



# The GLC Tidings

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## Our Mission

Volunteers dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources through education, outreach and service in our community.

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## From the President – Betsy Palkowsky

I hope all of you have finally recovered from the massive surprise storm in February. We will be waiting awhile to see which plants have survived. My yard looks sad but there are wildflowers starting to grow and the native perennials and shrubs look and feel like they might pull through. It will be an interesting year for all wildlife as we appear to be in the midst of another drought. I hope the drought doesn't last long. If it isn't one thing it's another to keep us on our toes.

The good news is we are able to meet outdoors and do more volunteering. At this time, I have not heard of any changes to the TMN meeting guidelines. I will let you know as soon as I get new guidelines. In the meantime:

- TMN sponsored event: wear masks if you can't stay 6 feet apart outside and 10 feet apart inside
- Non-TMN events: follow the event sponsor or county guidelines
- Take care of yourself and those around you.
- For more information check the state website [COVID-19 Response \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/COVID-19)

## March Chapter Meeting

Saturday, March 20, 2021, Virtual meeting using WebEx  
 9:30 – 11:00 - Chapter meeting  
 11:15 – 1:00 - AT presentation

## Advanced Training Presentation

Do Something About the Weather: The CoCoRaHS Rain Gauge Network. (Session overview below)



## Advanced Training Presentation: Do Something About the Weather: The CoCoRaHS Rain Gauge Network



Rainfall, or lack thereof, is a cause of droughts, floods, crop failures, and shifts and stresses in ecosystems. Official weather stations provide crucial information on local rainfall and, in combination with weather radar, can be used to estimate rainfall totals and rates across entire watersheds or other areas.

But stations operated by the National Weather Service are dwindling, and automated stations operated by state or regional agencies are expensive. Meanwhile, many people measure and record their own rainfall totals. CoCoRaHS, the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network, is how backyard rainfall totals can become part of the official national weather records and provide early warning of intense rainfall and possible flooding.

Using an inexpensive, standardized gauge, observers report rainfall (or lack thereof) every morning, submit urgent weather reports when appropriate, and also track hail and snow when they're unlucky or lucky enough to experience them. CoCoRaHS is an opportunity to stay on top of the weather while providing reliable data to help public safety, environmental monitoring, and climate tracking.

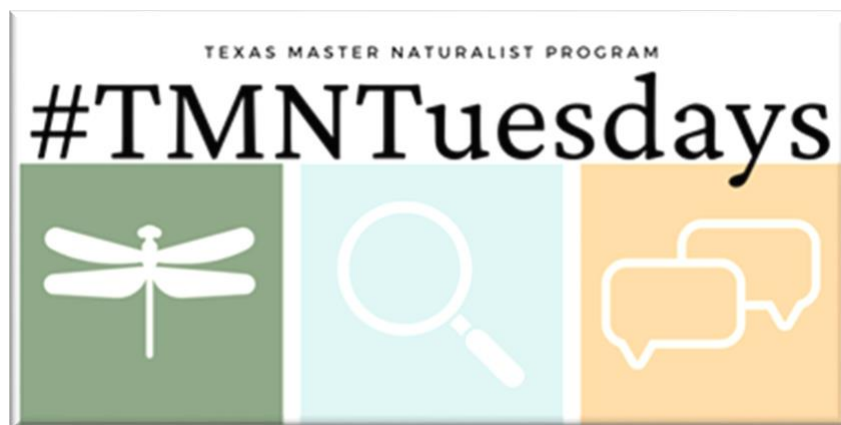
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## Save The Date: Board and Chapter Meetings 2021

Chapter Meetings 2021	Chapter Board Meetings 2021
March 20	March 5
May 15	May 7
July 17	Sept 3
Sept 18	Nov 5
Nov 20	

## Texas Master Naturalist State Announcements



THANK you for joining us for the third seminar in our new #TMNTuesdays Advanced Training series! Freya McGregor's presentation was inspiring! She enthusiastically presented an incredible summary of techniques, word swaps and actions that members of our conservation community can take in being more inclusive for all who are interested in learning and engaging with the natural world around them. As their Birdability slogan says – "Birding is for everybody and every body."

The recording of Freya McGregor's event is now posted to our website:  
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/#march>

March's presentation also kicked off our new Be The Change seminar series to run on the third Tuesday of the month April through September. As the kickoff event for this series – Freya provided a series of discussion questions or conversation starters for our Texas Master Naturalist and greater conservation community to use. These will all be cataloged and added to through the Be the Change series culminating in a 'playbook', or strategic guide, for our TMN Chapters to use for

years to come in their mission to be more inclusive, equitable and diverse. More information, along with speakers and resources will be posted to our website - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/bethechange/>



As a reminder, if you are a Texas Master Naturalist, attending a #TMNTuesday as a live attendee or watching it recorded post-event can count for AT Hours under “AT: TMN Tuesday” in VMS with our interim advanced training policy for 2021. If you were not able to log in for the live event you can still count this #TMNTuesday as AT when watching the recording. Please work with your local chapters VMS Admin to log these hours. This session ran for ONE AND A HALF hours and can count for a 1.5 AT hour.

Please save the date to join us for our next #TMNTuesday seminar on **April 13th at 12:00pm central time!**

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT! 2021 Annual Meeting Survey



**We need your input!** Help us gauge interest in hosting an in-person meeting, a virtual meeting, or a hybrid of both. [Click here to fill out a survey](#) to let us know what kind of Annual Meeting YOU want to see this year!



## MEMBER PROFILE: CHRIS MORRISON

**About Me:** I had the incredible luck to grow up in South Texas on the Encino Division of the King Ranch, where my father was the foreman. His father before him had the same job, and after Daddy retired, my brother took over the job. My brother, sister, and I loved to work cattle in the big roundups that were still done the old way, on horseback. We spent a lot of time outdoors, needless to say. As an adult, I was a Spanish and history teacher for 29 years, mostly in Spring Branch and Katy districts. Geoff and I have two beautiful daughters and sons-in-law, and five lively grandchildren. We bought our home near Ellinger 15 years ago and moved here permanently in 2011. I became a Master Naturalist in 2012.

**Favorite thing about being a Texas Master Naturalist:** the huge variety of information from experts that's made available to us, and most of it is free. Right up there with that is getting to associate with the people in our chapter and statewide.

**Favorite critter:** Hard to pin down what my favorite critter is, but either the painted bunting for its beauty or the Carolina Wrens that nest in the old leather stirrup hanging on our back porch. Can't forget the awesome hummingbirds, either.

**Favorite place in Texas:** Besides where I am right now, is the South Texas mesquite and live oak sandy country of Brooks County where I grew up.

**Favorite big trips:** A month in New Zealand and Australia – beautiful countryside, and even the desert of Alice Springs was wonderful.



## MEMBER PROFILE: DONNA MUELLER

**About Me:** My family, the Zapalac's are 7th generation Texans. My family roots are located in the Colorado River bottom and extended into several leagues in Fayette County from the mid-1800s to present. The land we live on has been in my family as long. I went to LaGrange High School, Blinn College, & Texas A&M University. I met Dr. Tom over a bone scan 42 years ago at Memorial Hospital Systems in Houston. I became a Texas Master Naturalist in 2013.

**Favorite thing about being a Texas Master Naturalist:** I appreciate the continued opportunities for education of Texas' diverse ecosystems & biodiversity that are available and the science behind them. I look to become educated and in-return educate those future generations & those who choose to be educated from Archaeology to Zoology.

**Favorite critter:** I love being outdoors and taking photographs of anything in nature!

**Favorite place in Texas:** Our family ranch. GEN-VI is named for our children, a 6th generation living in Texas at the time. The symbol VI is a Roman numeral 6, so GEN-VI Ranch came to be.

In 1982, I went to the Fayette County Courthouse to register our livestock brand. Part of the legal process was to go through brand registrations to verify there were no duplicates of my new ZM brand version.

I found in 1882, my Great-grand father, (2nd generation) Vinc B. Zapalac's first livestock brand was registered at the same courthouse as "VI". Decades later, he abandoned the "VI" for a straight "Z" brand. WOW!!! Gave me goose-bumps. I took this as a sign. There was no choice in the matter of which brand I needed to adopt & register, so "VI" it is.

## Yes, Sir, He Really is a Purple Finch, by Lori Buffum

Like many fellow chapter members, I participated in the February Great Backyard Bird Count. What a great opportunity to pay attention to all the different birds that share our little piece of the Earth and in the process, to contribute our field research data to the many scientists around the world who are studying our avian companions. Since November, I have also been logging birds for Project Feederwatch, so have been taking photographs and checking IDs through iNaturalist.

When I first spotted the “raspberry splashed” bird on the sunflower feeder, I got out binoculars and guide books to determine who this guy was. We’ve seen House Finches occasionally, mixed in with the many Goldfinches and Pine Siskins that spend the winter here, but this guy’s coloration was different in shade and pattern. This visitor was solitary and rather elusive so getting a photo was a challenge.



After several observations and posting a couple of decent photos to iNaturalist, and conferring with neighbors, I was convinced the new guy was a [Purple Finch \(\*Haemorhous purpureus\*\)](#). And I began to see his mate come with him so, once again with iNaturalist help, learned to identify the female by her striped breast and extended blonde eyebrow streak.

Which brings me to an email conversation I had with an eBird data-checker named Ken.

*KEN: “Dear Lori Buffum, Thank you for being a part of Great Backyard Bird Count. To help make sure that eBird can be used for scientific research and conservation, volunteers like me follow up on unusual sightings as a part of the eBird data quality process. I am writing about the following observation:*

*Species: Purple Finch*

*The species or count that you have reported is unusual at this date and location. Could you please edit your checklist to add field notes or a description of the bird in question? . . . Photos and audio recordings are the best possible supporting information, so if you do have those please do upload them to your checklist. Once your checklist has been edited . . ., I will be able to give this sighting additional consideration . . .your sightings help to make eBird useful to millions of people each year and powering eBird science around the world.”*

*LORI: “Thanks for the note, Ken, and the opportunity to clarify my observations. Regarding the purple finch, I’ve been seeing the male come sporadically to our feeders for several months and then began seeing a female on occasion. I confirmed my ID through iNaturalist for both the male and the female. I have added several photos to the checklist you referenced. Just yesterday, I saw a male and 3 females at the sunflower feeder at one time! It has been interesting to observe this species - they seem so solitary compared to the Goldfinches and Pine Siskins who are here in great numbers during the winter. In addition to the GBBC, I am participating in Project Feederwatch so my purple finch observations also appear there. Take care and thanks again for helping make the data the best quality it can be.”*

And that’s one of my citizen scientist stories for this season. I encourage you to share yours.

## Washington on the Brazos Workday: GLC Pollinator Garden, by Julie and David Itz

**Workday: 1/30/2021**

Annette Holdeman, Chuck Babb, Clay Kartye, Julie Itz and Sheri Wilcox and met to work in the pollinator garden. The weather was warm (for January!) and the cloud cover kept the temperature comfortable. The light rain in the area just missed us.

Chuck and Clay dug up and out the Maximilian Sunflowers from area in the garden along the driveway where we plan to add grasses at the February Workday. We also worked to contain some of the Frostweed that had expanded into the Turfscap, pulled out dead Partridge Pea plants, cut back dead Sunflower stalks, dug out the non-native Lantana, and cut back the Cherry Sage to encourage bushy regrowth in the Spring. While we tidied up the garden, we could see that the plants had experienced the normal freeze damage from cold weather during December and January.

Sheri had a couple of Rock Rose plants that she planted where they will receive more sun than the current location for our Rock Rose. We also replaced the Purple Passionflower with a native Purple Passionflower. The Giant Coneflower, Engelmann Daisy and the Penstemon Tenuis were all putting out new leaves and tiny Basketflower plants were popping up.

Lots of Standing Cypress have emerged throughout the garden, far from where they were originally planted! They really should make a lovely display in 2021, and we're hoping the seeds of the two or three that came up in 2020 will lead to more Standing Cypress in even number years, since it's a biennial. It was exciting to see LOTS of Bluebonnet plants coming up. We hope to have a good stand of them this year around the Chapter sign to welcome Park visitors looking for Texas Bluebonnets!



Sheri Wilcox, Chuck Babb, Clay Kartye, Annette Holdeman, Julie Itz on 1/30/2021

**Workday: 2/27/2021**

WOW! What a difference a week of bone-chilling cold makes in the garden! At the January Workday, it looked like we would be preparing the garden for Spring flowers at the February Workday, but the extremely cold weather from the week before slowed down the greening-up process. We made the decision to leave the cover of dead leaves in place along with the remaining stalks of Frostweed and Maxmillian Sunflower, to provide cover for insects and cold-damaged plants until the March Workday. The weather was warm again (in the 70's), with clouds and fog, and the ground was damp from recent rains. We had a good group of volunteers again this month: Annette Holdeman, Clay Kartye, Julie Itz, Sheri Wilcox and Swee Leng Rapatz. We were surprised to see a large number of historical reenactors, some with their horses gathered to welcome Park visitors coming to celebrate Texas Independence Day. Usually, on this weekend the Park is filled with booths, food vendors, reenactors, demonstrations and historical interpreters at Independence Hall and Barrington Plantation, and lots of visitors! But this year was a much simpler and more subdued celebration.



We worked on the newly designated area for grasses in the pollinator garden by planting seeds of Sideoats Grama and several pots of Switchgrass, Little Bluestem and Silver Bluestem. The plan is to add Big Bluestem and Indian grass at the March Workday. We also planted Milkweed seeds, hoping to increase the number of Milkweed plants in the garden.

It was hard to tell what was still alive, since all the woody stems looked alike: bare branches. We walked around the garden noticing what seemed to be alive and what was questionable. Lots of Bluebonnet, Basketflower, Tenpetal Anenome, Engelmann Daisy, Lanceleaf Coreopsis and Beebalm are all looking happy and ready for Spring! The Giant Coneflower seemed to have had a bit of a setback from the cold weather, but should recover nicely. Normally in the winter, the leaves of Gregg's Mistflower turn reddish from cold weather, but after last week's cold snap they dropped their leaves entirely. The Scarlet Sage, even though protected under a live oak tree, was frozen back to the ground. We didn't see any sign of our Milkweed plants, but hope they come back this Spring.

Photos comparing January 2021 (on the left) to February 2021 (on the right):



**White Mistflower**

**Gregg's Mistflower**

Looking forward to Spring – our early Spring flowers are already preparing to produce their annual colorful displays, in spite of the low temperatures of the week before, giving us hope and promise that Spring will be arriving soon!



**Bluebonnets**

**Standing Cypress**

**Mealy Blue Sage**

Our next Workday is scheduled for March 27 from 9-11 am. This date will coincide with increased numbers of Park visitors looking for opportunities to take photos of blooming Bluebonnets, so we'll be busy getting the pollinator garden in shape to welcome visitors walking by on their way to the Visitor Center and the park trails.

## **Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge Update, by Terry Rooney**

There were inquiries from Chapter members about impacts to the prairie chickens from the Arctic blast. We actually fared very well! We had rolling blackouts, and the electricity never stayed off too terribly long. So, our facilities didn't have any damage.

The prairie-chickens are fine too. Because prairie chickens are native and have adapted to life in the wild, they are very good at coping with the cold weather. Our intern was able to find all of the ones on the refuge after the coldest part of the storm had passed. It seems the biggest affect is that we haven't seen as much booming activity that we would normally be getting this time of year. It might take them a bit longer this year to gather to their booming grounds.

## The Schubert House Pollinator Garden Update, by Karen Woods

Wow! What a PUNCH! The Schubert House Pollinator Garden, as all our pollinator projects, has suffered a lot. I know our TMN Dedicated Volunteers will do their magic.

Stay tuned for a workday announcement soon. We will make best efforts to not conflict with other scheduled activities. Please call Karen Woods (281.682.2810) if you have any questions or suggestions in the meantime.

## Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery Update, by Karen Woods

I walked the Monument Hill/Kreische Woods Nature Loop in January, putting on the hawk-eye for MH known-to-be-pervasive-invasives Nandina and Ligustrum. And to my delight, I saw NONE! I believe our years of staying on it is showing very positive results!

Something was very apparent in my walk, however, that needs our attention: The trail is covered with dead cedar trees. Our plan is for our TMN Dedicated Volunteers to do their magic and assist Kenneth as he cuts them down and chops them up with a chain saw.

Stay tuned for a workday announcement soon. It will be on a Friday. We will make best efforts to not conflict with other scheduled TMN activities. Please call Karen Woods (281.682.2810) if you have any questions or suggestions in the meantime.

## Indian Creek Nature Area, by Ann Ray



Removal of the very invasive ligustrum on our two acre Indian Creek Nature Area in Burton definitely passed the halfway point thanks to many hours of cutting, poisoning the stumps, dragging all the branches, and burning. The landscape looks so different and we have faith that the long-starved understory plants, groundcovers and native trees will be able to soon shine once more in their natural environment.

The Cotton Gin Festival is scheduled for Saturday April 17 so until then the area will look a little messy since we aren't burning. But please come by, admire our progress, enjoy the festival or an individual tour and be ready for a BIG BONFIRE on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Adopt A Highway Update, by Mary Ann and David Butler



Adopt A Highway Succeeds in Spite of COVID Restrictions and Freezing Weather: Seven Adopt A Highway volunteers were finally able to clean up our two mile stretch of Highway 159 from Ruttersville towards La Grange. We met on a brisk cold day on March 3. It was a beautiful day with no wind chill which made for pleasant work. Fortunately, we were able to meet before the Texas Department of Transportation mowed the roadsides and chomped up the roadside trash. Lemae Higgs, Betsy Palkowsky, Jaci Elliott, Ann Ray, Dottie Schoeneberg and Mary Ann and David Butler managed to pick up over 12 bags of roadside trash including one bag of recyclables which Jaci took to the recycle facility in La Grange.

We are planning another group trash pickup in about two months and hope you will be able to volunteer with our group. This is always a rewarding and enjoyable volunteer group activity. In the meantime, when you see a road or any public space that really needs help you can pick trash up on your own. Just submit your volunteer hours under the Adopt A Highway Project.

## Winedale, by Jan Hughes

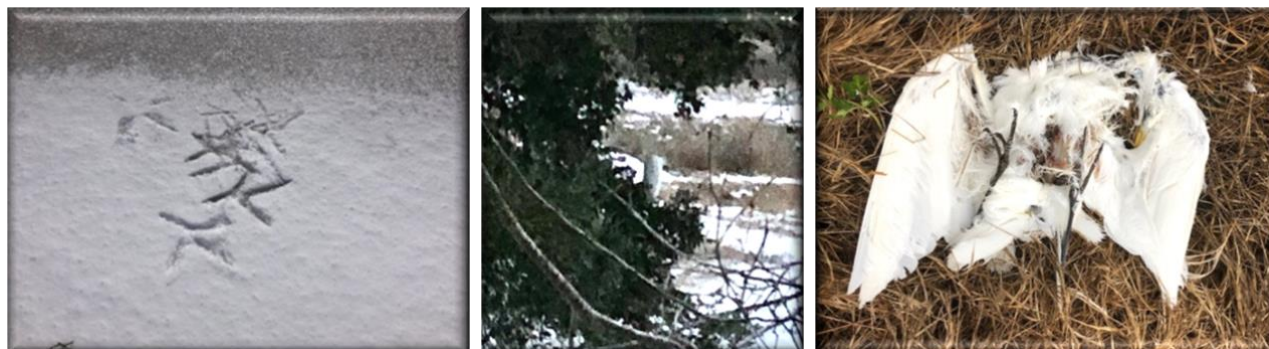


Winedale took a big hit due to the freeze, but during our recent visit we found evidence of things coming back. There were flowers on our coral vine and other new growth coming up already. It was a day of trimming back and were fortunate enough to have 6 workers on hand. I believe we walked to the dumpster at least 6-7 times with some very large loads of dead trimmings.

Our next work day will be Friday the 26th and there's still plenty to do. If anyone would like to come dig up some roughleaf dogwoods, we have plenty. Just let me know when you'd like to come.

## Great Egret, Sad Story, by Jaci Elliott

The winter storm called URI brought power outages, burst water pipes and boiled water alerts to our state. Unfortunately, that wasn't the worst of it, as loss of plant, livestock and even human life also occurred. Some of us have joined others in reporting to iNaturalist about numbers of birds that were killed by the storm. Here is my story about one bird in three pictures.



Monday morning, February 15, dawned clear and extremely cold for our part of Texas. Here, just south of Schulenburg, we awoke to 8 degrees on the digital thermometer and a blanket of 2 1/2" of powdery snow on the ground and 1/4" of ice on the tree branches. Having grown up in central Illinois, I was familiar with the crunch of snow underfoot, as my husband and I tramped down one of our trails to the larger of our two ponds.

It was frozen over and I tested the edge with my rubber boot to hear it crackle. Not at all risking the ice being able to support me, we walked around the pond to the other side. It was there that we spotted the tell-tale tracks of a large wading bird. My guess was they were left by our resident great egret, who likes to fly in mornings and afternoons to fish along our ponds edge--always on the same side.

Later that day, after having walked nearly all the trails and discovering several other sets of tracks by numerous other creatures, we went out again as the sky clouded over and walked back to the pond. There in the live oak tree that leans over the pond and, on a sunny day, shades the two lawn chairs that permanently sit below it, was our great egret. He was off the ground on a low bough, hunched over and unmoving in the wind. He did not even look our way as we quietly trudged nearer, then past the tree. His future looked very grim and I just had to hope that he would be able to survive what promised to be another arctic-like night.

It was about four days later, when the snow was just a memory and the temperatures were in the 40's, that we took our golf cart down the trail to the pond. My husband, a retired biology teacher, wanted to collect some water samples to see what was microscopically alive. As he walked back to the cart, he noticed an unfortunate sight there in the bushy bluestem. There was our great egret, his large spindly toes up, his body cavity cleaned out, and his graceful white plumage splayed all around him, like a satiny coffin lining. I will miss that bird's fly-ins and fishing expeditions, and I can only hope that another large wading bird will soon find our pond to be as attractive as he did.

## Wildlife & the Great Valentine's Texas Blizzard of 2021, by Donna Mueller

Days before, the animals are sensing a drastic change is coming in the weather. All the feeders are swamped by all forms of wildlife. Valentine's Day 2021 not a creature was stirring. The Storm has begun... almost 2 AM February 15th...wind chill brings it to down to 2 degrees. By the morning, the birds had started to freeze and fall out of trees.

This kicked in Operation Rescue, Revive and Release. Squirrels, rabbits and birds all eating under feeder. All creatures great & small sharing what there was available. By Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, up to 10 inch snow drifts with 9-14 degree temperatures. Totally frozen over stock ponds and no readily available water for wildlife. Wildlife & livestock going to deeper stock ponds not frozen over after we broke ice on the edges. Deep Stock ponds are so valuable as a watering source for wildlife & livestock. A drought during a snowstorm doesn't help shallower ponds. Totally frozen over and needed an axe to break the ice. Texas Blizzard...harsh! Some beautiful Muscovy Ducks showed up and decided to stay...now they are pets! By the sixth day, the sun was shining and the birds were out by the hundreds....



## Membership Memo, by Chris Morrison



We are not letting social distancing get us down! At least 7 members have already re-certified for 2021 with at least 40 volunteer and 8 AT hours, earning their Side Oats Grama pin. More than half of our members have logged volunteer and/or AT hours so far. Way to go!!

I'll announce the names of those who have earned certification, re-certification or milestone pins at the March virtual chapter meeting and will distribute them at the May in-person meeting. Hopefully the GRIT pins for anyone who had at least 1 volunteer and 8 AT hours in 2020, will arrive for the May meeting.

### Presentations via the internet:

The pandemic has caused us to do so much more via webinar-type format. Prior to last March, there were rather strict guidelines on the use of webinars for AT. You were not supposed to watch recorded versions, only live presentations. And you were limited to only 4 AT hours by webinar. All webinars were logged in VMS as AT:Webinars.

Now that has changed, though I don't know for how long this interim AT policy will continue.

- You can get **unlimited AT hours via webinar**.
- Log them under the **opportunity title you would normally use for an in-person presentation**. If you are not sure, you may use AT:Webinars.
- **For TMN Tuesdays:** State wants you to use AT:TMN Tuesdays for all of these presentations. If you watch the recorded version, log it under the date of the original presentation. You can put the date you actually watched it in the Describe portion if you want. As always, put the topic that was discussed and the presenter if you have room.
- For those who were registered for the **2020 TMN Annual Meeting**: You may watch any of the recorded sessions until April of this year. Log them under AT:TMN State Meeting Advanced Training, and use the date you watched the recording.
- I will let you know how to log the new **"Be The Change"** series from TMN.

Please continue to log your hours, especially volunteer hours. Each of them is worth more than \$23 to the state in the form of government grants.

## Resources for Land Restoration and Plant Identification, by Betsy Palkowsky

Here are just a few of the resources available on the topic of land restoration and plant identification. There are many more out there. Please send me your favorite if you don't see it listed here.

<b>Native Plant Society of Texas</b>	<a href="https://npsot.org/wp/resources/texas-ecoregion-map/">https://npsot.org/wp/resources/texas-ecoregion-map/</a>
<b>USDA NRCS</b>	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/</a>
<b>EPA Maps/Ecoregions</b>	<a href="#">Level III and IV Ecoregions by State   US EPA</a>
<b>NRCS Soil Surveys</b>	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/surveylist/soils/survey/state/?stateId=TX">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/surveylist/soils/survey/state/?stateId=TX</a>
<b>Private landowners</b>	Highly recommend this video of Blackland Prairie restoration by landowners, which includes contact for presenter. <a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=s5N5IOJhZc">https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=s5N5IOJhZc</a>
<b>Native Prairies Association of Texas</b>	<a href="https://texasprairie.org">https://texasprairie.org</a>
<b>Texas Parks and Wildlife</b>	Wildlife Biologists: <a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/technical_guidance/biologists/Plant_guidance_by_ecoregion">https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/technical_guidance/biologists/Plant_guidance_by_ecoregion</a>  <a href="#">Guidelines for Native Grassland Restoration Projects - Texas</a>
<b>Native Plants Database</b>	<a href="#">Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center - The University of Texas at Austin</a>
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<a href="#">Texas Soil Characterization Guide to Texas Grasses - Texas A&amp;M University Press</a>
<b>South Central Texas Prescribed Burn Association</b>	<a href="#">South Central Texas Prescribed Burn Association</a>

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