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COVER PHOTO

Kerry Padilla captures one of the many “Prairie Percher” shift teams for the 2025 Great Texas Birding Classic’s Big Sit in April

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

**Texas Master Naturalist™
2025 Initial Certifications**



Congratulations to Our Newest Members!



(* Double certification can happen only in the 1st year with initial certification and additional re-certification

- * Melissa Allen
- * Elizabeth Baldwin
- * Jovanna Berls
- Tiffany Brackin
- * Nicole Bride
- * Karen Brisch
- * Cindy Colluro
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- Sabrina Vera
- Barbara Vogt
- * Christopher Weidman
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- Valerie Whiting
- Claire Williams
- Brenda Wittman



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Volunteer Service Milestones



250 HOUR PIN - BRONZE

500 HOUR PIN - SILVER

1,000 HOUR PIN - GOLD

2,500 HOUR PIN - POLISHED SILVER

4,000 HOUR PIN - POLISHED GOLD WITH RUBY

5,000 HOUR PIN - POLISHED GOLD WITH DIAMOND



***Congratulations to Our
Milestone Achievers!***

5,000 Service Hours



Susan Walther - Class of 2011
Shannon Westveer - Class of 2019



4,000 Service Hours

Randolph Watson - Fall 2022

1,000 Service Hours



Lucy Moyer - Spring 2021
Janis Peterson - Spring 2021
Lisa Sanders - Spring 2023

Wen Sherrill - Class of 2019
Monica Taylor - Fall 2023
Jean Watson - Spring 2023



Volunteer Service Milestones



500 Service Hours

Susan Brodmerkel - Spring 2024

Karen Bueker - Fall 2024

Harold Carlson - Spring 2024

Jo Cosby - Fall 2024

Amy Elliott Miller - Spring 2024

Sari Garfinkle - Fall 2023

John Greene - Spring 2022

Janis Hodgson - Fall 2020

Shirley Hunter - Spring 2023

Greg Hurley - Fall 2020

Pam Jackson - Spring 2024

Ana Lorena Jaramillo - Spring 2024

Howard Kanelakos - Spring 2024

Bayard Nicklow - Fall 2022

Aida Pita Baston - Fall 2020

Constance Rossiter - Spring 2024

Mary Saville - Fall 2020

Cindi Tanner - Spring 2024

Vanessa Weidman - Fall 2024

Lynne Woods - Fall 2022



250 Service Hours

Karen Brisch - Fall 2024

Karen Bueker - Fall 2024

Ellen Bynum - Spring 2024

Patricia Cabrera Escobedo - Spring 2024

Harold Carlson - Spring 2024

Cindy Chapman - Fall 2024

Cindy Colluro - Spring 2025

Jo Cosby - Fall 2024

Joanie Havlick - Fall 2020

Diane Johnston - Spring 2025

Stacy Kmetz - Fall 2023

Rajeswari Mahesh - Fall 2023

Angela Montoya - Fall 2022

Tom Specht - Spring 2025

Philip Ward - Fall 2021

Sharon Watson - Spring 2021

Vanessa Weidman - Fall 2024

Elaine Whiteley - Fall 2021

Congratulations to Our Milestone Achievers!

Volunteers in Action! Making Memories in 2025



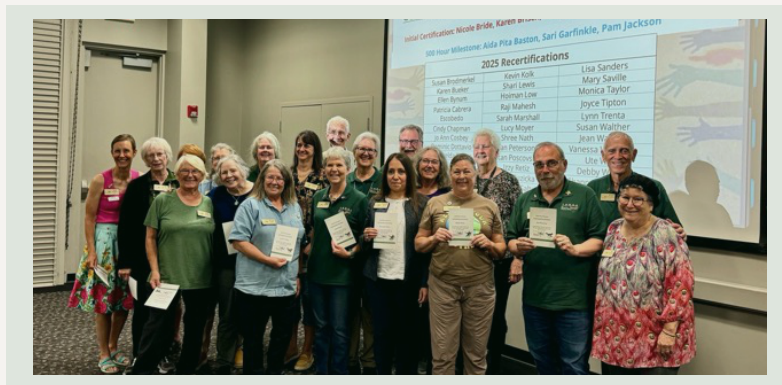
Photos by various members



Member Re-Certifications



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 Esmeralda Fisher
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Coastal Prairie Chapter members receive re-certification roadrunner pins at the April 2025 chapter program meeting. *Meep meep!* | Photo by Shannon Westveer

Irene Gabler
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 Sandra Gardner
 Sari Garfinkle
 David Goff
 Nelson Gonzalez
 John Greene
 Richard Guajardo
 Monte Hambleton
 William Hannah
 Joanie Havlick
 Nathan Heilman
 Lisa Hendrix
 Janis Hodgson
 Dawn Homan



Shirley Hunter
 Terri Hurley
 Greg Hurley
 Pam Jackson
 Ana Lorena Jaramillo
 William Johnson
 Margo Johnson
 Diane Johnston
 Nancy Jones
 Caroline Kane
 Howard
 Kanelakos
 Randy Kepner
 Stacy Kmetz
 Jan Kolk
 Kevin Kolk
 Paula Lenhart
 Amber Leung
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 Lucy Moyer
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 Michael Randall
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 Erendira Retiz
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Member Re-Certifications



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Diane Russell
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Greater Roadrunner: Featured Species for the 2025 Texas Master Naturalist™ Annual Re-Certification Pin



2025 was the Year of the Greater Roadrunner re-certification pin. To learn more about greater

roadrunners found in a variety of Texas habitats, visit the Texas Master Naturalist Statewide *TMN Tuesday* recorded program held in February 2025. Featured guest Tania Homayoun, Ph.D. shared fun facts and intriguing naturalist information about this interesting bird. Dr Homayoun is the statewide ornithologist with the Non-game and Rare Species Program at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Through this position, she works to implement conservation measures, conduct status assessments, direct statewide bird research efforts, and address threats to non-game birds identified as [Species of Greatest Conservation Need](#).

The February recorded program featuring the Greater Roadrunner may be found on the Statewide Texas Master Naturalist website under the tab for TMN Tuesdays, or [visit the link here](#) to view directly in YouTube.



Photo by Nathan Heilman

Volunteers in Action! Making Memories in 2025



Photos by various members

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Membership by the Numbers

See How We Have Grown!

By the Numbers -TMNCPC	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Active Members	158	176	197	228	235	266
Volunteers with Approved Hours	125	165	186	212	233	250
Opportunities	72	73	81	80	83	88
Volunteer Service Hours (VSP)	12,736	15,418	20,642	25,257	29,506	35,188
Advanced Training Hours (AT)	2,865	2,617	2,611	4,082	4,299	4,898
Initial Training Hours (IT)	1,617	1,901	1,863	2,016	1,800	2135
Annual Recertification	71	78	96	113	129	157
Initial Certification	25	37	36	37	36	43
250-hour Milestone	6	16	12	18	28	18
500-hour Milestone	7	6	7	14	11	20
1,000-hour Milestone	2	1	11	8	7	6
2,500-hour Milestone	1	1	2	2	6	0
4,000-hour Milestone	1	0	2	0	3	1
5,000-hour Milestone	0	1	2	0	1	2
Outreach (individuals 'touched')	2,100	5,045	7,012	24,910	35,922	32,703
Average Hours per member	81	88	105	111	126	132

Volunteer Service Fun at Seabourne Creek Park Spring Nature Day



Spring 2025 Trainees Karen Donohue, Elizabeth Garrett and Ruth Love share big smiles at Seabourne Creek Nature Day.

Susan Brodmerkel and Cindy Tanner show their artsy side with fellow TMN volunteers at the crafts table during Nature Day, Spring 2025.



Randolph Watson and Hal Carlson compare fish "tales" as Cindy Chapman watches in amusement.

The Blog is Back!

After a 2-year absence, our chapter is blogging again. In addition to permanently posting each *Courier* and other Special Editions, timely content will be posted throughout the year. If you'd like to receive blog posts in an email as soon as they're posted, *sign up!*

<https://txmn.org/coastal/coastal-prairie-blogs/>



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- State Rep. Nelson Gonzalez
- Seabourne Creek Jerry Trenta and
[Randolph Watson](#)

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