00 PM Meeting/Program

Location: Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yn85nbzd>

Meeting ID: 885 5459 6572

Passcode: 571904

Description: Carol Clark will lead a hands-on workshop on **native seed collection and processing**. Learn the principles of ethical, efficient, and useful native plant seed collection, processing and storage. We will cover shortcuts, processing techniques, dangers and pitfalls involved in collecting and storing native seeds.

Clark is an amateur botany enthusiast, a Texas Master Naturalist, and longtime member of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and is now a Conservation Specialist with [Monarch Watch](#).

The Role of Texas Native Plants in School Garden Programs **North Central Chapter NPSOT**

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025

Time: 7:00 – presentation will follow business meetings

Location: Online ZOOM;

Advance registration is required to receive the Zoom link: [Zoom Registration](#)

<https://npsot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/r6bx8fvuR5CMPPUKjQ3rPw#/registration>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description: Join Mary Jo Greene as she shares the inspiring work of Made Greene and their impact on school gardens in Fort Worth and beyond! She'll take us on a journey through vibrant, hands-on garden programs where students get their hands dirty, explore nature up close, grow food, and learn science, sustainability, and stewardship all in one go. Discover why incorporating Texas native plants into these garden projects isn't just smart—it's essential! Texas native plants bring our learning in school yards to life, attract pollinators, and give students the kind of real-world "nature smarts" they'll carry forever. Get ready for a fun and enlightening look at how incorporating Texas native plants in our school gardening programs can grow our minds and green futures!

TMNTuesday - 2025 TMN Annual Meeting Chapter Project Fair

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Time: TBD

Description: Join the Texas Master Naturalist Program state office and various TMN Chapters from across the state as they present their submissions to the 2025 TMN Annual Meeting Chapter Project Fair. TMN Chapters still have time to submit their projects into the contest! The deadline to submit is September 1, 2025, at 11:59pm. The time for the TMNTuesday Project Fair event will be announced after submissions close.

Website: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

TPWD Angler Education Instructor Training

Date	Time	Location
Online September 9 and 11, 2025 Registration link: https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/education/angler-ed/angler-education-instructor-training-workshop-online-two-part	6:30-9:00 pm	Online
In person , September 13, 2025 Registration link: https://tpwd.samaritan.com/custom/1353/opp_details/227981	1:00 -6:00 pm	San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo International Room 3201 East Houston St., San Antonio, TX

Description: This free workshop is open to anyone 18 or older interested in learning and teaching fishing skills in their communities. All equipment and materials are provided for the workshop. After certification, the program provides the curriculum, equipment (where available), materials and support to help volunteers successfully introduce others to fishing. Ideal for fishing clubs, teachers, scout, or youth group leaders, after school or camp staff and community volunteers. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities.



Contact Name: Laura Griffith, TPWD Angler Ed Volunteer Instructor Trainer
Email: ljgriffith528@gmail.com Primary Phone: (210) 488-7191

Lone Star Healthy Streams

Date: Friday, September 12, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: The Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center, aka "Big Red Barn"
250 Cordova Rd., Seguin

Description: Join us for a FREE educational event in Seguin. Learn from local and state experts about ...

- * Feral hog management
- * Brush control
- * Grazing practices
- * And landowner water quality planning!

This **FREE** program will include a catered breakfast and lunch.

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Registration: Required and can be completed by contacting the Guadalupe County Extension Office at (830) 303-3889, or guadalupe-tx@tamu.edu.

The Lone Star Healthy Streams Program provides education on the connection between grazing practices and water quality management. Find more information at lshs.tamu.edu!

Basic Soil Science

Date: Friday, September 19, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 noon

Location: Irma Lewis Outdoor Learning Center,
1865 US Hwy 90 East, Seguin

Description: Isaiah Jaramillo, Soil Scientist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, will conduct the workshop on all factors influencing the formation, content, characteristics, and processes affecting soils. Both instructional lecture and hands-on demonstrations will be used.

SOIL SCIENCE



Come learn why soil is fundamental to all life on Earth!

Contact: John Barrington at freedom516@yahoo.com for informatio



The Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for the Texas Master Naturalist volunteers from around the state to gather, participate in hands-on educational seminars, and receive all their Advanced Training requirements for the year in one weekend. It's also an opportunity for program participants and supporters to network, share new ideas, and to learn from chapters in different regions of the state.

Link to registration information: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2025-annual-meeting/#Registration>

Registration for the Texas Master Naturalist 2025 Annual Meeting will open the first week of August.

View Agenda: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2025-annual-meeting/#Agenda>

Congratulations!



Road Runner 2025

Recertifications for June, July and August 2025

Congratulations to these members who recorded all their hours and received their certification for 2025.

Carolyn Wolfer	Sharon Frels
Mark de Kiewiet	Michelle Darnell
Bruce Bebow	Debbie Balderez
Romy Gomez	Janet Magee
Gayle Temple	Tom Hardaway
Ullie Judkins	

A special thank you to our members who have recorded a record number of hours.

250 Hours

Susan Rumsey

500 Hours

Craig Bruska
Sharon Frels

Our 2024 training class is still making great strides towards their certification.

We have two newly certified Guadalupe Master Naturalist
Vanessa Skinner and Rebecca Gonzalez

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!



Native
Plant
Society
of Texas

Guadalupe Chapter

Native Plant Sale

Saturday September 27, 2025

10:00 am – 3:00 pm
(or until sold out)

First Presbyterian Church of Seguin

1121 E. Walnut Street, Seguin

Parking on N. Moss St. behind the church



Members Will be Available to Answer Questions Cash, Check, Credit Cards & Tap to Pay Accepted

Chapter Calendar



Visit our chapter calendar at txmn.org/guadalupe/calendar for volunteer or advanced training opportunities.

Check back often---new items are added as we hear about them.

Need to add an event or report a change? Please send information to gmncal@guadmn.org.

Send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, MarilynA@access4less.net by **Friday, September 26, 2025** for the October 2025 issue.

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