



# Central Texas Master Naturalist 2024 Training Schedule

**Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- **Miller Springs Nature Center, 1473 Farm-To-Market Rd 2241, Belton**
- Delivery of training materials, meet your Mentor, other trainees, and chapter members, have directory photo taken

**Class 1: Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 24

- **AgriLife Extension Meeting Room 1605 N Main, Belton**
- President’s Welcome, Introduction of Officers, Training Committee, TMN Sponsors (8:30 – 9:00)
- Introduction to the Texas Master Naturalist Program (9:00 – 10:15)
- Citizen Science – Wendy Anderson, Texas Nature Trackers (10:30 – 12:30)
- **Download apps: iNaturalist, Merlin, eBird (all optional)**
- Luncheon provided by CTMNM Members (12:30)

***Total hours to count for VMS – 3.75***



**Class 2: Tuesday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 4, 12

- **AgriLife Extension Meeting Room 1605 N Main, Belton**
- Texas Ecoregions – Jamey Douglass, NRCS Soil Scientist, Ret. (8:30 – 9:45)
- Overview of Volunteer Management System (VMS) – Linda Fairlie, CTMNM (9:45 – 10:45)
- Break & Questions
- Ornithology – Gil Eckert, Wildlife Biologist (11:00 – 12:30)
- Tour of Resource Room (12:30 – 1:00)

***Total hours to count for VMS – 4.25 (Course total 8)***



**Class 3: Tuesday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 19,  
21, 8

- **Waco Wetlands, 1752 Eichelberger Crossing Road, China Spring**
- Waco Wetlands History – Nora Schell, Wetlands Director (9:00 – 10:00)
- Urban Ecosystems – Natasha Moore, Urban Biologist TPWD (10:15 – 12:15)
- Lunch (12:15 – 12:45)
- Texas Weather and Climate

***Total hours to count for VMS – 5 (Course total 13)***



**Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. CTMN Chapter Meeting, Belton Church of Christ**



**Class 4: Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- **Waco Mammoth Site, 6220 Steinbeck Bend Dr, Waco**
- **Paleontology – Tour of Site**

***Total hours to count for VMS – 3 (Course total 16)***



**Class 5: Tuesday, April 16 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 2, 17

- **Fort Cavazos and Miller Springs Nature Center**
- Archaeology – Sunny Wood, Archaeologist, Fort Cavazos Directorate of Public Works (9:00 – 11:30)
- Travel to Miller Springs Nature Center & Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)
- Forest Ecology – Mary Ann Everett, Dr. Tom Gerik, John Burns, CTMN Members (12:30 – 2:30)

***Total hours to count for VMS – 4.5 (Course total 20.5)***



**Class 6: Tuesday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 15,  
16

- **Cameron Park Zoo, 1701 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Waco**
- Mammals
- Herpetology
- Tour of Brazos River Exhibit

***Total hours to count for VMS – 3.5 (Course total 24)***



**Class 7: Tuesday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 10,  
11, 19, 18

- **Messer Ranch, Belton**
- Plant Identification – Jeff Brister, NRCS (9:00 – 11:30)
- Lunch (11:30 – 12:00)
- Riparian Management – Dr. June Wolfe, Texas A&M Blackland Research Center (12:00 – 1:30)
- Aquatic Systems – Dr. June Wolfe and Danny Welch, Stream Team CTMN (1:30 – 3:00)

***Total hours to count for VMS – 5.5 (Course total 29.5)***



**Class 8: Tuesday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 9, 7

- **Waco Wetlands**
- Texas Water Resources – Dr. Joe Yelderman, Baylor University Hydrologist (9:00 – 11:00)
- Soils – John Sackett, Soil Scientist, NRCS (11:30 – 1:30)

***Total hours to count for VMS – 4 (Course total 33.5)***



**Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. CTMN Monthly Meeting, Belton Church of Christ**



**Class 9: Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- **Birding in the Field at BLORA**  
Scott Summers, Outreach Coordinator for Natural & Cultural Resources Management, Fort Cavazos

***Total hours to count for VMS – 3 (Course total 36.5)***



**Class 10: Tuesday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 23, 1

- **Mother Neff State Park, 1921 State Park Rd 14, Moody**
- History of State Park System & Mother Neff – Melissa Chadwick, Superintendent, MNSP (9:00 – 10:00)
- Interpretive Skills – Montse Canedo, TPWD Park Ranger (10:00 – 11:30)
- Lunch (11:30 – 12:00)
- Land Stewardship – Cullom Simpson, TPWD Wildlife Biologist (12:00 – 1:30)
- Tour park on you own – optional

***Total hours to count for VMS – 4 (Course total 40.5)***



**Class 11: Tuesday, May 28, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 13,  
22, 3

- **Harris Community Center, 401 North Alexander, Belton**
- Entomology – Wizzie Brown, Agrilife Extension Program Specialist-IPM (8:30 – 11:00)
- Laws, Regulations, and Ethics – Cullom Simpson, TPWD Wildlife Biologist (11:00 – 12:00)
- Lunch (12:00 – 12:30)
- Historical Naturalists – Lynn Fleming, CTMN (12:30 – 1:30)
- VMS Refresher – Optional (1:30 – 2:00)

***Total hours to count for VMS – 5 (Course total 45.5)***



**Class 12: Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Review Units  
in Text: 7

- **Agrilife Extension Meeting Room and Miller Springs Nature Center**
- Geology – Dr. Ray Kazusko, Geologist

***Total hours to count for VMS – 3 (Course total 48.5)***



**Tuesday, June 11, 6:00 p.m. CTMN Monthly Meeting, Belton Church of Christ**

- **GRADUATION!**

