

Coastal Prairie Chapter Courier

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We do not inherit the
Earth from our ancestors.
We borrow it from
our children.

*Chief Seattle, Suquamish
(c. 1780-1786 - 1866)*



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The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to 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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Clockwise from top: a child's "Ants Storytime" artwork by Tierra Rodriguez-Ortiz; birds outreach by Joyce Tipton; girl scouts at Seabourne by Randolph Watson; Bird WOW table by Missy Gaido Allen



EDITOR TEAM

This issue was crafted by Co-Editor, **Shannon Westveer**. Have a great story for the November issue? Submit by **October 25** to:

#submissions-courier on Slack or Submissions@coastalprairie.org to reach everyone on the Editor Team.

<https://txmn.org/coastal/monthly-coastal-prairie-courier/>

President's Message

Susan Walther, TMNCPC President



As I approach the end of my second year as chapter president, I've been thinking about what makes our chapter such a lively, welcoming, and growing community. For me, the answer is simple: it's what each of you brings to the group.

We're lucky to have members with **deep knowledge** in just about every area of natural history: botany, entomology, ornithology, herpetology, mycology, and more. Having in-house experts is a gift, but what makes it even more special is how willing you are to *share that knowledge with others*. Whether it's teaching a class, leading a walk, or sparking curiosity at an outreach booth, you're passing along your passion in ways that help grow our chapter and inspire people of all ages.

But knowledge is just part of the story. Our chapter also thrives because of the **variety of other talents** you bring. Leadership, organization, hospitality, communication, creativity, technical know-how, even skills with tools and heavy equipment—every one of these has an important place here! What makes it remarkable is the generosity with which you each offer those talents.

And then there's encouragement. I really believe one of the **best gifts we can give** our fellow volunteers is simply cheering one another on. A quick *thank you* or *good job* or *great idea* gives confidence, shows appreciation, and reminds us that what we do matters. That encouragement is one of the key things that keep volunteers energized and involved. Our Slack space is a perfect example! You all share photos, celebrate projects, post news, and sprinkle in plenty of supportive comments and emojis. It's become a fun, encouraging corner where we get to all "nerd out" together!

In my many years in the chapter, I've seen repeatedly how each person adds something unique and valuable. When I first joined, I was welcomed, encouraged, and inspired, just as so many of you have been. Serving as president has only deepened my appreciation for the heart, generosity, and enthusiasm that make this chapter **feel like family**.

Our chapter is thriving because of each of you and all that you bring. Thank you for your time, your talents, and your big-hearted spirit. I'm grateful to be on this journey with you.

See you outside!



October Chapter Program: Thursday, October 2 @ 7 PM "Title" Presented by **SPEAKER**

Jan Peterson, TMNCPC Programs Director



the Education Coordinator for Fort Bend Wildlife Rescue and is also rehabilitating opossums.

Our programs are always **FREE** and **open to the public**, held at the Rosenberg Civic Center, 3825 TX-36, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Come for social time and refreshments at 6:00 PM and get the chance to meet some wildlife ambassadors close up.



Thanks to the TMNCPC information technology team, programs are also **streamed LIVE** remotely via Zoom. The 1-hour program begins at **7:00 PM**.

The [Texas Master Naturalist Program](#) is sponsored by [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) and [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#).

Clockwise from top: Kristi Norman, Claire Schwabenland, and baby squirrel for rehabilitation and release (All photos: Fort Bend Wildlife Rescue)

[TMNCPC members in attendance should record their Advanced Training (AT) hours under "AT: Chapter Meeting-Coastal Prairie" and the VSP hours for the following business meeting under "Chapter Business: Chapter Meeting."

Join us for an engaging evening with [Fort Bend Wildlife Rescue](#) as they share the inspiring origin of their organization, introduce the species they work with, and explain the importance of coexisting with native wildlife. Learn about the unique wildlife needs of Fort Bend County, the questions they hear most from residents, and the common misconceptions and challenges they face in their mission.

Kristi Norman has been a wildlife center volunteer and home-based wildlife rehabilitator since 2015. She specializes in opossums. She is Vice President of Fort Bend Wildlife Rescue as well as its co-founder.

Claire Schwabenland has been working in the animal care and environmental education field for five years; she has worked at a wildlife center, a zoo, and a museum. Claire is

SEABOURNE CREEK NATURE PARK

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Prairie Promenade

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Membership Minute

*Sari Garfinkle and Constance Rossiter,
TMNCPC Membership Co-Directors*



2025 Recertification

(111 members recertified)

Karen Donohue – 2025 Spring
David Goff – 2018
Nathan Heilman – 2024 Fall
Shirley Hunter – 2023 Spring
Greg Hurley – 2020 Fall
Terri Hurley – 2017
Nancy Jones – 2020 Spring
Ruth Love – 2025 Spring
Mary Parkhouse – 2021 Fall
Carmen Perez – 2023 Fall
Mike Walsh – 2023 Fall
James Yi – 2023 Spring



250 Hour Milestone

Joanie Havlick – 2020 Fall
Tom Specht – 2025 Spring



500 Hour Milestone

Greg Hurley – 2020 Fall



Welcome to Our Chapter!

Introducing our newest members ... the **Fall 2025 Training Class**. Graduating next month.

Missy Allen
Uzma Asif
Jodi Berls
Tiffany Brackin
Gabrielle Butler
Vivian Dunn
Asli Dural
Mark (Mutlu) Dural
MaryAnn Ferguson
Nelson Gonzalez
Malinna Harris
Debra Helbert

Kathy Hendricksen
Courtney Houston
Paula Lenhart
Hamida Mitha
Priya Padmanabhan
Ruth Petter
Jeanne Pittari
Hui Fun Tan
Haleigh Thornley
Barbara Vogt
Chris Weidman
Stephanie Wheatley



New class member **Courtney Houston** impressed The Poobah with looking the part of a true naturalist with her “cool duds”

Forever Fulshear Event - November 1

Come serve with the rest of the Fulshear community! Meet at the Irene Stern Community Center 9 AM for supplies to pick up trash in the area and help replant a pollinator garden.

For more information, reach out to **Ramona Ridge** or email foreverfulshear@gmail.com.

Click the [TeamUp Calendar](#) link for more details.

Volunteer Service — October Highlights

Jan Poscovsky, TMNCPC Volunteer Director



Before departing to serve, check our website calendar for last minute changes, cancelations, or other information.

[October TeamUp Calendar](#)

[Public Events](#)

Signature Project Seabourne Creek Nature Park

(SCNP), Rosenberg: 8:00 - 10:30 AM

Wednesdays and 1st and 3rd Saturdays which fall on 10/1, 10/4, 10/8, 10/15, 10/18, 10/22, and 10/29

Signature Project Monthly Bird Hike at SCNP,

Rosenberg: 8:00 - 10:30 AM 1st Wednesday of each month which falls on 10/1

Public Outreach Mindful Nature Walk at SCNP,

Rosenberg: 9:00 - 10:30 AM and followed by **Storytime for Children** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1st Saturday 10/4

Public Outreach Nature Walk at SCNP, Rosenberg:

8:00 - 9:30 3rd Sunday 10/19

Public Outreach Insect Hike (Spiders!) at SCNP,

Rosenberg: 9:00 - 11:00 AM ~~3rd~~ 4th Thursday 10/23 due to TMN Annual Meeting conflict

Public Outreach Houston Museum of Natural

Science at Sugar Land: 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM 2nd and 4th Saturdays 10/11 and 10/25; **Garden Workday,** 9:00 - 11:00 AM 3rd Thursday 10/16 (see SignUp Genius for both opportunities)

Chapter and Board Meeting, via Zoom: 7:00 -

9:00 PM ~~3rd~~ 4th Wednesday 10/22 due to TMN Annual Meeting conflict (see #*announcements* channel on Slack for JOIN link)

Texas Pollinator BioBlitz, Anywhere in Texas:

10/10 through 10/26 ([JOIN the project](#))

JBHF Harrison-Long Point BioBlitz, Needville:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Friday 10/10

Ag'Tivity Barn Outreach, Rosenberg:

Various time slots 10/1 through 10/4 (see SignUp Genius for open opportunities)

Lawther-Deer Park Prairie, Deer Park:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 4th Saturday 10/25

Willow Fork Pollinator Garden Workday, Katy:

9:00 - 11:00 AM Saturdays which fall on 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, and 10/25

Coastal Prairie Conservancy Indiangrass Preserve,

Katy: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Tuesdays, Fridays, and 2nd Saturdays of each month which fall on 10/3, 10/7, 10/10, 10/11, 10/14, 10/17, 10/21, 10/24, 10/28, and 10/31

STEM Night at Austin Elementary, Sugar Land:

5:00 - 7:30 PM Thursday 10/23 (see SignUp Genius for open opportunities)

Bat WOW at Veranda Cottage House, Richmond:

2:45 - 7:00 PM Saturday 10/25 (see SignUp Genius for open opportunities)

Skins and Skulls WOW at Catholic Charities,

Richmond: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Wednesday 10/29

John Paul Landing Weekly Bird Hike, Houston:

8:30 - 11:30 AM Thursdays which fall on 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30

Harris County Precinct 4 Bird Survey @ Archbishop

Joseph A. Fiorenza Park, Houston:

7:30 - 11:00 AM 4th Monday 10/27

Kolter Elementary Pollinator Garden, Houston:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 2nd Saturday 10/11

Freed Art and Nature Park Cleanup, Houston:

9:00 - 11:00 AM Saturday 10/11 (waiver and RSVP required)

Willow Waterhole Bird Survey, Houston:

7:00 - 9:00 AM 3rd Saturday 10/18

Attwater Prairie-chicken NWR, Eagle Lake:

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Fridays 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, and 10/24

Entergy Natives Nursery Workday, High Island:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 2nd Thursday 10/9

Getting to Know Your Seabourne Creek Prairie Plants — V Asclepias Species in 'Our Area'

Susie Doe, Class of 2008



In Part IV last month, the special flower structure and pollination mechanism of milkweeds in the genus *Asclepias* was covered (see [September 2025 Issue Courier](#), pages 8-9). Worldwide there are over 200 species of which 36 are native to Texas. Seven of those species can be found throughout 'Our Area' (see map, right). Another six species range just along the edges, and though three of them are frequently recommended for planting, they may not be suitable to parts of 'Our Area'.

Handle these plants

carefully: do not let the sap get into your eyes, nose, or mouth! All *Asclepias* species produce cardiac glycosides in their milky sap, which is what protects *Danaus* species from being eaten by birds. Most of them grow to 1-2 feet tall; flower structure was described in more detail in the previous issue. In many species, inflorescences are extra-axillary, meaning they develop not from the axillary buds but from internodal tissue of the stem, which is quite unusual.



The fruits of *Asclepias* are fusiform to ellipsoid follicles (photos, left) which dehisce along a single suture line releasing flattened seeds; each seed has a tuft of silky hairs (coma) at the tip which act as parachutes or sails for wind dispersal. Seed collectors often place a small mesh bags over the developing follicles to catch seeds before they fly away.

All photos by Susie Doe, except where noted



Most bloom heavily in the spring but often continue to flower into autumn months. Greenish flowers make them rather inconspicuous; it is sad, but true, that species with more colorful flowers are just not native to 'Our Area'.

It should also be noted that *not* all milkweeds are created the same. Some produce more cardiac glycosides than others, making them more toxic to humans and livestock; female monarchs are more likely to lay their eggs on

them for the same reason. Species with less toxicity are less useful to *Danaus*; however, all milkweeds produce plenty of nectar giving them special value status for our native bees, flies, beetles, and wasps that pollinate them.

Let's have a look at the **Who's Who in our Milkweed Zoo!**



***Asclepias viridis* (green milkweed):** This is our most common milkweed. It favors moist soils and full sun, tolerating various soil types. Flowers have yellowish-green petals forming a cup surrounding the purple corona (crown), borne on terminal, pedunculate, umbelliform inflorescences. The stems of *A. viridis* are often branched and decumbent at the base with alternate to sub-opposite oblong/elliptic leaves with entire margins, often undulate with pinkish mid-veins.

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***Asclepias oenotheroides* (zizotes milkweed):**

A common species of drier, sandier soils, it prefers full sun and can grow from several inches to a couple of feet in height. It has green hourglass-shaped flowers with reflexed, slightly spreading sepals, and the erect hoods are green with white tips. There are fewer flowers on the inflorescences which are borne extra-axillarily. The ovate-lanceolate to elliptic leaves often have pinkish mid-veins, and the blade is frequently undulate, margins crisped.



***Asclepias viridiflora* (green comet milkweed):**

Not as common as the above species, this is another green-flowered milkweed with inflorescences borne extra-axillarily. Petals are reflexed so far that they are appressed on the pedicel; the hoods are greenish, lanceolate, pink/purple, appressed to a prominent stigmatic disc. Leaves may be variable from linear to broadly ovate to almost orbicular, margins may be entire or crisped. It prefers full sun and drier soils, ranging from short (under a foot) to tall (over 3 feet).



***Asclepias perennis* (aquatic milkweed):**

A common milkweed in 'Our Area,' it is an obligate wetland plant growing in bottomlands, marsh edges, sloughs, swamps, and coastal prairie potholes; it 'likes its feet wet.' Easy to grow from seed, it's a great plant for a home rain garden or any area that stays regularly moist. It will thrive from full sun to part shade and grows to 18-20 inches in height. Flowers are hourglass-shaped with reflexed, slightly spreading white petals regularly suffused with pink. Coronas tend to remain white.

Leaves are long and narrowly elliptic oval or oblong with attenuate bases.



***Asclepias verticillata* (whorled milkweed):** This common species tends to grow in colonies. It has very narrow linear leaves, 3-4 per node (i.e. verticillate/whorled), and flowers are notably small. Petals are reflexed, slightly spreading, greenish to creamy often flushed with purple or tan and the coronas are creamy-white. It can reach a height of 3 feet tall, preferring sun to part shade and drier soils of varying types.

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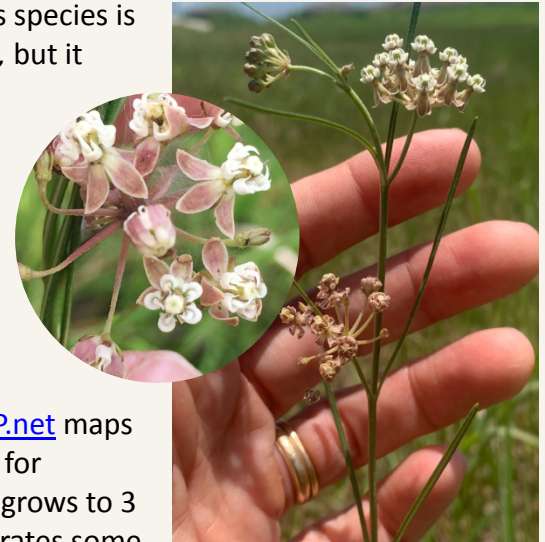
***Asclepias linearis* (slim milkweed):** This species is commonly confused with *A. verticillata*, but it grows slightly shorter in height and singularly or in small groups. It is most common in our coastal counties, happy growing on the fringes of prairie potholes and unmowed ditches in full sun. Linear leaves are opposite (2 per node) rather than whorled compared with *A. verticillata*.



***Asclepias hirtella* (tall milkweed):** NOTE:

The name *Asclepias longifolia* has been misapplied to Texas plants; in fact [BONAP.net](#) maps it with *A. longifolia*. See [FSUS.edu](#) for

accurate mapping. This species grows to 3 feet tall, likes full sun, but tolerates some shade, and prefers dry to moist, well-drained soil. Leaves are narrow but not linear and arranged alternately (or sub-oppositely). The spherical inflorescences are borne either terminally or on the uppermost internodes; flowers have fully reflexed green petals amply tinged with purple as are the coronas giving them a long, narrow look like *A. viridiflora*.



Photos by Shannon Westveer,
@dirtnkids iNat observations
#117484342 and #50709056

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***Asclepias curassavica* (tropical milkweed):** NOTE: Do not restore with this species. Introduced to Texas and perpetuated by the nursery trade, this species is native from the southernmost part of Mexico south to tropical South America. Due to its bright coloration (red-orange petals, yellow corona) and easy cultivation compared to native *Asclepias* species, it was readily accepted by Monarch butterfly enthusiasts despite its origin.

A. curassavica has proven to be problematic. It harbors and spreads OE disease in Monarch populations—causing serious, often lethal malformations—and Super Generation females seen laying eggs on plants in autumn have turned off diapause. These females will no longer have the energy needed to migrate to wintering grounds.

For more information on this please visit <https://xerces.org/blog/tropical-milkweed-a-no-grow>

Natives



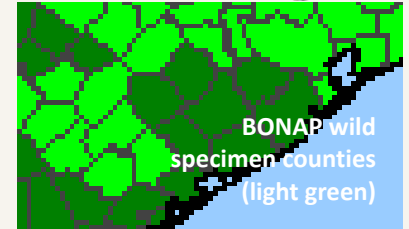
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The **next two species** grow around the edges of our area and are often promoted for monarch waystations, but it should be noted that these do not necessarily fare well in the core of 'Our Area' where soils are predominantly vertisols.



***Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed):** With its striking bright red-orange flowers, this species is native to the eastern, northern and western perimeter of 'Our Area' where soils are more suitable; the BONAP map suggests it is not expected in the more clayey soils of the Columbia Bottomlands. This species germinates easily, but propagating plants is a long process. These plants do not respond well to being transplanted. NOTE: Beware the look-alike! 'Butterfly weed' sold at garden stores is often another cultivated species.

***Asclepias asperula* (antelopehorns):** While this species ranges down into the northwestern and western edges of 'Our Area' into mid-Colorado County and down to Victoria, it is most common west of the Balcones Escarpment where it is adapted to dry or moist but well-drained rocky or sandy prairie soils. It thrives in full sun.

It often has multiple, decumbent stems with leaves lanceolate with cuneate bases and pointed apices. Flowers are almost identical to those of *A. Viridis*, also borne on terminal inflorescences, but these are more spherical rather than hemispherical.



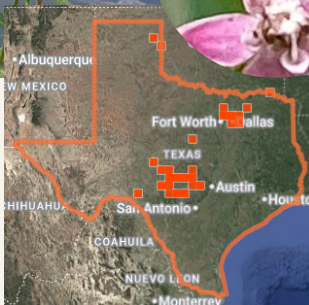
***Asclepias incarnata* (swamp milkweed):** This species is often sought for the beautiful bright pink flowers and is promoted for monarch waystations as female monarchs will oviposit (lay eggs) on it. Its natural range is: "along perennial streams in the Edwards Plateau and the northern High and Rolling Plains ... also bogs and marshes in East Texas."** While it may grow in a managed garden setting, do not expect it to persist in wild, restored habitats in 'Our Area.'

Resources:

** *Identification of Milkweeds (Asclepias, Family Apocynaceae) in Texas*, Jason Singhurst (TPWD) and Walter C. Holmes (Baylor); as a PDF: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_rp_w7000_1803.pdf

Full descriptions of these species can be found at *Flora of North America*: <https://floranorthamerica.org/Asclepias>

Plant photos by @reidhardin, iNat observations #58353078 and #59617821; research grade observations map of *A. Incarnata*, iNaturalist screenshot



Four Years in Partnership with HMNS Sugar Land

Jamie Fairchild and Katie Sallean, Committee Leads



The Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists recently celebrated a significant milestone with a volunteer appreciation luncheon hosted by the Houston Museum of Natural Science in Sugar Land.

This event marked four years of fruitful collaboration between the chapter and museum, highlighting the invaluable contributions of the volunteers who have dedicated their time and expertise to various community outreach and educational programs.



Members gather for a group photo in the Butterfly Garden outside; all photos by Hoiman Low

Held Friday, August 22, 2025, the luncheon saw the attendance of 42 members. Museum Executive Director **Kavita Self** welcomed attendees and emphasized the chapter's role in educating museum patrons. The chapter's outreach efforts—conducted every second and fourth Saturdays—have significantly benefited the community through sharing of knowledge and providing engaging activities.

Katie Sallean, who leads the outreach program at the museum, provided a historical overview of the partnership between the chapter and the museum,

highlighting impressive statistics: outreach has impacted 8,200 people and accumulated over 2,600 service hours! Over the past four years, eighty members have contributed to these efforts, showcasing the public outreach passion of our group.

Diverse topics have been covered in the chapter's outreach programs, including local birds, butterflies, native bees, climate change, seasonal migration, and more. Children have participated in various crafts like making native seed balls, hummingbird feeders, and recycled tote bags. **Jamie Fairchild**, who leads the butterfly garden maintenance team, was recognized for transforming the garden with native plants and shrubs.

Katie and Jamie expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers for their time and energy, acknowledging their vital role in the partnership's success.

The event concluded with a catered lunch and special recognition of members who had led monthly outreach themes. There were drawings for door prizes and a delightful slide show spanning years of shared photos with museum patrons.

This partnership is a testament to the dedicated work of **Coastal Prairie Chapter volunteers** to fulfilling the TMN Mission, whose efforts have made a lasting impact on the museum and the larger community. Their commitment to education and conservation continues to inspire and benefit all who engage with our programs!



Fall 2025 Trainees Dive In, Find Purpose

Nathan Heilman, Spring 2026 Training Class Director



August 24, 2024, 8:55 AM. First day of my class.

I walked into The Range at the Fort Bend AgriLife Extension, not entirely sure what I was getting myself into. I had previously met only one other person in the room and had spoken to another for 20 minutes on the phone. I had only the most basic understanding of what lay ahead of me. But in retrospect, the decision to walk into that classroom is one of the best I've made. I imagine it was for many others as well.

Fast forward a year.

When we think about a training course, it's easy to focus on the mechanics, on the formal goal and how it serves the TMN Mission to develop a *corps of well-informed volunteers*. And certainly, that's important. We're now past the halfway point for Fall 2025 training, and this newest batch of Master Naturalists have: planted milkweeds; paraded through the prairie; learned why being able to taxon-name an organism truly matters; and just recently dip-netted for aquatic invertebrates.

Beyond what participants learn and do, initial training is where the **seeds of lifelong bonds first take root**. Every session is an opportunity to connect a little more deeply with classmates, with experienced mentors and members who all plan, lead, and teach readily.

Perhaps I want to find peace by giving back to nature what we have taken from it.

- Asli Dural

It's inspiring to be surrounded by people who care so deeply and give so freely.

- Hui Fun Tan

Every Master Naturalist that I've met has inspired and uplifted me, and I cannot wait to explore all of the opportunities that the chapter works so hard to create for us!

- Gabrielle Butler

On the surface, field trips serve to educate with hands-on activities, usually with a bit of entertainment sprinkled on top. I would argue that the more lasting impact a field trip provides is an **opportunity for trainees to find their niche** ... to find that place or approved service opportunity that grabs them and keeps them coming back.

Volunteering becomes so much more rewarding when it **speaks to the heart**.

Spending structured time with other like-minded individuals learning *about*, being *in*, and interacting *with* the natural world helps to sharpen our focus on what it is that really matters, how we can best strive to create the world we want to live in.

Initial training is truly the springboard for achieving the mission of the Texas Master Naturalists!



TMNs-in-training at Seabourne field stations; photos by N. Heilman





Lagniappe (aka Extras)
Co-editor Shannon Westveer

Lisa Sanders, now head of **SCNPA Archway Grasses 2023 Class Project**, (photo, right) can be seen at the park with other volunteers on regular workdays practicing her own crossword puzzle concepts. ([Remember what those are?](#))

Diane Johnston, Class of Spring 2025, catches the gulf muhly at its golden hour ... gorgeous natives doing their thing!



Photo by Randolph Watson



Bats Matter

*Jim Butcher,
'The Grand Poobah'*

Back in February, TMNCPC member **Monica Taylor** presented on a new initiative by [TPWD's Texas Nature Trackers](#) at the monthly chapter program. The project – aptly named the Bat Acoustic Monitoring Project – employs a system known as



Photo by Diane Johnston



[Kaleidoscope Pro from Wildlife Acoustics](#)

which records known bat calls/echolocation to identify the likelihood of a bat's presence by species.

While good, the system is not fool proof. I jumped at the chance to find out which of Texas's thirty species of bats ruled the night sky in my own backyard. Monica was kind enough to come by and set up a station. After four nights of monitoring, Bat Song Meter 4 results came back.

The highly likely species recorded were eastern red bat, northern yellow bat, and tricolored bat. Likely were the silver-haired bat (like me!), evening bat, and Mexican free-tailed bat. Those possible species were hoary and Seminole bats. That's quite an assortment! My gratitude to Monica and the whole team for improving our knowledge of the unseen bats in our landscapes.

Seabourne Creek Special Edition – Summer Issue



Did you miss the last issue by *NEW!* Co-editor **Masood Murtuza**? No worries! Like other *Courier* issues, you can always go read it on-line:

https://txmn.org/coastal/files/2025/09/Seabourne_Creek_Summer_Edition_2025.pdf

Feature stories include

- Bird Banding at the Bird Viewing Area
- Seabourne in Ceramics
- Youth Leadership Projects
- ... and *more!*

Lighter Side

Various Members

Day 4. They suspect nothing.



Shared by Rodney Walther

Something Make You Smile?

There's a Slack channel for that! Share what makes you laugh whether it's nature-related or not. Please keep it PG-rated for the courtesy of fellow members. Who knows? You might find it in the *Courier's* Lighter Side section one day.

#humor (on Slack)

Winter
Fool's Spring
Second Winter
Spring of Deception
Third Winter
The Pollening
Actual Spring
Summer
Hell's Front Porch
False Fall ← **You are here**
Second Summer
Actual Fall

Shared by Lisa Sanders

The fact that many people can't distinguish between entomology and etymology bugs me in ways I can't put into words.

Shared by Jan Poscovsky



LONE STAR ROUNDABOUT Prairie Patch Planting Event



9 AM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

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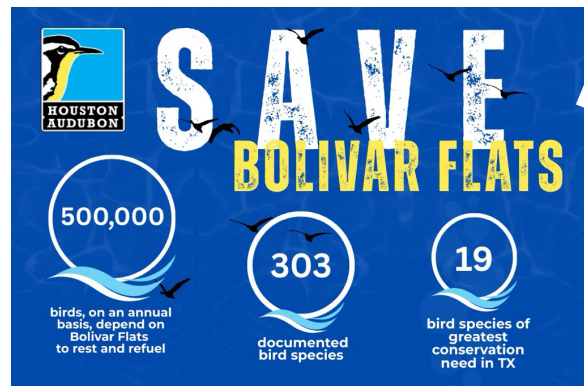
ATTEMPTED MURDER



Shared by Raji Mahesh

Prgm. CoordinatorBrandy Rader
Fort Bend Ag. AgentTBD

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2025-annual-meeting/>



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