



Central Texas Master Naturalist 2023 Training Schedule

Saturday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location

Miller Springs Nature Center, 1473 Farm-To-Market Rd 2271, Belton
Meet and Greet and delivery of training materials.

Class 1

Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location

AgriLife Extension Meeting Room 1605 N Main, Belton

Review Units
In Text:
4, 1

President’s Welcome, Introduction of Officers, Training Committee, Nature Sponsors

Introduction to the Texas Master Naturalist™ Program

Zoe Rascoe, CTMN (8:45—10:00)

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Ecological Regions of Texas

Jamey Douglass, NRCS Soil Scientist (ret.) (10:10 – 11:30 am)

Land Stewardship – Lynn Fleming, CTMN

Pot Luck Luncheon provided by CTMN members

Total hours to count for VMS - 4

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**Class 2**

**Tuesday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Location**

AgriLife Extension Meeting Room

**Entomology**

Wizzie Brown, AgriLife Extension Program Specialist-IPM  
(8:30 – 11:00 am)

Review Units  
In Text:  
13, 12

**Overview of Volunteer Management System (VMS)**

Dale Hughling, CTMN (11:00 am – Noon)

**Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30**

**Soils of Texas**

John Sackett, Soil Scientist, NRCS  
(12:30 – 2:30)

*Total hours to count for VMS – 5.5*

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Class 3

Location

Tuesday, April 4, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Waco Wetlands, 1752 Eichelberger Crossing Road, China Spring

Texas Water Resources

Dr. Joe Yelderman, Baylor University (8:30 – 10:30)

Weather and Climate

Bill Hecke, Meteorologist Extraordinaire (10:30—12:30)

Lunch (12:30—1:00)

Forest Ecology & Management

Dr. Jaquelyn Duke, Baylor University (1:00—2:30)

Total hours to count for VMS - 5

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**Tuesday, April 11 6:00 p.m.**

CTMN Chapter Meeting

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Class 4

Location

Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Gault Site, 3451 FM2843, Florence

Archaeology

Guided tour of Gault Site. Sergio Ayala, Executive Director
Prehistory Research (9:00 – 12:00)

Total hours to count for VMS - 3

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**Class 5**

**Location**

**Tuesday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.—2:45 p.m.**

**Fort Hood and Miller Springs Nature Center**

**Ornithology**

Scott Summers, Outreach Coordinator, U.S. Army Natural  
Resources Management (8:00-11:30)

Review Units  
In Text:  
9, 8, 17

Review Units  
In Text:  
2

Review Units  
In Text:  
7, 24

**Lunch:** 11:30 – 12:15 Lunch and travel to Miller Springs Nature Center

**Citizen Science**

**Download iNaturalist and eBird app prior to session**

Craig Hensley, Texas Nature Trackers Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife (12:15 – 2:45)

**Total hours to count for VMS – 5.5**

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Class 6
Location

Tuesday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mother Neff State Park

Review Units
In Text:
10,19

History of Mother Neff State Park

Charlette Weiss (9:00—9:45)

Plants – Grass & Forb Identification

Ricky Linx, Wildlife Biologist NRCS, Retired (10:00 – 12:30)

Lunch (12:30-1:00)

Riparian Management / Wetland Ecology

Ricky Linx, Wildlife Biologist NRCS, Retired (1:00—2:30)

Total hours to count for VMS - 5

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**Class 7**  
**Location**

**Tuesday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**  
**Agrilife Extension Meeting Room**

Review Units  
In Text:  
22,23,3

**Laws, Regulations, and Ethics**

Murray McCarley, USACE Ranger, Retired (8:30 – 10:00)

**Interpretive Skills**

John Atkins, CTMN (10:00 – 11:30)

Lunch (11:30-12:00)

**Historical Naturalists**

Lynn Fleming, CTMN (12:00 – 1:00)

**VMS Refresher & Help Session**

CTMN Members (1:00 – 2:00)

**Total hours to count for VMS - 5**

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Tuesday, May 9

CTMN Chapter Meeting
Soils Field Day

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**Class 8**  
**Location**

**Tuesday, May 16, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**  
**Cameron Park Zoo**

Review Units  
In Text:  
16, 15

**Mammalogy**

Katrina Lee, Cameron Park Zoo (9:00 –

**Herpetology**

Brian Henley, Cameron Park Zoo (12:00 end)

**Total hours to count for VMS - 3**

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Class 9
Location

Tuesday, May 23, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Waco Wetlands

Nora Scheel, City of Waco (9:00-10:00)

Urban Ecosystems

Sam Kieschnick, Urban Wildlife Biologist, TPWD (10:00 – 12:00)

Lunch (12:00-12:30)

Ichthyology

Dr. Marty Harvill, Baylor University (12:30—2:30)

Total hours to count for VMS – 5.5

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Review Units  
In Text:  
21,14

**Class 10**  
**Location**

**Tuesday, May 30, 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

AgriLife Meeting Room & Miller Springs Nature Center

**Geology**

Dr. Ray Kazusko, CTMN (8:30—12:00)

Presentation at AgriLife then travel to Miller Springs NC

**Total hours to count for VMS - 3**

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Review Units
In Text:
7

Class 11
Location

Tuesday, June 6, 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Harris Community Center, Parking Area

Aquatic Systems

Dr. June Wolfe, Water Science Laboratory, Blackland Research Center (8:30—11:30)

Total hours to count for VMS - 3

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Review Units  
In Text:  
18

**Tuesday, June 13, 6 p.m.**

**CTMN Monthly Meeting – Graduation!!**

**Total hours for the course 47.5**