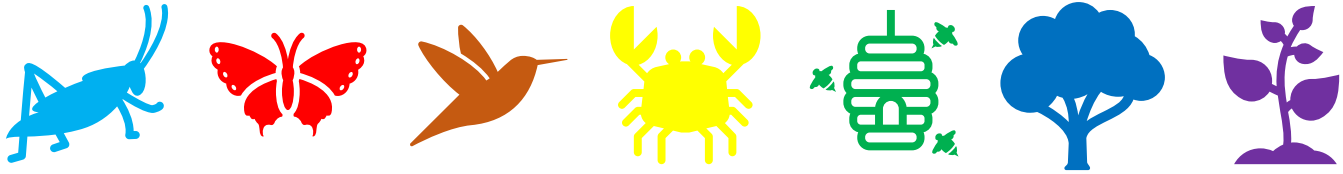


Texas Master Naturalist  
*El Camino Real Chapter*  
Chapter meeting – June 10, 2021, Zoom



**Attendees:** Connie Anderle, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Sandra Dworaczyk, Carolyn Henderson, Catherine Johnson, Janice Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Cheryl Lewis, Donna Lewis, Liz Lewis, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, John Pruett, Phyllis Shuffield, Debra Sorenson, Kim Summers, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, Don Travis

Program: 6:15 pm

Fellow Master Naturalist (among other things) Cheryl Lewis from the Bryan-College Station area spoke on native plants for birds. She shared resources by email, and we hope to get her presentation in PDF form soon. Another resource is our Wildscape hosts Bird and Bee Farm: 1369 CR 334, Rockdale.

### Chapter Meeting after Presentation

**President Report** (Sue Ann Kendall):

- In person meetings approved (discuss later).
- Master Naturalist license plate will be available June 21 from [myplates.com](http://myplates.com) – there is a \$30 annual fee.
- Thanks to all of you for keeping up with your volunteering and projects the past year and a half!
- Suna has a new email address to use for Master Naturalist communication, blog posts submissions, etc.: [ecrmnpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ecrmnpresident@gmail.com) – we can continue to use this for future presidents. [sunasak@gmail.com](mailto:sunasak@gmail.com) is personal email.

**Vice President Report** (Donna Lewis): Upcoming speakers. In July we have Eric Neubauer talking about his research. August will be Dr. Alston Thoms! September is Clint Walker from Walker's Honey Farm. November will be Dr. Crump. Donna will nail down October soon, and maybe we will have a holiday event in December.

**Secretary Report** (Sue Ann Kendall): Approve May minutes. Remember to send Sue Ann items you want to discuss at Chapter Meetings. Joyce Conner motioned to approve; Pamela Neeley seconded.

**Treasurer Report** (Michael Conner): May spent \$56.19 for Earth Day celebration. Joyce also printed brochures for a goodly amount of money. \$4921.29 in the bank.

### Committee Reports

**Communications:** Don Travis. All is well. Email is going out! Don and Cindy are heading out to Maine soon, to return some day.

Don gets lots of questions with requests for the link to the Zoom meetings. You only have to register once per year, and just use the same link for every meeting.

*Host:* Sherry Colley. Suna played phone tag with Sherry and found out that she may need someone to help on this committee, since she has a lot of family issues and difficulty with transportation right now. Is anyone available? Can anyone help her get to meetings? This is not urgent since we are bringing our own food to the next meeting. Discuss next month.

*Membership:* Lisa Milewski.

Awards for June 2021:

- Recertifications:
  - Joyce Conner
  - Lisa Milewski
  - Eric Neubauer
  - Jackie Thornton

We have been really busy, and we all appreciate it!

Remember to enter your hours in QUARTER HOURS. 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, etc. Please round up.

You need to make TWO entries if you attend both the speaker and the chapter meeting, VT and AT.

*Class Update:* Class: Kathy Lester. She was not in attendance.

AT and VT: Pamela Neeley and Don Travis. All is well.

*State Representative:* Linda Jo Conn –

- WOW award of the month Carolyn Henderson of a Persian silk tree from the Texas Invasive Species Bioblitz. She was among the top observers.
- Check weekly email for other fun activities that will also get you volunteer hours, suggested by Linda Jo. We are grateful for her creativity.

#### **Old Business:**

- none

#### **New Business:**

- Moving the meetings to hybrid format
  - In person at All Saints Episcopal Church in Cameron, 200 N. Travis: 5:30 pm, meal, bring your own food; presentation 6:15 pm, as usual, followed by chapter meeting.
  - Zoom same as always, assuming we can get it set up.
  - Notes from Don Travis:
    - - Lots of parking, in their lot and along 4 streets (map at end of meeting minutes)
    - - Lots of storage available to us
    - - Large kitchen, about 12-14 by 20-24 feet, large center island with lots of room around it, two oven/cooktops, two refrigerators, ice maker, pantry space just for us, opening above counter to the meeting room for serving and in kitchen watching. Handicap accessible.
    - - Large meeting room, easily accommodate 30 to 50 people or more with large tables and many chairs. Screen and projector available, but likely will use our own.
    - - Internet available (ZOOM to others or presenters)
    - - Welcoming congregation - happy to have us and accommodate us as needed.
    - - As I told Liz - "I could feel the Love" LET'S DO IT!!

**Nature Stories:**

- Donna has baby birds everywhere, cheep cheep!
- Lisa is happy that barn swallows chased away the grackles
- Catherine got to see baby Rio Grande turkeys hatch, dry, and move to all their incubators
- Wildscape got additional free milkweed from Monarch Watch, and all the Girl Scout troops are doing 100 acts of service for organizations in honor of 100 years of Girl Scouting, including us! They will plant milkweed and do chores.
- Sue Ann saw a really cool Giant Lichen orb weaver spider.
- Debi S. saw a coachwhip whipping around, and it looked at her.

**Adjourn: Carolyn Henderson moved to adjourn, Donna Lewis seconded.**

**Hours:**

Advanced Training Hours for this meeting AT 1.25 At a Chapter Meeting:  
Volunteer Hours for this meeting VT: Chapter Meeting .5



**Persian Silk Tree**

*Mimosa julibrissin*

Research Grade

<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/79458504>

**Carolyn Henderson chenderson**

**ECR WOW! iNaturalist.org  
Observation of the Month Award  
May 2021**

**Carolyn joined the Texas Invasive Species BioBlitz 2021**

**MAY 15, 2021 - MAY 22, 2021**

