



# THE PADDLEFISH

## Briefings from Becky

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When we meet on January 10, we will be not quite 1/3 of the way through the first month of 2022. My how time flies! I hope you all are looking forward to a new year of CBTMN as much as I am. We have lots going on!

It will be great to continue to get to know our great new class of 2021! Susan has done a yeoman’s job of getting together a new arrangement of diverse meeting locations that will hopefully allow everyone to have at least some shorter drives to meetings. Stella has already started on Flotilla planning and preparing! She’ll tell us more about it on Monday night. Caroline and Susan are looking at AT



opportunities and we’re considering field trips. We’re ready to get back into our different projects/activities and revisit the “CLNWR Trail of the Month” that was bumped by Covid.

As I read about the death of world-famous biologist, E.O. Wilson, I was reminded of his great hypothesis known as Biophilia. He wrote a book with that title and describes “Biophilia” as “an innate tendency to seek connections with nature and other forms of life.” Though Fromm, Aristotle, others have discussed the idea from a psychological perspective, E.O. Wilson proposed that such a tendency was truly ingrained in humans. “Biophilia” was considered a very personal expression of his relationship to nature and the significance he placed on having a conservation ethic.

Stop and ask yourself, “Do I have an innate tendency to seek connections with nature and other forms of life?” I bet you do... that’s why you’re a Master Naturalist!

~Becky Gullette, CBTMN President

“When snowfalls, nature listens.” – Antoinette Van Kleeff

**Cypress Basin Texas Master Naturalists  
Financial Report for  
December 1, 2021—December 31, 2021**

<b>Beginning Bank Balance, 12/01/2021</b>		<b>\$ 14,844.36</b>
Add Deposits:		\$ 0
Less Expenses: New Class Training		
Books for Future Classes	\$ 90.51	
Food—Class of 21	\$ 44.04	
Supplies	\$ 23.82	- 528.53
		<b><u>\$14,315.83</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance, 12/31/2021</b>		<b><u>\$14,315.83</u></b>
Flotilla Funds	\$ 7,568.90	
Trainee Scholarship Fund	600.00	
General Funds	6,146.93	<b><u>\$14,315.83</u></b>

**NOTES:**

~ Submitted by Charles Gillis, CBTMN Treasurer

**2022 Membership Dues**

The annual membership dues for 2022 are now due. For single memberships, the amount is \$25 and for couple memberships, \$40. If paying by check, make it to CBTMN. You can mail it to Charles Gillis at 709 Lovely Road, Marshall, TX 75672, or pay at a monthly meeting. If paying by cash, Charles will have envelopes at the meeting for the cash and will need your name on the envelope to assure proper credit for payment.

## January Meeting Information

Our January monthly meeting will be held at the main Fire Station in Marshall, 601 S. Grove Street. The parking at the station is in 3 different spots. The first obvious one is right in front, but that lot only holds about 10 cars. That door is usually locked that time of night, but it should be open for us. On the left end of the building (the south side), there is a gated driveway that goes to the back of the station. The gate will be open and there is room for some cars back there. There is a door on the back of the building that leads directly into the meeting room. The 3rd spot (and only needed if the other 2 lots are full) is across Grove in the parking lot of the old Life Center. The meeting room is already set up, so there is no need to come much earlier than 6:30.



### VMS Information

Just a reminder that if you have any 2021 hours that you have not claimed the 45 days are still in effect. So go ahead and input them into the system. How about making a New Year's resolution that on the first of the month you will enter all the hours earned the previous month? Any questions talk to Linda Richtsmeier or Becky Gullette.

<https://txmn.org/tmn-vms-users/>

### Chapter Videos Available Online

Wanted to attend the AT presentation but couldn't? Need VT and AT? Interested in one of the recent trainee classes. Guess what you can now view them in the privacy of your own home!

Go to our state website at <https://txmn.org/cypress/>

On the right hand side click on Chapter Meetings.

It should take you to a password protection page. Check your email for password.

If you need the password again contact Becky or Tammi.

### 2022 Meeting Dates

**Jan 10** – Marshall main Fire Station, 601 S. Grove

**Feb 14** – Potluck at Transportation Center in Jefferson

**Mar 14** – Caddo Lake State Park in Karnack

**Apr 11** – Kellyville

**May 9** – Marshall Fire Station

**June 13** – Kellyville

**July 11 or Aug 8** – Caddo Lake State Park (we don't usually meet one of those months)

**Sept 12** – Potluck at Transportation Center

**Oct 10** – Marshall Fire Station

**Nov 14** – Caddo Lake State Park

**Dec** – no meeting

*"A snowflake is winter's butterfly." – Anonymous*

## 10th Annual Earth Day Flotilla

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

The TENTH Flotilla is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd! Mark your calendars!

I want to have a meeting to get started planning on Saturday, January 22nd at 11:00 am. I'm still looking for a location.

Let me know at [barrowstella1@gmail.com](mailto:barrowstella1@gmail.com) or text 903-736-3063 if you want to attend.

Thanks!



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*"There are some who bring a light so great to the world even after they have gone the light remains." – Unknown*

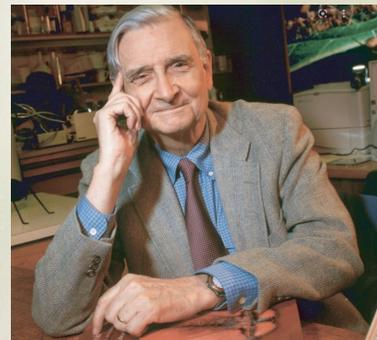
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**E.O. Wilson**

**American biologist, naturalist, writer**

**June 10, 1929 - December 26, 2021**

On December 26, the world of biology lost an amazing scientist, E.O. Wilson. While a professor at Harvard, he became a 2-time Pulitzer Prize winner and authored dozens of books about nature, biodiversity, humanity's relationship to nature, conservation and especially ants. He did a major study on ants and human behavior. His book, "The Naturalist" is an autobiography explaining his love and fascination with nature and science. As one would expect in science, he sometimes proposed various hypothesis, explanations that other scientists did not entirely agree with. Nonetheless, he was extremely well-respected and very influential especially in the protection of endangered species. He was known as the "Father of Biodiversity" as well as "The Ant Man".



Just a few of the many books he wrote: The Diversity of Life, On Human Nature, The Ants, Consilience, The Future of Life, Letters to a Young Scientist, Tales from the Ant World, Biodiversity, Journey to the Ants, Sociobiology, The Leafcutter Ants, Nature Revealed, A Primer of Population Biology, Every Species is a Masterpiece.

<https://eowilsonfoundation.org>

## Training Opportunities

### 2022 #TMNTuesdays

January 11   May 10   September 13  
February 8   June 14   October 11  
March 8   July 12   November 8  
April 12   August 9   December 12



This upcoming #TMNTuesday event will be **Tuesday, January 11th, #TMNTuesday**– The State of the Program

Join us for the first #TMNTuesday of the year!

Mary Pearl and Michelle will be going over the state of the program on January 11th at noon!

Register at: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

*“Keep looking up, that’s the secret of life.” – Snoopy*

## Invaders of Texas

a Citizen Science Program to Detect and Report Invasive Species

### Sentinel Pest Network and Invaders of Texas Workshops

**Invaders of Texas** workshops train volunteers to detect and report invasive species as citizen scientists. Workshops, which are free, are designed to introduce participants to invasive species and the problems they cause, cover aspects of invasive species management, teach identification of local invasive plants, and train participants to report invasive plants using the TX Invaders mobile application. The workshop is 7 hours long (usually on a Saturday, but scheduling is arranged with each individual host group). The workshop satisfies Master Naturalist training requirements.

**Sentinel Pest Network** workshops serve to increase the awareness and early detection of a set of particularly important invasive species to help prevent their spread into Texas or their further spread within Texas. Participants learn to identify species such as the Emerald Ash Borer, Cactus Moth, Asian Longhorned Beetle, and other pests of regulatory significance, and to report them. The workshop is 3.5 hours long. The workshop satisfies Master Naturalist training requirements.

#### Upcoming Workshops:

**Invaders of Texas Citizen Science Training Workshop** Date: February 19th, 2021

Time: 8:30-12:30

Place: In-person, location TBA

Open to the public. Please register with [invasives@shsu.edu](mailto:invasives@shsu.edu) or [Terri MacArthur](#)

For more information or to register to attend a free workshop, please visit the [Workshop Page](#).

# Meetings, Training & Volunteer Opportunities

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**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

### Books Needed



Books are getting low in the Barry Hughes Lending Library. If you have any books that you would like to donate get in touch with Caroline Hughes or bring them to the next meeting. Any and all genres, kids to adults are appreciated.

*Please share pictures and updates of any presentations, field trips, etc. that is going on! We also can use interesting articles you come across. You can email them to [cypress-basintmn@gmail.com](mailto:cypress-basintmn@gmail.com)*

## Texas Master Naturalist Program

### The Mission:

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.

### The Need:

Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers is often cited as a limiting factor for community-based conservation efforts.

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