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Rolling Plains Chapter

Field Notes

News, Notes and Events

July 2025

From The President

The classroom portion of the training class just ended. Congratulations to all of our trainees. Don't forget to get your final hours recorded and keep an eye out for volunteer and advanced training opportunities to complete your certification requirements.

The state annual meeting agenda will be posted soon--probably next week. The room block at the conference hotel went fast. Supposedly, another block of rooms at nearby hotels should be posted soon. Registration will open on August 1. We'll talk more about the annual meeting at our next chapter meeting on July 1.

Summer has certainly arrived, so stay cool and hydrated.

– Penny Miller

Welcome to the 2025 Training Class



*L to R, Front: Rachel Roth, Elijah Pascal, Julie Pascal, Cara Epps, Jeanel Georges Insalaco
L to R, Back: Jahkeel Warner, Terri Hale, Dana Leonard, Marla Havins, Ashley Sisk, and Meredith Cameron*

Not pictured: Katherine Van Alstine, Dynnah Van Alstine, Indigo Burke, Hannah Cooper, Taylor Kennedy Frenchi, Kylah McCoy, Jessica Morgan, and Ruben Orozco.

MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 • 7:00 PM

MSUTexas: Dillard College of Business, Room 328

Program: Penny Miller, "Composting"

The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

Request a link at rollingplainschaptertmn@gmail.com

A link will be emailed before the meeting.

Bluebird Project Update

from Donna Honkomp

We started the beginning of the season with 23 bluebird boxes in 3 counties. Due to the cattle's inquisitive nature, we are now down to 20.

To date, we have had a total of 9 bluebird nests, one wren and one titmouse. We will continue to monitor the nesting activity with weekly visits through the end of August or until no nesting behavior is observed which is typically due to the extreme heat.

Data is collected and submitted into Nestwatch with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

If you would like to know more, Donna is always excited to talk bluebirds!



Bluebird eggs



*Baby bluebirds,
just out of the shell*



Examples of bluebird boxes used in the project



Naked young



Titmouse hatchlings - April 2025



Wren nest with twigs & tassels



Baby bluebirds soon to fledge

In The Field



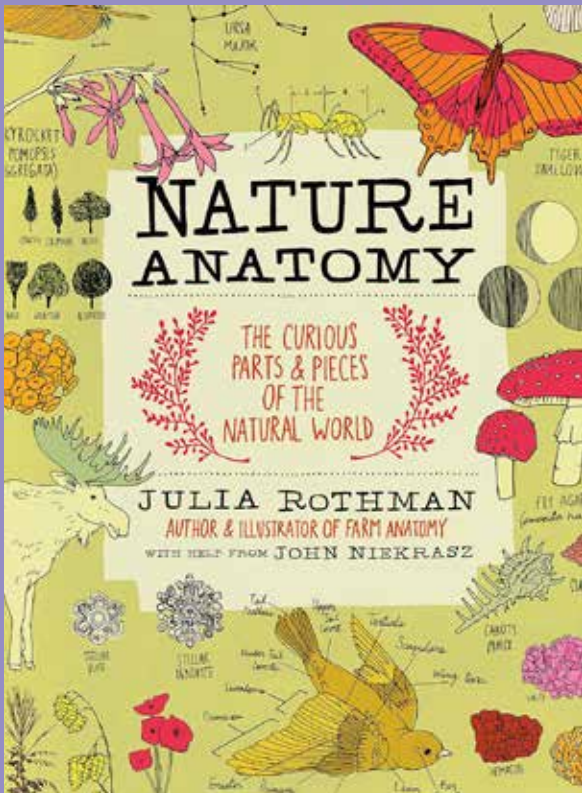
July Events

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Events and opportunities are subject to change at any time.

Check the website calendar or watch your email for the latest changes.

7/1	7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting <i>Program: Penny Miller, "Composting"</i> MSU, Dillard College of Business Building, Room 328. Contact rollingplainschaptertmn@gmail.com for the Zoom link.
7/8	12:00 pm	TMNTuesday <i>Approved Webinar</i>
7/11	9:00 am	Texas Stream Team Water Testing Meet at the boat ramp on Lake Wichita, across from the State Hospital on Kemp Blvd.
7/12	8:00 am	Bird Outing with Penny Miller
7/12	TBD	Monthly Hike in Wilbarger County: More information to come.
7/16	6:30 pm	Water Conservation From the Ground Up! <i>Approved Webinar</i>
7/17	6:00 pm	Invasive Plants & Our Gardens <i>Approved Webinar</i>
7/18	9:00 am	Water Testing at Lake Gordon , Iowa Park
7/28	5:30 pm	Board of Director's Meeting Wilson Office Supply, 8th and Lamar. All members are welcome to attend. Not a public event.
7/31	12:00pm	Monarchs and Pesticides: Understanding the Risks <i>Approved Webinar</i>



From The Bookshelf

Nature Anatomy: The Curious Parts and Pieces of the Natural World

by Julia Rothman • Paperback – Illustrated, January 27, 2015

See the world in a whole new way with acclaimed illustrator Julia Rothman's beautiful nature guide book.

Nature Anatomy combines art and science in this exciting and educational guide to the structure, function, and personality of the natural world. Explore the anatomy of a jellyfish, the inside of a volcano, monarch butterfly migration, how sunsets work, and much more. Rothman's whimsical illustrations are paired with interactive activities that encourage curiosity and inspire you to look more closely at the world all around you.

Also available in Julia Rothman's Anatomy series – Nature Anatomy Notebook, Ocean Anatomy, Food Anatomy, Farm Anatomy, and Wildlife Anatomy.