**Texas Master Naturalists Mission Statement**

To develop a corps of   
well-informed volunteers   
who 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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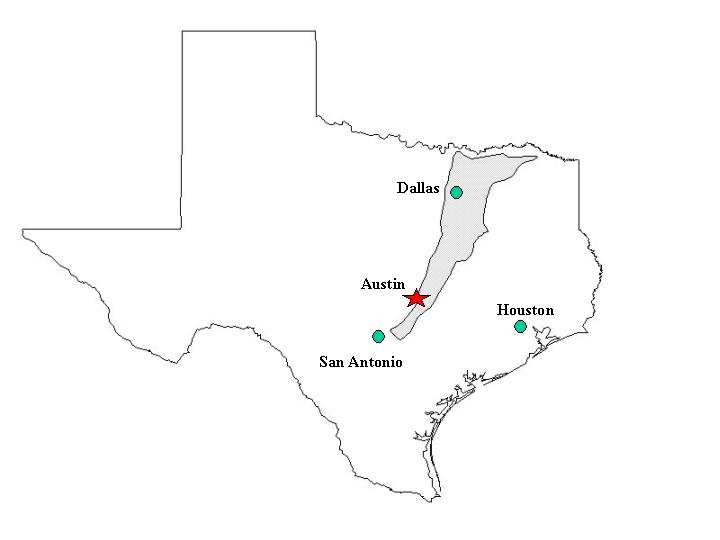
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* **Conservation & Restoration**
* **Community Education & Outreach**
* **Independent or Group Projects**



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**Become a Texas Master Naturalist**

**2019 Certification Training**Presented by:   
**The Blackland Prairie Chapter of  
Texas Master Naturalists**  
  
Visitors are welcome at Blackland Prairie Chapter meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m., at   
  
**The Heard Museum   
1 Science Place   
McKinney, Texas 75069**

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| **2019 Certification Training Schedule** | |
| **Feb 13** | **Welcome**  **Ethics of a Texas Master Naturalist-CMDR Michael Mitchell TPWD, The Joy of Volunteering, Carol Clark BPTMN Member** |
| **Feb 20** | **Green Fire- Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic of Our Time. Film and discussion.** |
| **Feb 27** | **Blackland Prairie: Geology**  **Diane Brownlee, Registered Professional Geologist** |
| **Mar 6** | **Blackland Prairie Ecology – Sam Kieschnick, TPWD Urban Biologist** |
| **Mar 13** | **Blackland Prairie Mammals and DFW Urban Wildlife – Brett Johnson, City of Dallas Urban Wildlife Biologist** |
| **Mar 20** | **Blackland Prairie Soils and Rocks - BPTMN members Dick Zartler and Lorelei Stierlen** |
| **Mar 27** | **What is a Plant and Plant Defenses – Dr. George Diggs, Austin College (retired)** |
| **Apr 3** | **Birds of the Blackland Prairie – Gailon Brehm, BPTMN member and Prairie & Timber Audubon Society member** |
| **Apr 10** | **Meteorology: North Texas Weather –**  **Dr. David Baker, Austin College** |
| **Apr 17** | **Entomology: North Texas Insects**  **Dr. Mike Merchant, TAMU Professor & Extension Urban Entomologist** |
| **Apr 24** | **Macroinvertebrates & Water Quality – LuAnne Ray, BPTMN member** |
| **May 1** | **Trees of Collin County – David Powell, Mike Roome, Rick Travis, BPTMN members** |
| **May 8** | **Heard Trail Walks – Carol Clark, Melanie Schuchart, LuAnne Ray, Bill Woodfin and David Powell, BPTMN members** |

**Class Field Trips - Saturdays**

Feb. 16– Holifield Science and

Learning Center 9:30-11:30am

Mar.16–Birding in the Connemara 8-11am

Mar. 23-Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area 9am -noon

Apr. 6 – Blackland Prairie Raptor Center

10:30am-3:30pm

May 4 –Parkhill Prairie Walk–Rich Jaynes

9am-11:30am

TBD – Erwin Prairie Restoration Tour and

TBD - Woodfin Farm Wildflower Walk

**Make A Difference!**

**Interested in Nature?**

**Care about our environment?**

**Enjoy volunteering?**

**How do I become a   
Certified Texas Master Naturalist?**

Tuition is $150.

* Complete 12 Classes and 3 Field Trips
* Obtain a minimum of 8 hours of approved advanced training
* Complete a minimum of 40 hours of   
  chapter-approved volunteer service

 **Applications available at** [**www.bptmn.org**](http://www.bptmn.org)

**Class size limited, apply now.**

**Top Ten Reasons   
to Become a   
Master Naturalist**

1. To gain an appreciation for and an understanding of natural environments
2. To build new friendships and working relationships
3. To impress your friends with your ability to analyze scat
4. To increase your knowledge of the “ologies” – ecology, geology, entomology, ichthyology, herpetology, ornithology and more
5. To create a wildlife haven in your backyard
6. To receive in-depth training from recognized experts in the field
7. To wear grubby clothes and get your hands dirty
8. To help children and adults in your community learn about Texas’ natural resources
9. To learn how to conserve resources through rainwater harvesting or composting
10. To make a difference in our world – today and tomorrow