

Coastal Prairie Chapter Courier



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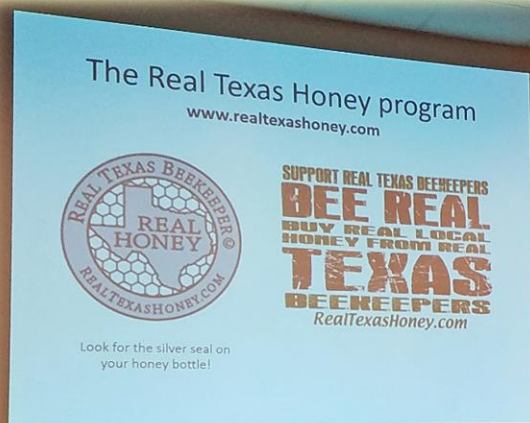
Suggestions for the newsletter are also welcome. Thanks.

**Lynn Trenta,
Courier Editor**

We are a group of trained volunteers who share our appreciation and knowledge of nature with the community through outreach, education and conservation/restoration projects

CPTMN Program “All About Bees and Beekeepers”

Summary by Lynn Trenta



Photos by Lynn Trenta

April 4th, Mike Jurek and Monica Siwiak gave a wonderful presentation on honey bees and beekeeping to our Coastal Prairie Chapter. Siwiak talked about how Jurek had been a mentor to her when she started beekeeping. She and her Mom have a business together and have won several awards for their honey, coming in 1st for their creamed honey and 2nd for honeycomb.

Jeruk spoke about how he has been contacted by many people for bee removals and Siwiak talked about her first experiences with bee removal and starting a bee hive.

The presenters stated there were 3 types of beekeeping: sideliners who have 6-100 hives, the backyard beekeeper has 1-5 hives, and the commercial beekeepers, who commonly take their bee hives to California to pollinate the almond crops there.

They recommended only buying honey that has the Real Texas Beekeepers Seal and viewing a documentary called “Rotten” which is being shown on Netflix to learn more about issues related to the beekeeping business.

The 3 types of bees were discussed, which includes drones, worker and queen bees. There are also guard bees and scout bees, who do a waggle dance. The queen bee mates with 10-15 males before becoming established in the hive. Worker bees are sterile, and drones are only for mating. The temperature around the queen bee has to be 92 degrees. 10 to 15 queen bees will fight each other in a royal death match.

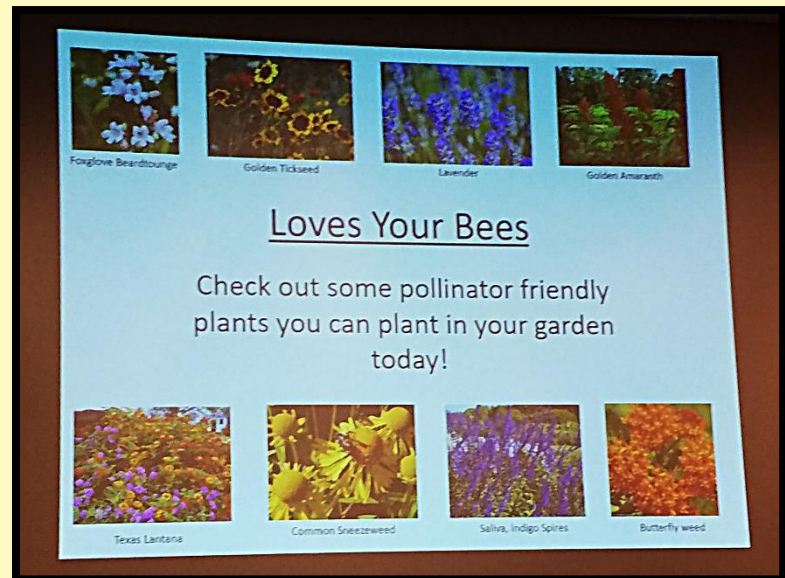
There are other products from bees besides honey such as propolis that can be used for lip balms, bath products and a bacterial tincture.

CPTMN Program “All About Bees and Beekeepers” (Continued)

You can help bees by planting pollinator friendly plants such as lavender, butterfly weed, Texas lantana and coreopsis.

Jurek and Siwiak talked about how to get started beekeeping and showed the protective clothing for beekeeping. A good resource is the Fort Bend Beekeeping Association.

This presentation was enjoyable and filled with good information about beekeeping.



Photos by Lynn Trenta



CPTMN Program for April 4th *From Publicity Director, Margo Johnson's Write-up*

Plumage variations in individual birds of the same species can make identification more difficult, especially when birds are molting and transitioning from one plumage to another, as many of them are right now! In this interactive presentation, we'll discuss the reasons for plumage variation, how molting can affect identification, and color changes of bills, lores, legs, and feet. Bring your favorite field guide if you would like to practice your identification skills. Kristine became a certified Texas Master Naturalist in 2016. She has been the President of the Cradle of Texas Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists since January 2017. She has participated in every year of the Brazoria Christmas Bird Count since its inception in 1984 and has been an Area Leader since 2013. Kristine loves sharing her passion for nature and wildlife with others and founded Birding for Fun in 2015 to provide educational services and guided tours to the public. She has taught birding classes and workshops for the City of Pearland, the City of Meadows Place, the City of Missouri City, and Galveston's Osher Lifelong Learning Center (OLLI). She has also been involved with FeatherFest as a liaison, presenter, and field trip leader since 2016.

Membership Minute *By Bert Stiplecovich*



Congratulations to the following members who recently achieved certifications and milestones:

Initial Certification

***Lois Ponder
Jean Stiplecovich***

2019 Recertification

<i>Sal Cardenas</i>	<i>Mark Morgenstern</i>
<i>Garrett Engelhardt</i>	<i>Joe Steiner</i>
<i>Jamie Fairchild</i>	<i>Susan Walther</i>
<i>David Goff</i>	<i>Debbie Wendt</i>
<i>Jean Greenhalgh</i>	<i>Erik Wolf</i>
<i>Carol Hawkins</i>	<i>Pauline Zinn</i>
<i>Terri Hurley</i>	

250 Service Hours Milestone

Kimberly Farou

1,000 Service Hours Milestone

Bill Johnson

5,000 Service Hours Milestone

Jim Butcher

Special thanks to Becky Waldo for closely monitoring member achievements.

Note that the 2019 recertification pin, the golden-cheeked warbler, is not yet available.

Members who have recently moved away include Kelli Adiahen, Michelle Sullivan, and Joe Steiner. We miss them and their contributions to our chapter.

**Thank
you!**

**Michelle Sullivan: Gone but not Forgotten** *By Bert Stiplecovich*

As some of you may know, Michelle Sullivan recently left our chapter to move to Massachusetts. While she has physically left, her legacy of accomplishment and service to our chapter will remain forever.

I met Michelle at my first initial training class in August of last year. She greeted my wife and me warmly with her infectious laugh and self-deprecating humor. Little did I know then that I was destined to follow in her footsteps as the next Membership director. Below are just some of the highlights of her five-year membership with our chapter:

Class of 2014--Completed TMN initial training

2015

- *Took on role of VSP/Outreach Chair Led the implementation, roll-out, and training for the new VMS system (HUGE!)*
- *Sole approver of VMS log book entries for two years (2015 and 2016)*
- *Set up SignUpGenius for CPCTMN, Activity Barn, and Master Gardeners*
- *Created Operation Manual for VSP with Diane Russell*
- *Helped create WOWs*

2016

- *Prepared annual state report with Jade Hems and Carol Schwartz Onsite school outreach events*
- *Input historical 2012 VSP hours for the chapter*
- *Public outreach events*
- *Dove banding*
- *Made house visits to help members with VMS*
- *Fort Bend Activity Barn planning committee member*
- *SNF volunteer*

2017

- *Became Membership Director*
- *Prepared annual state report*
- *Helped onboard Spring Class with Kristi Johnson and Mac*
- *Dove banding*
- *SNF volunteer*
- *Trained members on VMS*

2018

- *Trained Cheryl Garcia on VSP and VMS*
- *Public outreach*
- *Helped onboard Fall Class with Carol Hawkins and Mac*
- *Dove banding*
- *Trained incoming Membership Director*

2019

- *Completed 1,500 volunteer service hours*
- *Continued to work with new Membership Director*

Although I didn't get to work with Michelle very long, she always impressed me with her enthusiasm, humor, and attention to detail. She embodies what it means to be a Texas Master Naturalist. She is greatly missed.



Rosenberg Honors Seabourne Volunteers

The city of Rosenberg honored city volunteers on March 21st with a wonderful dinner.. Our Coastal Prairie Chapter was the largest group there and we all received certifications of appreciation. See the photo below.

Congratulations to our volunteers and thank you for all of your hard work there at the park!



Seabourne Creek Earth Day *By Lynn Trenta*



Photo courtesy of Amy Hooper, Bonterra



Photos courtesy of the City of Rosenberg



April 22nd, our Coastal Prairie Chapter held our first Earth Day at Seabourne Creek Nature Park! We had 163 visitors and several chapter members were on hand to tell the visitors about our park. Volunteers included Jim Butcher, Sal Cardenas, Jamie Fairchild, Kim Farou, Bill and Margo Johnson, Tracey Kolb, Andrea and Mark Morgenstern, Donna Pisani, Lois Ponder, Diane Russell, Katie Sallean Bert Stiplecovich, Lynn and Jerry Trenta, Debbie Wendt and Pauline Zinn.

Seabourne Creek Nature Park *By Lynn Trenta, Communications Director*

The Butterfly Garden

In the Seabourne Butterfly Garden, both host plants for caterpillars and nectar plants for adult butterfly abound! Recently, the milkweed had been eaten to the ground. Chapter member Bert Stiplecovich took several Monarch caterpillars home to feed on milkweed at his home.

Regular workers at the Butterfly Garden are headed up by Linda Rippert and Diane Russell, and include Andrea Morgenstern, Kathy Moore, Donna Pisani, Jean and Bert Stiplecovich, and several others.

If you love butterflies, this is the garden for you! Linda Rippert has several years of experience in growing plants in her own garden for butterflies and as a member of the FB Master Gardeners' Entomology Group has shared her knowledge of butterflies with many community groups.

Diane Russell is a Monarch Butterfly expert and has even gone to the state of Michoacan in Mexico to witness the Monarchs in their overwintering mountains there. She has given many presentations on Monarchs to people of all ages.

Thanks to Linda and Diane for providing this beautiful garden and habitat for the butterflies



Photos by Jean Stiplecovich



Photos by Kimberly Farou



Seabourne Creek Nature Park (Continued)

The Bird Sanctuary



Photos by Ella Stroupe



The Seabourne Bird Sanctuary and Bird Blind is under the direction of Bill Johnson. Several chapter members, including Gary and Kathy Moore, Ella Stroupe and Becky Waldo, help keep the bird feeder full and the plants kept tidy, as well as keeping the sanctuary updated.

This is a great place to hang out, relax, and watch the birds as they enjoy their bird seed and bird drip! You might see cardinals, chickadees, blue jays, sparrows and other birds. It is also an opportunity to snap a few photos of these birds up close.

Thanks to Bill and the other chapter volunteers for keeping up with this wonderful part of Seabourne!

CALLING ALL OAK GALLS AND PINECONES *By Diane Russell*

Oh gallant, yet pitiful oak galls and pinecones. You end up on the ground, overlooked, dismissed, even disparaged, by human passersby as just more annoying debris from the oak or pine trees from which you arose. Most don't see your potential, but we, the Master Naturalists, do. And we want to press you into service to the community.

You pine cones have been a favorite of our outreach activities. You have allowed yourselves to be slathered with grease and bird seed so that children can participate in feeding our feathered friends. You have been taken home with thousands of children to be hung in trees, providing nourishment to the hungry. Well done.

You oak galls, perfect spheres created by the oak gall wasp, laying its egg on a leaf or limb, are rarely noticed. Perhaps someone has briefly noticed you, a brown ball on a fallen oak twig, and elicited nothing more than a puzzled "hmmmm". Little do they know your noble history, that you were integral to literature by donating your bodies in the manufacture of ink in Europe ever since the 5th century. You helped Jane Austen write her novels.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron_gall_ink
<https://www.instructables.com/id/Making-Iron-Gall-Ink/>



We would like to ask for your assistance in teaching people about how people wrote in the past, before computers, before typewriters, before the printing press, and before fountain pens and BIC pens. We will show people how ink is derived from your little bodies and used with feather quills. Your role in human culture will be reprised and remembered.

NOTE to MNs: If you have access to oak galls and/or pine cones, we will be using both for upcoming outreach activities, especially Seabourne Nature Festival. Once you gather a large bag of pine cones, will you let Diane Russell or Cheryl Garcia know, but hold onto them for the time being so we don't have to worry about storing them yet? The oak galls are much smaller and won't take as much room, but also keep us posted as you accumulate them so we will have an idea of our supplies heading into the fall.

Diane: dprussell2000@gmail.com
Cheryl: ccg2911@gamil.com

Also Erik Wolf, erikwolf1020@yahoo.com, can be contacted as well about the oak galls as he is interested in extracting the dye from the galls and making the ink.

Chapter Members in the News!

We have been in the news lately! Our Earth Day made it into the Fort Bend Herald as well as a beautiful photo by Garrett Engelhardt seen below! Katy Sallean was also shown at the Brazos Cultural Heritage Festival showing our skins and skulls to visitors.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019



Pretty in pink

Garrett Engelhardt, a Texas Master Naturalist with the Coastal Prairie Chapter in Fort Bend County, took this photo of a rosette spoonbill during Wednesday's bird hike at Seabourne park. The monthly bird hikes are popular and the public is invited to tag along.

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"However, when the time comes, the...
city is not required to include the district...
in an annexation plan, which makes the...
process seamless because annexation...
terms have been agreed on in advance."



HERALD PHOTO BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY

Heritage and culture on display

Edward Ceterski, 9, feels a coyote pelt during the Brazos Cultural Heritage Festival on Sunday. He and his father, Justin, also felt a porcupine's quill at the Texas Master Naturalist booth. Master Naturalist Katie Sallean also showed off the organization's collection of animal skulls. More photos, Page 10.

Candidates forum slated for April

Rosenberg Veterans of...
Auxiliary, Post 3903,
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aged to attend as this ev...
provide an excellent...
for the public...
question...

Chapter Members Honored *By Margo Johnson*

April 9th, Jaci Elliott and I had the great pleasure of presenting AAUW's 2019 Educator(s) of the Year award to Penny and Don Johnson, in large part for their continuing educational outreach efforts not only on behalf of our TMN's, but also the master gardeners. We presented their certificates at a Missouri City Green meeting for whom they also do a lot of outreach. Normally our AAUW awards are given in a classroom setting so the students can share in the event, but since Don and Penny are retired from formal classroom settings, Jaci organized the next best thing.



**VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS**

By Terri Hurley, Volunteer Service Project Director

As usual there is an amazing array of opportunities to earn VSP hours in the month of May. Here are just a few. For a complete list of all approved VSPs, check the [events calendar](#) on our website. If you have any questions or have an idea for a new VSP, please contact me at terri@coastalprairie.org.

STAAR TESTING BLITZ AT LONG ACRES RANCH

Dates: May 1, 3, 6, 8, 10 at 8 am – 11:30 am

Location: Long Acres Ranch

Contact: Scott Lightle at Scott.lightle@ag.tamu.edu

Help 5th grade students review for their STAAR tests at a fun, hands-on event at Long Acres Ranch. All the materials have been prepared with a scripted lesson for you to follow. They are looking for individuals who are knowledgeable, or willing to immerse themselves into these subjects to add some depth and meaningful interactions during the lessons. The sessions are designed to be about 20 minutes in length and the volunteers will run the sessions and play the role of educator and facilitator. It's a fairly short but fun day for the kids and volunteers. They ask the volunteers to get there at 8 am to get ready for the kids who arrive at 8:30 am. The rotations would conclude at 11:30 am. Lessons/activities include soil formation, weathering and erosion, food chains/web, feral hogs, trailer rides, play game oh dear, giant Jenga. If you need any more information, please contact Scott Lightle at Scott.lightle@ag.tamu.edu.

[VSP hours to be recorded in VMS under the category "Long Acres Ranch"]

HOUSTON ARBORETUM & NATURE CENTER NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Dates: May 8, 11 from 12 noon to 1:30; May 14 from 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: 4501 Woodway Drive, Houston, TX 77024-7708

Contact: Anica Haymes at ahaymes@houstonarboretum.org

If you enjoy being outdoors or sharing your love of nature with others, consider joining the volunteers at the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. Their volunteers benefit from learning new skills for your particular job or expanding your knowledge of the natural history of our area. Training can be done on-the-job for some volunteer positions, while others require attending a training session and possibly shadowing staff or an experienced volunteer. Opportunities are available both weekends and weekdays. Once you have submitted your [Volunteer Application](#), select one of the above orientation dates and RSVP with Anica Haymes at ahaymes@houstonarboretum.org to confirm your spot. If none of these dates work with your schedule, you can check their website for new dates next month.

[VSP hours to be entered in VMS under "Houston Arboretum and Nature Center Service Projects"]

VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS (continued)**ONGOING PROJECT of the MONTH: BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK!**

BBSP has 35 miles of trails and 5000 beautiful acres of protected land, including fragments of intact coastal prairie and is one of our chapter's main partners. The [BBSP Volunteer Organization](#) offers a wide array of volunteer opportunities, any of which can be applied to TMN service hours. Most will require that you complete the Park's own volunteer training program prior to participation, a 3-week course (Saturday's only) offered in September and February. Several Coastal Prairie Chapter members are active BBSP volunteers. The hours are flexible and there are myriad opportunities available.

Volunteer opportunities requiring BBSP training include leading formal scheduled hikes. Trail interpretation and patrol and nature center staffing. Master naturalists can give interpretive talks, guide hikes and interpret informally along trails provided you contract David Heinicke or Sharon Hanzik in advance.

Volunteer projects that do not require training include trail maintenance, summer season water deliver to dry points in the park, wood yard work, fire ant treatment and Chinese tallow treatment.

You can view the application form [here](#). Contact Sharon Hanzik at 979-553-5123 or David Heinicke at 979-553-5124 for more information. Or email to: training@brazosbend.org.

[VSP hours to be entered into VMS under "Texas State Parks"]



Jaci, Carol, Ella, David, Bill, Debby, and Terri at James B. Harrison City Nature Challenge 2019—Photo by Hannah Muegge

Plant of the Month

Spring Obedient Plant (*Physostegia intermedia*) By Jerry Trenta

Spring Obedient Plant (*Physostegia intermedia*) is one of two species of Obedient Plant, the Fall Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana* ssp. *praemorsa*) being the other. The name supposedly comes from the ability of individual blossoms to remain in place (obey) if repositioned on the stem. The Spring species blooms April to July while the Fall species blooms August to November.

An erect perennial of the mint family, it spreads by underground rhizomes and seeds and can form large colonies. The leaves are opposite on solidary 4-angled hairless stems, narrowly lance shaped, larger on the lower part of the stem; upper leaves are sharply toothed. The inflorescence is a 2 to 10-inch-high hairy raceme (spike) of showy flowers. The ~1-inch flowers range in color from rose to pale purple to white, often with dots or other small markings of a deeper color and bloom from bottom to top.

It likes marshy areas and wet ditches; they seem to be abundant along many Ft. Bend county roads this year. The flower's nectar attracts hummingbirds, bees and butterflies.

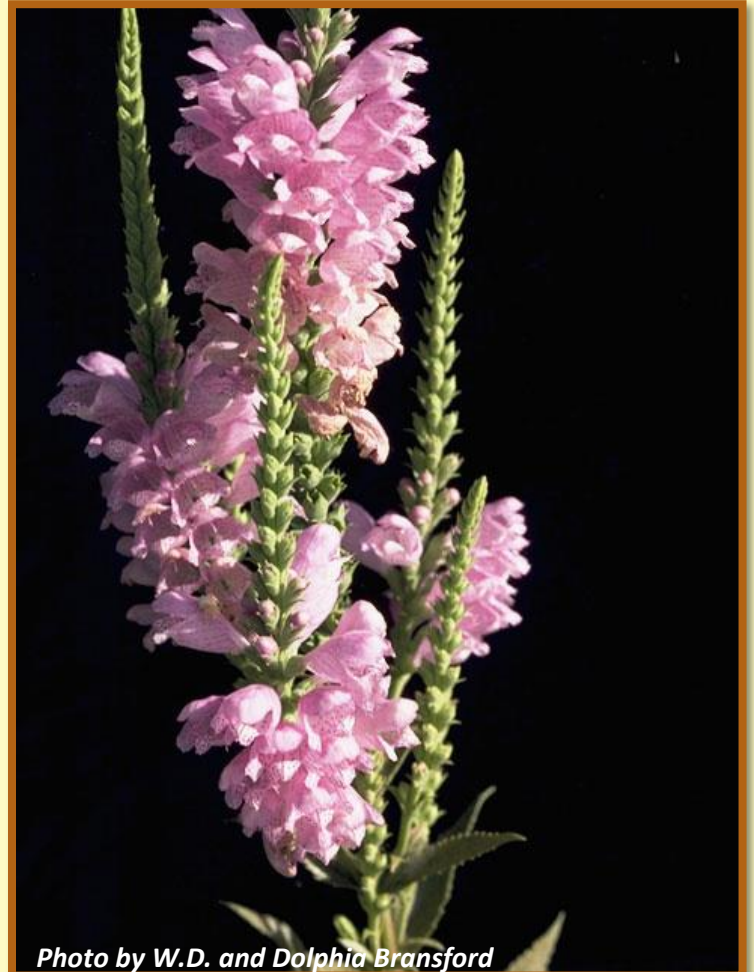


Photo by W.D. and Dolfia Bransford



Photo By Ray Mathews

The Monthly Bird Spotter

The Red-winged Blackbird *By Jade*

- *One of the most abundant birds in North America, the song of the Red-winged Blackbird is one of the first signs of spring.*
- *Look out for the puffed up red and yellow epaulets and listen for the conk-la-ree song, of the displaying male Red-winged Blackbird around the wetland at Seabourne Creek Nature Park.*
- *Just how much of those dazzling epaulets is displayed, is related to how territorial the bird is behaving and whether he is displaying to attract potential mates!*
- *Males fiercely defend their territory, spending much of their day doing so from a high perch and sometimes attacking species much larger than themselves.*
- *Females are much less conspicuous in coloring and behavior, usually remaining in dense wetland vegetation. They construct a nest, woven into low wetland reeds, and defend it from intruders.*
- *Red-winged Blackbirds have a polygynous mating system. Males defend a territory in which they may nest with as many as 15 female mates!*
- *However, genetic testing experiments have shown that 25-50% of the nestlings within a territory are not the offspring of the territorial male!*
- *Different populations vary greatly in size. Studies in which chicks were relocated, have found this to be due to environmental factors not genetics, as relocated chicks grow up to resemble their foster parents, not their genetic parents!*
- *During the breeding season, Red-winged Blackbirds eat insects which they also feed to their chicks. In winter they switch to a diet of seeds and grains.*
- *Red-winged Blackbirds form huge roosts year-round. While some roost in their wetland territories during the breeding season, mixed winter roosts, of Red-winged Blackbirds and other blackbird species, can number several million individuals!*

References: Cornell Lab of Ornithology: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Red-winged_Blackbird/overview



Displaying male Red-winged Blackbird by Sandy/ Chuck Harris (Flickr)



Female Red-winged Blackbird by Hal Trachtenberg (Flickr)



300 Million Monarch Butterflies Coming to Texas: Get Your Camera Ready! *By [Max McNabb](#) | April 1, 2019*

Bluebonnets aren't the only examples of beauty that Texas will experience in abundance this spring. After one of the largest and most breathtaking wildflower blooming season in decades, the Lone Star State can soon expect to see 300 million monarch butterflies.

Craig Wilson, the Director of the USDA Future Scientists Program and a Texas A&M Associate, is reporting some staggering numbers on Monarch butterflies. Following a [decline in population](#) for a number of years, monarchs have pushed their numbers up by 144%, making an incredible come back.

With winter gone, the butterflies will be saying goodbye to Mexico and passing through the Lone Star State on their way north to lay eggs. Considering there will be an estimated 300 million this year, Texans should get their cameras ready to snap some beautiful shots. Monarch butterflies thrive on milkweed, which can be found all over Central Texas. For this reason, Wilson said that Texas is a "crucial place for them." The monarchs lay their eggs singly on the underside of young milkweed leaves during the first weeks of their migration.

The name "monarch" was likely in tribute to King William III of England. The king's secondary title was Prince of Orange, which references the butterfly's main color. The monarch's wingspan is anywhere from 3.5 to 4.0 inches in length, and their flight is a slow, majestic sailing through the air. The males are slightly bigger than the females, and their hindwings sport a black patch or ["spot of androconial scales."](#)

Journey North is a website that works to map out [monarch butterfly sightings](#) each year. Recent reports during the last 14 days indicate a presence of monarchs around Dallas-Ft. Worth. Additionally, the Director of Monarch Watch recently told an Austin-based radio station that there have been an unusual number of the butterflies in the Lone Star State for this time of the year. Be sure to snap some great butterfly pics this spring and send them our way!



Photos by Pixabay

In Our Own Backyards and Other Places

Cedar Waxwings *By Diane Eismont*

Migratory birds are on the move! This flock of Cedar Waxwings first appeared March 21 & finished off all the possum-haw berries (as well as the Yaupon berries) the cardinals and mockingbirds had been snacking on since last fall.

Possum-haw bushes, which can grow to small trees, are well worth planting to be able to watch all the different types of birds that eat them.

The cedar waxwings return to our place in April to eat the white and the black mulberries (which are also nutritious for people to eat and another good small tree to plant). In addition to berries, waxwings also eat insects.

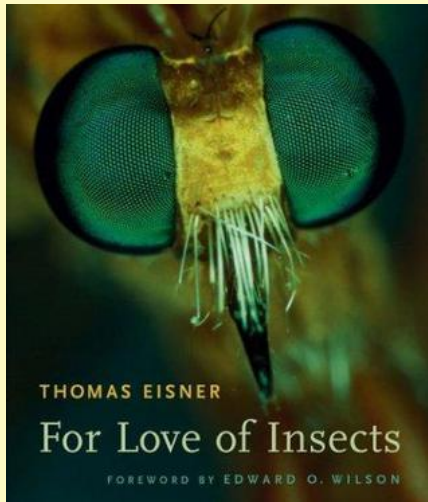
Waxwings breed in southern Canada and are here mid-October to late May. They travel in flocks & males and females look alike.

Their fondness for cedar berries gave them the "cedar" part of their name. The "waxwing" part comes from the red wax spot on the secondary feathers on the back wing. You can see the dot on the second picture. I've read that the size/shape of the dot helps the birds differentiate the sex and other characteristics of their flock mates.



Heather Holm

Book Corner

***For Love of Insects****Thomas Eisner*

*Imagine beetles ejecting defensive sprays as hot as boiling water; female moths holding their mates for ransom; caterpillars disguising themselves as flowers by fastening petals to their bodies; termites emitting a viscous glue to rally fellow soldiers - and you will have entered an insect world once beyond imagining, a world observed and described down to its tiniest astonishing detail by Thomas Eisner. The story of a lifetime of such minute explorations, *For Love of Insects* celebrates the small creatures that have emerged triumphant on the planet, the beneficiaries of extraordinary evolutionary inventiveness and unparalleled reproductive capacity. Eisner tells us, but never has a reckoning been such a pleasure. Recounting exploits and discoveries in his laboratory at Cornell and in the field in Uruguay, Australia, Panama, Europe and North America, Eisner time and again demonstrates how inquiry into the survival strategies of an insect leads to clarifications beyond the expected; insects are revealed as masters of achievement, forms of life worthy of study and respect from even the most recalcitrant entomophobe. Filled with descriptions of his ingenious experiments and illustrated with photographs, this book makes readers participants in the grand adventure of discovery on a scale infinitesimally small and infinitely surprising.*

Good Reads Review

The Lighter Side

**WHEN MY FRIENDS
TOLD ME TO STOP
IMPERSONATING A
FLAMINGO I HAD TO
PUT MY FOOT DOWN**



Thanks to Julie Gentry (Facebook)

A boat carrying red paint
crashed into another boat full
of purple paint. The captain
has gone missing and is
believed to be marooned..

Thanks to John Donaho (Facebook)



CPCTMN Blog and Instagram

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://txmn.org/coastal>

We have 2 relatively new communication channels for our chapter!

Kimberly Farou is doing a delightful blog for our chapter that you can find on the home page of our website. The latest blog can be found at <https://txmn.org/coastal/2019/04/24/earth-day-at-seabourne-april-22-2019/> .

Ramona Ridge has started a wonderful chapter Instagram account where you can display photos about our chapter at

<https://www.instagram.com/cpctmn/>

If you want to put a photo on the Instagram site, email [Ramona Ridge](#) or [Erik Wolf](#)

Check out our Facebook Page at

[TXMN Coastal Prairie Chapter Facebook](#)

To post photos and information, email

[John Donaho](#)

Also, share our chapter Facebook entries with your friends on your Facebook Page



*We also have a **Chapter-Only** Facebook Page that allows chapter members to post items. You can join by going to the website below and clicking on "Join". The administrator will allow you access. This is for chapter members only.*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1882734648662315/?ref=bookmarks>

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