



# THE PADDLEFISH

## Briefings from Becky

Well after many wet stormy days this spring, we are getting into the hot and humid season of East Texas. According to [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com), meteorologists hold that summer started June 1st but astronomers and other scientists consider the June Solstice as the beginning of summer. This is the longest daylight of the year in the northern hemisphere. This year's June Solstice is June 20 at 10:32pm CDT (June 21 03:32 UTC)

It really is much easier for me to get up when sunrise is early and it makes a lot

more sense to walk the dog or do some yard work as early as possible before it gets super hot. It's always been hard for me to slow down while the sun is still out. Oh, but wait! I do catch myself wanting a nap in the afternoon. When I was young and we had no air conditioning, we often "took a nap" with the attic fan humming to keep us out of the heat. Now, I want the nap just because I'm 68.

Please read your emails and this newsletter to learn about the activities that by location and/



**Bed in Summer**

"In winter I get up at night  
And dress by yellow candle-light.  
In summer quite the other way,  
I have to go to bed by day.  
I have to go to bed and see  
The birds still hopping on the tree,  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet  
Still going past me in the street.  
And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to go to bed by day?"

- Robert Louis Stevenson

or time will be doable even in the heat!

Especially hope to see you for our June 14 Meeting and Potluck Supper at 6pm at Kellyville. Special yummy fun will be learning about Dutch Oven cooking from Jennifer and Jason Bean!

~Becky Gullette, CBTMN President

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## Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalists Financial Report for May 1, 2021—May 31, 2021

<b>Beginning Bank Balance, 05/01/2021</b>		<b>\$ 14,754.47</b>
Add Deposits:		
Annual Dues	25.00	
Flotilla T-shirts, Mug sales	160.00	
New Member	130.00	
Amazon Smile	<u>23.48</u>	+ 338.48
Less Expenses:		
Mail Flotilla Tees	107.95	
Flotilla Launch Fees	40.00	
Postage Stamps	<u>11.00</u>	- 158.95
 <b>Ending Balance, 05/31/2021</b>		 <b><u>\$14,934.00</u></b>
	Flotilla Funds \$ 7,568.90	
	General Funds <u>7,365.10</u>	
		<b><u>\$14,934.00</u></b>

**NOTES:**

~ Submitted by Charles Gillis, CBTMN Treasurer

### Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalists Minutes from May 11, 2021

Becky started the meeting at 6:34.

Everyone present received a COVID pin. No updates on COVID restrictions for TMN membership.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Charles sent the treasurer's report out online and -there were no questions or concerns about the report.

- Becky reviewed membership requirements that need to be fulfilled to remain an up-to-date member. Election for next year's officers is coming in June. Becky will send out an email to recruit those interested in becoming an officer next year.
- Barry's free library needs a plaque and Donald's bench needs to be completed. Caroline expressed her ap-

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preciation, and Dudley sent a thank you expressing his appreciation for Donald's memorial.

- Becky reminded everyone to get AT hours with TMN Tuesdays. Tammi puts links in the newsletter.
- Becky reminded everyone about the bird watching activity on May 25th at Daingerfield State Park.
- Dutch Oven Cooking is the topic that will be presented at our next meeting on June 18th. Everyone will bring a side dish to share. This meeting will start at 6:00 pm.
- Caroline spoke with Boyd Sanders about rescheduling the birding activity which was cancelled earlier due to Covid. She will find out some possible make up dates for this activity.
- The Forest Service will try to plan a class on prescribed burning for the TMN group.
- Stella reported that the flotilla did not make as much money as previous years due to lack of food and a silent auction. A repeat paddler won the canoe, and it has been sent to him. Next year, a virtual flotilla and a face-to-face flotilla may be planned.
- Phyllis noted that all the Adopt-a-Loop trails have been visited except the WPA. Becky discussed requirements for Adopt-a-Paddling Trail.
- Becky asked for a volunteer to serve as a go to person for the Saturday Clean-Up Day. Cal volunteered to do this.
- Stella reported that the Friends of Caddo flower bed has been covered with cardboard to deter weeds. More volunteers are needed for this VT project.
- Ted reported that Hope Cemetery is in the cleanup phase and that he and Eric are working to get the necessary repairs and clean-up done.
- Vanessa asked if any dead blue birds had been found by the blue bird buddies while maintaining the blue bird boxes. If so, the numbers need to be reported to her.
- Several members have volunteered to sit on the deck to welcome visitors to the refuge. It has not been determined whether to assign a welcome person weekly or monthly. Ted suggested guides on the auto trails once a month.
- Ted reported that the Texas Parks and Wildlife are going to fund the greenhouse repairs.

The next meeting will be June 18th at 6:00 pm.

VT time was 1.25 hours.

The meeting was adjourned.

~ Kim Deloney, CBTMN Secretary



## Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalist

Location: Marshall, Texas

### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

## Fall 2021 Training Class

We are in the process of lining up presenters, securing a location and recruiting interested folks for a new training class starting this fall.

The dates are:

August 20 & 21,  
September 17 & 18,  
October 15 & 16,  
November 5 & 6.

We are holding November 13 as a makeup day in case of bad weather. The Refuge may not be opened up to the public by then, so we are looking at holding classes at Kellyville. We are desperate for folks to fill the seats, as we only have 2 that are committed, and we need a minimum of 6. Please think about friends, co-workers, neighbors, anyone who you think might have an interest in joining us. Please email the chapter at [cypressbasintmn@gmail.com](mailto:cypressbasintmn@gmail.com) or Caroline Hughes at [ca-hughes8@gmail.com](mailto:ca-hughes8@gmail.com) for more information.

Caroline & Susan  
Co-Training Directors



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"Love the world as your own self; then you can truly care for all things." — Lao Tzu

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## June 19, 2021 Field Trip—Tyler State Park

**Date/Time** Saturday, June 19, starts at 9:00.

**Location:** Tyler State Park

**Activity:** Ranger Boyd Sanders will present birding program, and the Post Oak Savannah will be in bloom so we can view that. He will discuss the pollinators and predators that hunt these flowers. Some of you have enjoyed Boyd's expertise as a presenter for our training programs. He will be available to us all morning.

**Logistics:** Members can begin gathering at 8:45 at the Blackjack Campground inside the park. There will be plenty of parking and a restroom there. Members should make a day-use reservation online for the 19th. Members can also carpool with a member who has Texas State Parks pass. Everyone in the car would get in free.

Let Becky Gullette Becky (903-692-3813) know if you'd like to attend and haven't already signed up.

## June 24, 2021 Outreach Opportunity

Date/Time: Thursday, June 24 9am -1pm (currently our part is probably 9-11am)

Location: Diamond Don RV Park

Activity: birding activities (currently)

35-40 kids, 5yr - 9yr old

S.A.I.L Summer Adventures in Learning.

Becky is still getting information on what is needed. Please let her know if you would be willing to help.

## Barry Hughes Lending Library is now listed on the World Wide Web

Little Free Library Map and Search Tool

Search by:  Zip Code  City/State/Province/Region  Country  Steward's Name/Library Name  Charter Number

**Charter #125367**  
Caddo Lake State Park LFL  
barrowstella1@gmail.com  
**Lat:** 32.680207085734  
**Long:** -94.176207727865

 This LFL was constructed by the staff at Caddo Lake State Park. It was dedicated to Barry Hughes, a beloved member of the Cypress Basin Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist who passed away very unexpectedly in 2019. Barry loved teaching kids, loved nature and interacting with adults as a compadre.

Caddo Lake State Park

## New TMN License Plate Available beginning June 21!

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# Meetings, Training & Volunteer Opportunities

**Please note:** Where field trips or trainings occur on a regular workday, this does not mean there will be no workday at all. Some may choose to do the workday instead of the special activity. We may group up to do trail work, etc. on a different day. **\*\* All events are pending the lifting of COVID-19**

### Join the Bird Herd!



Volunteers needed to maintain the bird blinds at the Refuge. Please contact Kim Deloney.

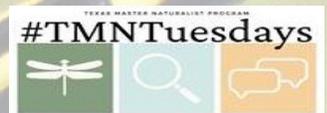
### Join Bluebird Buddies



Volunteers to help maintain the bluebird houses and counts. Please contact Mike Woodruff

**Work Day—Saturday  
June Date to be determined at the Chapter Meeting Monday night.**

This upcoming #TMNTuesday event will be **Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**, join TPWD's Statewide Fire Program Leader **Chris Schenck** for a talk entitled: **"Why burn? Fire History and Fire Effects"**. Go to <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/#may> to register.



If you missed the AMAZING presentation by Sam Kieschnick about dragonflies, their habitats, life cycles and importance in the ecosystem it was recorded and posted to our website - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/#june>

On **June 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm CST**, join TXMN again for another segment of the mini-series, **Be the Change!**

This month, we'll be hearing from Judge Ronnie McDonald as he discusses managing relationships and learning how to 'sit a spell'! Judge McDonald will be presenting: **Don't Count Me Out: Managing Relationships, Diversity and Inclusion**

Go to <https://txmn.tamu.edu/bethechange/#june> to register.



## 2021 Meeting Dates

Jun 14  
Jul 12  
Aug 9  
Sep 13  
Oct 11  
Nov 8  
Dec 13

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**COMING SOON! Mark your calendars.**

**Now recruiting trainees for the upcoming training class in the fall. Bring interested folks to a meeting!**



**Texas Master Naturalist  
2021 Annual Meeting**  
October 21st-24th

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