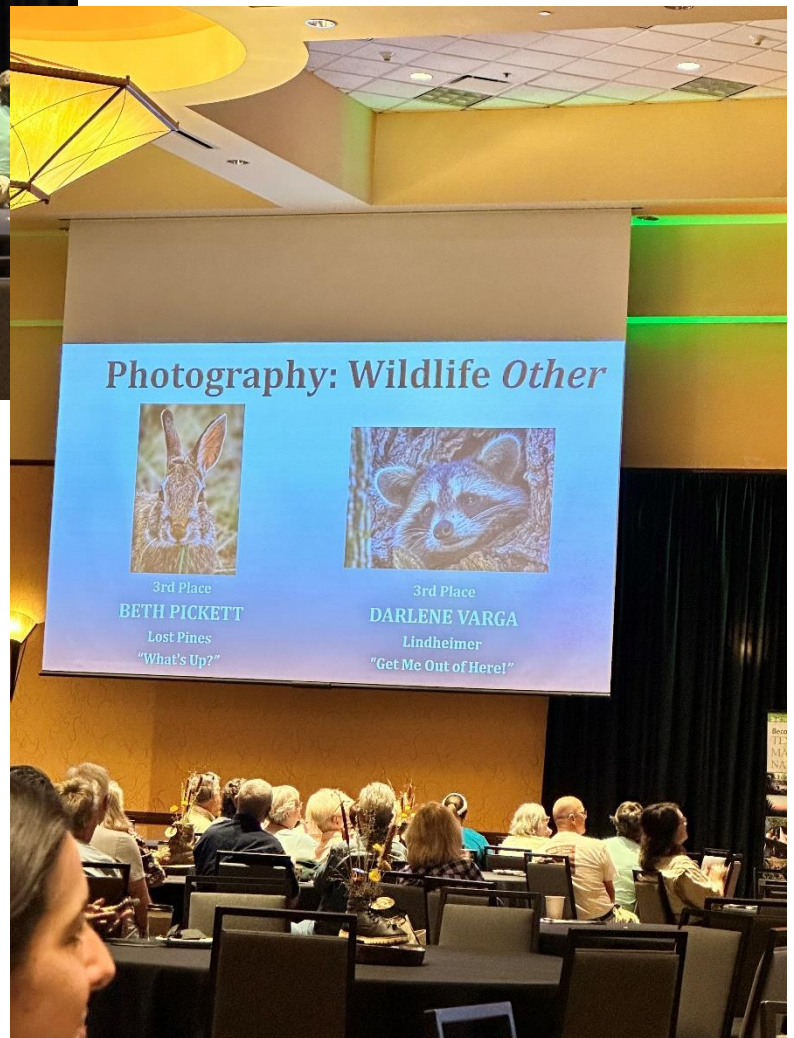




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Lindheimer Chapter Members Win Photography Awards at the Texas Master Naturalist Program State Meeting, San Marcos 2024! Congrats to Caroline Broderick & Darlene Varga!!!!





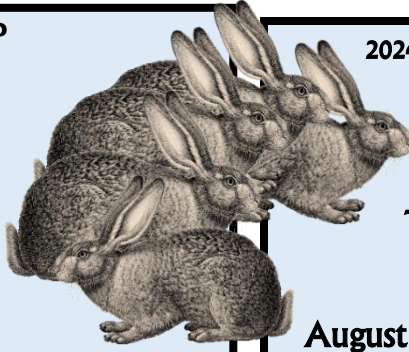
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2024 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Sue Sommer
VICE PRESIDENT	Laurie Dugan
SECRETARY	Rob Kyrouac
TREASURER	Don Epps



2024 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held in-person every 3rd Thursday at Tye Preston Memorial Library
5:45 pm – 7:30pm

August & November will be via Zoom only.

Sign-up to bring snacks:

[Lindheimer Master Naturalists: Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting Snacks \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Education – Caroline Broderick, Director
Membership & Records – Cheryl Trock, Brian Trock (VMS)
Outreach – Debbie Kyrouac
Projects & Opportunities - Jeanie Springer

Subcommittees

Trunks – Deb Kyrouac
Program to Assist Landowners (PAL) – Elisabeth Olszewski
Community Recognition – VP
Hospitality – VP
New Class – President – Karla Roch
Photographer – Katie Johnson



COMMUNICATIONS

Director – MJ McFarland (Message Board)
Out & About Calendar – Sara Riggs



CHAPTER ADVISORS

Craig Hensley, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Wildlife Tracker
Jason Mangold, AgriLife

The Lindheimer Quarterly Newsletter MJ McFarland – Editor

Newsletter published quarterly by the Lindheimer Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist™ to communicate, educate & inform chapter members & the Hill Country Community. Current and previous issues of The Quarterly are posted on the website www.txmn.org/lindheimer.

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2024 Board of Directors Meetings
Every 4th Monday at 5:00 PM
Meetings are via ZOOM
All members welcome

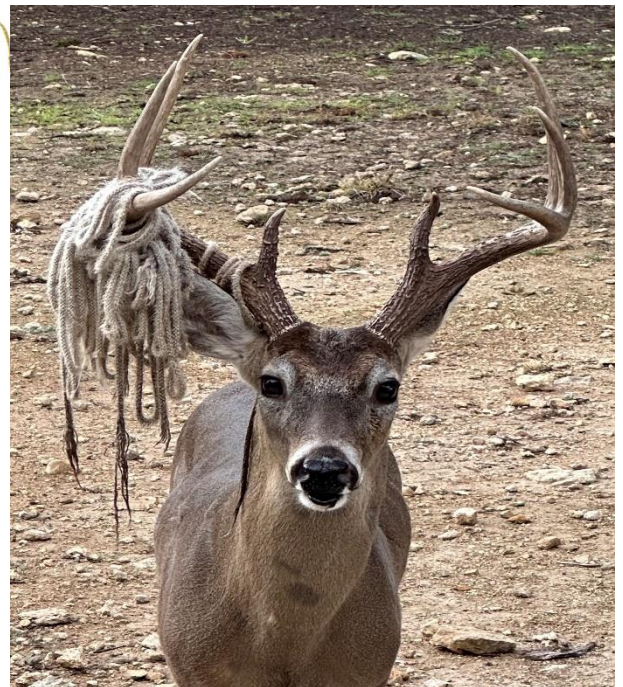
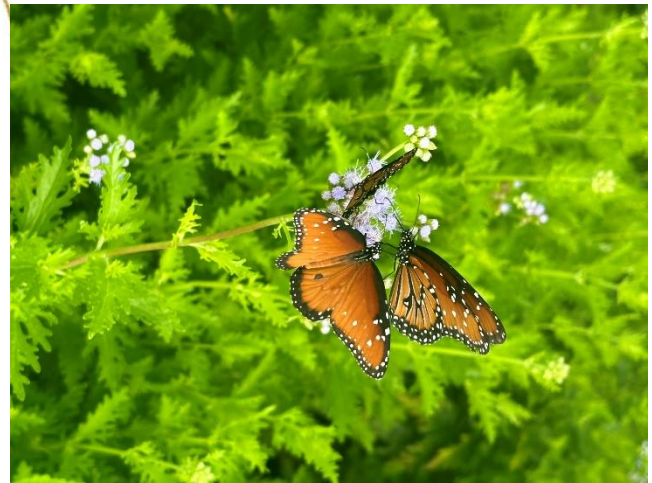
Find the link under Members (password protected) [Members \(txmn.org\)](http://Members.txmn.org)

Board Minutes available at:

<https://txmn.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/lmn-board-members/lmn-board-minutes-archive/>



Communications Photo Awards - July 2024



1st Place Michael Buley - Scorplings
2nd Place Caroline Broderick - Queens
3rd Place Kris Moore - Deer Rope

Ribbons are awarded monthly to the members whose photos receive the most "views" on our FaceBook page. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be presented at the monthly meetings. All you have to do is submit your photos to LindheimerMNContact@gmail.com.

Communications Photo Awards - August 2024



1st Caroline Broderick - Cicada
This photo won 2nd Place for Macro & Detail at the Annual Meeting in San Marcos!
2nd Edith Bergquist - Rat Snake
3rd Sue Sommer - Madrone Workers



Communications Photo Awards - September 2024

- 1st Caroline Broderick - BumbleButt
- 2nd Don Bergquist - Maestra
- 3rd Darlene Varga - Hummer



One of Darlene's photos "Get Me Out of Here" of a raccoon in a tree, won 3rd Place for Wildlife at the annual meeting in San Marcos.



2024 Monthly Social Media & Website Statistics

2024 Monthly Social Media/Website Statistics

Facebook											Web	Web
Month	#Posts	Total Reach	Page Likes	Page Follows	Most Popular Photo #1	Reach	Most Popular Photo #2	Reach	Most Popular Photo #3	Reach	2,024	2023
January	20	4,766	674	820	Orientation - Sommer	612	Grey Fox B. Trock	556	Bats Flyer - Admin	512	3,357	3,806
February	16	3,961	677	826	V. Flycatcher Bergquist, E.	738	Guad River DeMarco	543	Skimmer Varga	493	2,385	3,070
March	21	5,077	695	847	Class at HAC Johnson, K.	738	Bluebonnet Coons	602	Class at HAC Johnson, K.	544	4,034	3,067
April	28	8,102	694	850	Caterpillar Coons	630	Bluebonnet Broderick	599	Whitebonnet Wilson, L.	507	3,949	2,346
May	23	5,531	698	857	Butterflies Trock	787	Warbler Dugan	741	Monarch Cat Turko	732	3,752	1,894
June	17	6,409	696	857	Red-eyed devil Bergquist	2,517	Yellow Star Roche	617	Red-eyed devil - Turko	198	3,432	2,342
July	21	5,720	704	866	Scorplings Buley	1,203	Queens Broderick	582	Deer rope K. Moore	577	3,548	1,795
August	25	6,196	705	868	Cicada Broderick	996	Rat Snake Bergquist, E.	822	Madrone TPG Sommer	605	3,311	1,453
September	19	2,934	709	873	Bumble butt Broderick	347	Maestra D. Bergquist	330	Hummer Varga	276	4,060	1,575
October												1,808
November												1,696
December												1,484
Total YTD	190	48,696									31,828	26,336

2024 Chapter Dues

Members at the October Chapter Meeting approved annual membership dues of \$25.00 per member commencing in 2023. We've been needing a consistent source of income in order to support and expand the work we do.

Payment is due by December 31, 2023. If payment is not received by January 31, 2023, you will be moved to inactive status in the VMS. If dues pose a hardship, please notify President, Treasurer or Membership Director about assistance.

Make checks payable to "Texas Master Naturalist Lindheimer Chapter" and mail it to the Treasurer at:

LMN Chapter Treasurer Don Epps
250 Northridge Dr
New Braunfels, TX 78132

Payment may also be made at chapter meetings via check or cash.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our President, Treasurer, or Membership Director. Thank you for volunteering with LMN!

2024 Class: The Texas Yellow Stars

Twenty-three members of the community have committed to the year-long training to become Certified Texas Master Naturalists!



2024 Class Schedule - Lindheimer Master Naturalist

Date / Time	Activity	Instructors	Location	Book Units
13 th January 2-5pm	Orientation	New class director & class coordinators, board members	AgriLife Center	Intro to TMN & unit 3
16 th January 6-9pm	Geology & Soil	Joe Finneran (LMN)	AgriLife Center	Unit 7
6 th February 6-9pm	Weather & Climate	Paul Yura (NOAA)	AgriLife Center	Unit 8
5 th March 6-9pm	Archeology	D. Clark Wernecke	AgriLife Center	Units 2 & 22
9 th March	Canyon Gorge Field Trip	GBRA / GPS	Canyon Lake	Unit 7
2 nd April 6-9pm	Ecology & Ecosystems	John Herron (ret TPWD & TNC)	AgriLife Center	Units 4, 5 & 6
6 th April	Honey Creek Natural Area Field Trip	Nancy Gray (Friends of HC)	Guadalupe River State Park	Units 4, 5 & 6
7 th May 6-9pm	Ornithology	Tom & Patsy Inglet (AAMN & Audubon)	AgriLife Center	Unit 12
18 th May	Birding at Crescent Bend	Tom & Patsy Inglet (AAMN & Audubon)	Schertz	Unit 12
4 th June 6-9pm	Botany & Taxonomy	Debbie Kyrouac (LMN & NPSOT)	AgriLife Center	Units 10 & 11
2 nd July 6-9pm	Entomology	Craig Hensley (TPWD)	AgriLife Center	Unit 13
6 th August 6-9pm	Mammalogy	Dr Pamela Owen (UT Austin)	AgriLife Center	Unit 16
11 th August	Bracken Bat Flight Field Trip	Fran Hutchins (BCI) & Edith/Don Bergquist (LMN)	Garden Ridge	Unit 16
3 rd September 6-9pm	Native Grassland Ecology & Restoration	Doug Dalglish (LMN)	AgriLife Center	Units 17 & 20
7 th September	Bamberger Ranch Field Trip	April Sansom (Selah)	Johnson City	Units 17 & 20
1 st October 6-9pm	Herpetology	Craig Hensley (TPWD)	AgriLife Center	Unit 15
5 th October	The Meadows Center Field Trip	TSU Education Center	San Marcos	Units 9, 17, 18 & 19
5 th November 6-9pm	Water Resources	Lauren Willis (GBRA)	AgriLife Center	Unit 9
3 rd December 6-9pm	Urban systems & xeriscaping	Debbie Kyrouac (LMN & NPSOT)	AgriLife Center	Unit 21
19 th December	Graduation at December Chapter Meeting			



Chapter Recertifications and Milestone Awards

2024 Recertification Pin – Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

Month	Recertifications	Milestone Awards
January 2024	Susan Bogle, Trish Coons, Jim Jameson, Lois Ricci, Jeanie Springer, Brian Trock, Cheryl Trock, Darlene Varga	500 HOURS: Trish Coons
February 2024	Ellen Anderson, Don Bergquist, Edith Bergquist, Caroline Broderick, Beth Jameson, Valerie Lefebvre, Ron Lucik, Marilyn McFarland, Ellen Petray, Tom Petray, Mike Poffenberger	250 HOURS: Tom Petray 500 HOURS: Caroline Broderick 1,000 HOURS: Ellen Petray 2,500 HOURS: Jeanie Springer 4,000 HOURS: Jim Jameson
March 2024	Wendy Hill, Teresa Turko, Thomas Jones, Rhonda Neel, Sara Riggs, Debbie Kyrouac	500 HOURS: Lisa Smith
April 2024	Linda Bolano, Elizabeth Bowerman, Ron Butts, Heidi Case, Laurie Dugan, Joe Finneran, Gail Groves, Judy Henfey, Marcia Kelly, Hazel McCarthy, MV Poffenberger, Patricia Potterfield	500 HOURS: Cynthia DeWitt 4,000 HOURS: Rich Nielson 5,000 HOURS: Edith Bergquist
May 2024	Susan Sommer, Don Epps, Mike Roberts, Harry Ferrell, Rob Kyrouac, Jane Miller, Christy Martinez, Jane Finneran, Lisa Smith, Teresa St. John, Tom Oldham, Aleta Meyer, Mary Barr-Gilbert, Toni Wayne	500 HOURS: Ron Lucik, Heidi Case 1,000 HOURS: Mike Poffenberger
June 2024	Lynn Boyd, Jim Doyle, Don Fletcher, Anne-Marie Kimbell, Evelyn Nielson, Rich Nielson, Scott Ofsdahl	250 Hours: Marcia Kelly, Joni McGhee
July 2024	John Davis, Dana Murray, Lori Largen, Julie Crouch, Nancy DeMarco, Steve Mato	250 HOURS: Sara Mato, Steve Mato 500 HOURS: Wendy Hill
August 2024	Dick Bigelow, Gretchen Ferrell, Sarah Mato, Joni McGhee, Miguelita Scanio, Kelly Stinnette, Wesley Strong, Debbie Subke, Dwaine Vann	500 HOURS: Lori Largen, Dana Murray
September 2024	Craig Dillion, Pat Fletcher, Lesley Frowick, Howard Grove, Kathy Laney, Patty Luera, Steve Verschoyle, Dave Wright	250 HOURS: Linda Bolano, Lynn Jones 500 HOURS: Toni Wayne, Patricia Porterfield 1,000 HOURS: Harry Ferrell
October 2024	Vicki Baldwin, Pat Carnes, Stan Costantino, Shari Ferguson, Heidi Forgione, Kathy Lamon, Brenda Stoeck	2,500 HOURS: Deb Kyrouac
November 2024		
December 2024		

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT & THANK YOU!!!

Opportunity Codes for Documenting Your Hours in VMS

Do you wonder sometimes how to enter your hours into the VMS?

Here's a guide! More info on the VMS here: txmn.org/lindheimer/report-your-hours/
Also, be on the lookout for Membership Chair Brian Trock's emails which explain the codes!

Code	Opportunity	Description	Examples
AT	Advanced Training	Advanced Training that you attend as a participant	*Chapter/NPSOT/Lunch & Learn meetings *Project WILD (Instructor/facilitator trng) *Cibolo NC/LBJWC/TMN/etc.
CB	Chapter & Program Business	Activities related to managing and running a Master Naturalist Chapter and its committees	*Board of Directors/Officers/Committee Chairs *Newsletter/website management *Management of chapter records *Hours or chapter reporting *Other chapter business
FR	Field Research (Including Surveys)	Planning, leading or participating in data collection and/or analysis of natural resources where the results are intended to further scientific knowledge	*CoCoRaHS *Banding and tagging *Project Feeder Watch, MLMP, water testing, etc.
NPA	Nature/Public Access	Field-based activities that improve and manage the the public's access to natural areas or resources. Creating and/or maintaining nature trails, wildscapes, and/or interpretive areas	Developing new or improving existing: *Hiking trails *Gardens (interpretive, butterfly, habiscapes, etc.) *Wildlife viewing blinds *Wildscapes
OT	Other	Animal Rescue Only	*Wild animal rescue
PO	Public Outreach (Indirect)	Leading, organizing, or staffing an educational activity where participants come and go and are able to inquire on a variety of topics	*Discovery Center *Trout Unlimited *Festivals *Traveling Trunks
RM	Natural Resource Management	Activities that improve the health of a natural area or resource. Natural resource management, restoration, rescue, and rehabilitation	*Invasive species or trash removal *Plant rescue *Restoring or improving natural habitat *Wildlife houses, towers, chimneys
TG	Technical Guidance	Any work that provides written management recommendations to land owners and/or land managers	*Writing ecosystem management plans *Land Management Assistance Program (LMAP) *City/Community/Regional governments
TR	Training and Educating Others (Direct)	Leading, organizing, instructing, or staffing an educational activity where participants have a planned learning objective and generally stay for the full event (i.e. a planned start and end time)	*Workshops *Presentations *Webinars *Chapter MN trainees/interns

Monthly Chapter Meetings

TEXAS
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Monthly Chapter Meeting (online only)
When: Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5:45pm
What: Bears!
Who: Katie L. Krouse, Founder & Executive Director, BEARS Etc.
Where: Online only! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7461036858>

Mission: To provide a permanent, community-based, self-sustainable refuge for displaced exotic and wild animals and educate others about the natural world. bearsetc.org


About our speaker: First and foremost, Kati is an animal lover. She has dedicated her adult life to saving captive exotic animals. Kati has always been passionate about the well-being of wildlife. As a teen, Kati worked for a veterinarian and volunteered at Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, where she quickly learned of the high demand for rescuing captive exotic animals. During Veterinary Technician school at Purdue University, she volunteered at Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center and interned at the Wildlife Center of Virginia. There, she learned how to treat wildlife with dignity and gained a deep understanding of their needs and behaviors. Regularly fielding phone calls for help with bears, tigers, parrots and even an occasional alligator in need at Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, Kati often had to say "I'm sorry, we just can't take another animal in at this time" because of limited staff, funding and resources. That experience led Kati to create BEARS Etc., the first bear-centric sanctuary in the United States.



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Monthly Chapter Meeting
When: Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:45 pm
What: "Restoring Ecosystem Function: Process and Partnerships"
Who: Emily Manderson, SER, CERP
Principal/Senior Environment Designer
Blackland Collaborative Inc.
Where: Tye Preston Memorial Library (no online meeting)

Emily works to provide ecological expertise to a variety of project types such as developing Best Management Practices for the Houston Parks Board to working on Master Plans and facilitating visioning sessions. From 2014-2020, Emily was the Conservation Director at the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, a nature sanctuary in the heart of central Houston. She oversaw the restoration and management of the site's ecosystems and the landscape implementation of an ASLA awarded master plan to increase biodiversity and ecosystem resilience in the face of future climatic events. During this time, in 2018, she was awarded the Dick Benoit Upper +Texas Coast Prairie Award which honors excellence in Coastal Prairie Conservation by the Coastal Prairie Partnership. In 2021 The Arboretum was awarded the Development of Distinction award from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Houston. Before working at the Arboretum, Emily worked as a Senior Environmental Designer and Consulting Manager at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, TX for many years on numerous high-level ecological projects such as the George Bush Presidential Center. She also co-taught UT Architecture graduate students on the practices and principles of Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES). Her educational background is a B.A. in Sociology, a Masters in Physical Geography, and a Masters in Landscape Architecture. She is passionate about restoring human's connection with nature and demonstrating that we have the capacity to increase ecological health and therefore our own. Emily is a Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) through the Society of Ecological Restoration.



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Monthly Chapter Meeting
When: Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:45 pm
In-person only (no online)
What: "Regenerative Land Management"
Who: Adam Russell
Ecologist, Explorer, Educator
TexasPermaculture.org / RegenerationLandManagementSpecialists.com
Where: Tye Preston Memorial Library


Adam Russell is an ecologist, explorer, and educator. For a decade he was an educator for Remote Medical International where he has worked with human and land health in remote locations around the world since 2006. He has worked to regenerate land with the use of the Holistic Management framework, Regrarians platform, Permaculture, earthworks, biodynamics, pyramids, and Homa farming practices which include biofertilizers and agnihotra. He seeks to build a knowledge base of how we can work to release the potential from under-utilized lands. Adam's current projects include broadscale soil and atmospheric regeneration and the spread of available solutions through his work with Symbiosis.



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Monthly Chapter Meeting
When: Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 5:45pm
What: Urban Deer Management
Who: Joseph Plappert
Texas Parks & Wildlife, Urban Wildlife Biologist
Where: ONLINE ONLY!
Here's the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7461036858>
You can also find the link on our website under "Chapter Meeting" Tab

Joseph Plappert received his Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology and his Master's Degree in Wildlife Ecology from Texas State University in San Marcos. Joseph began his career with TPWD as a regulatory biologist in Laredo, TX. Currently, he is an **Urban Wildlife Biologist with TPWD stationed in San Antonio, TX**. As an Urban Biologist, Joseph performs professional planning, management, research and public outreach associated with wildlife, habitat and natural resource management specific to the San Antonio area.



Contributing to Citizen Science: iNaturalist.org



Photo of gray fox by Mike Poffenberger

“Citizen” Science is the participation of non-scientists in scientific research. As naturalists, many of us already participate in community science projects that contribute to the body of scientific knowledge about plants, animals & insects: butterfly surveys, bird counts, plant identification. And we take pictures – LOTS of pictures! Each picture is an observation and represents an opportunity to increase the scientific knowledge of what, where & when. One of the largest community science projects is iNaturalist, a world-wide, on-line database of observations provided by community scientists like Master Naturalists.

“If enough people recorded their observations, it would be like a living record of life on Earth that scientists and land managers could use to monitor changes in biodiversity, and that *anyone* could use to learn more about nature.” How to get started? Go to www.inaturalist.org and sign up!

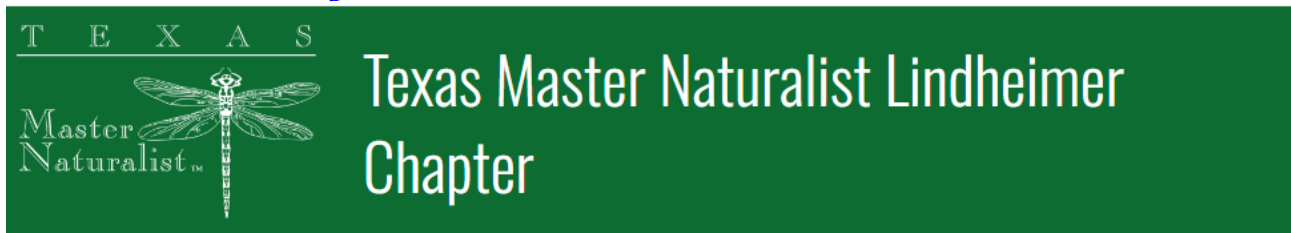
Here are the iNaturalist numbers as of **November 13, 2024**. Take a look at Comal County!!!

Location	Observations	Species	Observers
World	218,533,750	496,126	3,433,244
Texas	11,233,679	28,864	185,234
Comal County	179,319	5,571	7,019



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Message Board: Takes the place of the weekly Ops & Info Email. Find the Message Board on our website – txmn.org/lindheimer/message-board/