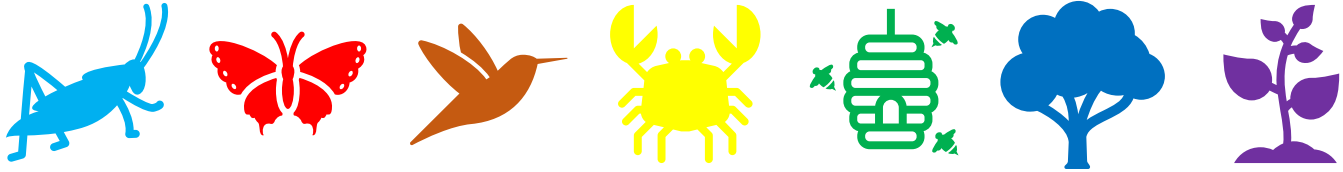


Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter

Chapter meeting – September 9, 2021

Zoom – register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlud-mspzwpH9AJbCwXcSc8sbB1z8GBrOk->
If you have already registered, use the link you were sent.



Attendees: Marian Buegeler, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Sandra Dworaczyk, Carolyn Henderson, Janice Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Donna Lewis, Liz Lewis, Dave Mason, Toni Mason, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Mike Mitchell, Pamela Neeley, Eric Neubauer, Phyllis Shuffield, Debra Sorenson, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, Carol Williams

Program: 6:15 pm started 6:15

Tonight, we had Mike Mitchell speaking about his experience with screech owl nesting boxes. The handout was attached to the email of this agenda and will be uploaded to our website.

Chapter Meeting after Presentation

President Report (Sue Ann Kendall):

- Remember to register for the annual meeting next month! You're encouraged to enter photos or art in the photography/art contest, videos for that contest, and other things, too.
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2021-annual-meeting/>
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2021-annual-meeting/#contests-awards-submit-your-entries-now>
- We will soon be able to meet at the county building. It will have high speed networking.
- If you would like to take on a leadership role in the chapter, be thinking about it and let me know, since elections are coming in December.

Vice President Report (Donna Lewis): Upcoming speakers and a field trip to Walker's Honey Farm, Sept. 25. Clint Walker will give a tour. 10 am. Rogers, Texas, \$10 each. She will set up a tour of Allen's fish farm. Need a speaker for October.

Secretary Report (Sue Ann Kendall): Approve July minutes (there was no meeting last month). Remember to send Sue Ann items you want to discuss at Chapter Meetings. Move: Donna Lewis, Second Mike Conner

Treasurer Report (Michael Conner): Not much has happened. \$4700+ in the bank. Anyone is welcome to pay their dues by writing a check to El Camino Master Naturalist for \$20 per person and take a picture of the front and back of the check. Send it to Mike to deposit. Mail is also welcome.

Committee Reports

Communications: Don Travis. 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.

Blog: Sue Ann Kendall. We get more visitors when we have posts, especially ones that appeal to the public.



The time you spend writing a blog post and taking pictures for it counts as Community Outreach/Indirect! Here are a few stats:

- We've had 3,456 visitors this year, almost as many as we had last year.
- The most popular post this year has been: [Soon It Will Be Time for Purple Martin Scouts to Arrive](#), from January 9.
- We have had 90 posts so far this year.
- The most frequent contributors are: Donna Lewis and Catherine Johnson.

Host: Sherry Colley. Sherry has asked for help moving some things from her house to the old church where we used to meet, until our permanent storage area is set up. Thanks to all who volunteered, but she handled it herself. Note that Phyllis has our tablecloth!

Membership: Lisa Milewski.

Awards for July 2021:

- Recertifications:
 - Michael Conner
 - Sandra Dworczyk
 - Debra Harris
 - Janice Johnson
 - Don Travis

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. You need to enter hours sooner than 45 days after you do them. Let Lisa and the Board know if you have extenuating circumstances.

And easy way to get AT hours is to watch TMN Tuesdays and Be the Change on the TMN program website.

Class Update: Class: Kathy Lester. Not in attendance.

AT and VT: Pamela Neeley update on Gault Site Trip, first Saturday in October. About an hour 15 minutes. Pamela will let us know if it is canceled.

State Representative: Linda Jo Conn

- WOW award of the month for July: Linda Jo Conn for participating in Moth Month
- WOW award of the month for August: Sue Ann Kendall for most observations in ECR Seasonal Summer BioBlitz

- Check weekly email for other fun activities that will also get you volunteer hours, suggested by Linda Jo. We are grateful for her creativity! See the blog for reports.
- The Master Gardeners have invited Tanya Homayoun to a talk in Rockdale in November. It will count as AT and will be an opportunity for community outreach. Members of the public will be invited.
- Dale Kruse is offering a tour of the Herbarium to the people in our most recent class.
- Tomorrow 9 am we can meet at Cameron City Park with the gazebo, across from the library. We can take photos.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Holiday party? Let's wait until November.

Nature Stories:

- Lisa saw a yellow warbler and got a good picture
- Pamela had a dark morph copperhead on her porch
- Lots of hummingbirds, including ruby throateds in Maine and other northern people

Adjourn: Phyllis Shuffield moved to adjourn and Donna Lewis seconded

Hours:

Advanced Training Hours for this meeting AT At a Chapter Meeting: 1

Volunteer Hours for this meeting VT: Chapter Meeting .75



**Participation in the
National Moth Week 2021**

See observations at:

https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?project_id=103786&tll=900&v=1630983216000&place_id=any&verifiable=any&subview=grid&user_id=26296

Linda Jo Conn connlindajo

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Observation(s) of the Month Award
July 2021**



**Most Observations in the
ECR Seasonal Summer BioBlitz 2021**

See observations at:

https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place_id=any&project_id=ecr-seasonal-summer-bioblitz-2021&user_id=sunasak&verifiable=any

Sue Ann Kendall sunasak

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