

AgriLife Project

The **AgriLife Project** has a number of volunteers from the 2017 Class who are interested in helping our AgriLife partner by staffing the front desk so a training session was held on September 28. Big thanks to Nancy Waldo, Trainer, and Betty Mullenweg, Scheduler for getting our new group of volunteers off to a great start.

Van Elliott, Project Manager



Nancy Waldo, Judy Guthrie (seated), Bruce Babcock, Van Elliott, Kathryn Wells, Clay Thurmond, Judy Thurmond (seated), John Carpenter, Carolyn Trivette, Bob James, Fran Witte and Andy Shelton.



“busy hands!”

“I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do.” — **Leonardo da Vinci**



Green Acres Update

Article by Becky Bertoni (photos by Malou and Sandi)



Getting ready to plant



Planted completed



Barbara Kraus sowing seeds

Planting in wildflower seed area



Viewing the monarch station



On Tuesday, October 3, we had successful sowing and planting day.

Seeds collected from Green Acres plants and also Theresa Page's gardens were sown in several circles over the Davis Wildflower Prairie--yay Brenda Tucker and Barbara Kraus for the weed whackers and for sowing the seeds!

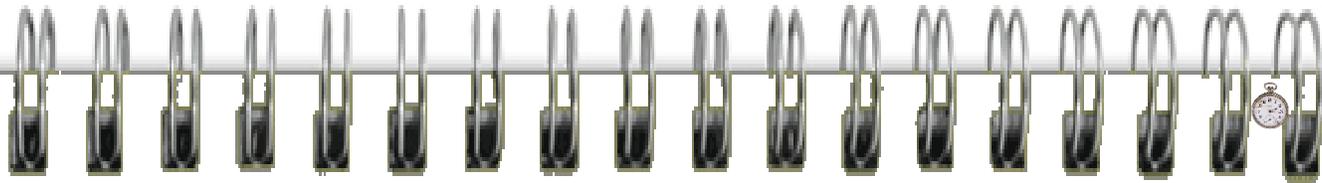
Thirty-five plants, from LLELA, and others we had been hanging on to through the summer at home, were planted. Most at the cardboard area close to Hugelkultur 1--prairie roses, two kinds of asters, green milkweeds, yellow puff, winecup. The late-flowering boneset and Ohio spiderwort were put in in the wildflower seed area, where the bamboo used to be. Our planters were Leeann Weaver, Nancy (neighbor), Sandi (Greater Lewisville Newcomers Club), Malou (neighbor), and Becky Bertoni--with an assembly line attack and watering the ground first to get it digable!

The day after Green Acres got some rain, .4 in, so we are glad for that!

Next work day meeting is Oct 17 at 8:30 am, and on Oct 25 at 8 pm Ranger Rick will lead a star party at Green Acres.



Returning from the hilltop



Earn service hours

Join! Cornell Lab of Ornithology Project Feeder Watch 2017-2018 Starts Soon!



This year the Cornell Lab 2017–2018 Project FeederWatch season begins Saturday, November 11, 2017 and runs through Friday, April 6, 2018. New participants will be able to log into online data entry and set up their count site on November 1st. The project always starts on the second Saturday of November and runs for 21 weeks.

Participation in this project is approved for service hours by our Chapter. Project Number **P-080214**.

All you need to do to participate is:

SIGN UP ONLINE at <https://feederwatch.org> for new participants or to renew. Renewing? Please have your FeederWatch I.D. number handy, you use the same number each year.

-OR-

CALL 1- (800) 843-BIRD (2473) to join by phone. They do accept credit cards.

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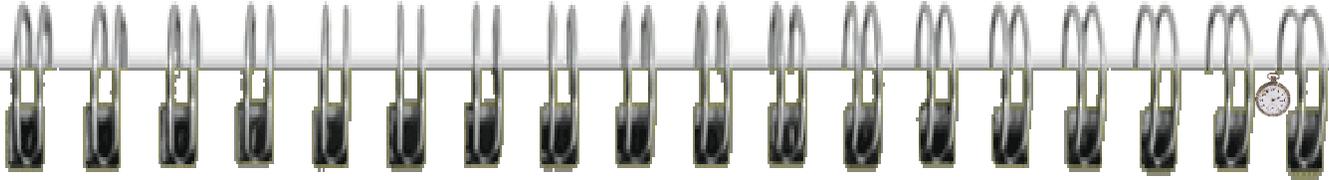
PRINT and MAIL the form on the website to pay by check.

There is a participation fee of \$18 for non-members (\$15 if you are a Cornell Lab member) you pay at the time you join Cornell Lab Project Feeder Watch.

New participants be sure to get the Research New Participant kit to receive a Welcome Letter, Common Feeder Birds color poster, the *Feeder Watch Handbook and Instructions*, Bird Watching Days Calendar, to help you keep track of your count days, full access to the Project FeederWatch website and data entry, **Winter Bird Highlights** (the Feeder Watch annual summary, mailed in the fall) and an opportunity to sign up for the electronic newsletter and receive Cornell Lab of Ornithology's **Living Bird News**, a quarterly electronic newsletter with the latest news and discoveries from the Cornell Lab. You can still do all data entry paperless, but the starter kit is very helpful. Paper forms are also available on the website at <https://feederwatch.org>

When you register, you can choose to enter your hours and observations by paper or go paperless online. You will receive a Project Feeder Watch number you will use to submit data. If you participated last year, you use the same number to register and enter data this year. If your feeder locations have changed be sure to update your count location(s). You will also need to keep track of your count & data logging time and submit it for your service hours on this project on VMS.

Notes on Projects and Out In the Community cont'd



This is a great project for anyone interested in birds. Lots of links and helpful information online.

If you have temporary health or mobility issues, this is a great project to participate in to get your service hours and retain active member status. Project FeederWatch begins in November and continues through spring into early April.

QUESTIONS? Visit <http://feederwatch.org> or contact me for additional information. Already renewed?

Thank You!

WHEN YOU SIGN UP OR RENEW PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOU HAVE JOINED SO I CAN ADD YOU TO MY PROJECT FEEDER WATCH MEMBERS EMAIL LIST FOR THE CHAPTER & SEND YOU TIPS, REMINDERS AND BIRDING INFO.

REMEMBER, PROJECT FEEDER WATCH BEGINS IN NOVEMBER, SO THE TIME TO SIGN UP IS NOW!

Join Project FeederWatch

Be sure to enter your feeder site(s) on Project FeederWatch

Put up your feeders

Count the birds that visit

Send the data to the Cornell scientists

Earn & record service hours!

You can contact me by email at kmangum13@verizon.net Look forward to hearing from you soon!

Karen Mangum, Project Manager

EFCMN Cornell Lab Project Feeder Watch



Notes on Good Books



These suggestions come from Betty Zajac:

Coyote America

Author Dan Flores

"... illuminating five-million-year biography of this extraordinary animal, from its origins to its apotheosis. It is one of the great epics of our time." Amazon.com



Mind of a the Raven

Author Bernd Heinrich

"At the heart of this book are Heinrich's love and respect for these complex and engaging creatures, and through his keen observation and analysis, we become their intimates too." Amazon.com



From Mary Morrow



We are pleased as two babies in a box, thank you from the bottom of our heart!

Thank you to everyone who donated to EFCTMN during North Texas Giving Day!

Our chapter received \$650 in donations—

We could not have done it without you...thank you for help spreading the word about the Master Naturalist program and how we help those in our community make this world a more natural place.

We will use the donations to support the many projects we participate in the Chapter's counties of Cooke, Denton and Wise. Your generosity helps in so many wonderful ways.

Thank you again!

Elm Fork Chapter Texas Master Naturalist