

The GLC Tidings

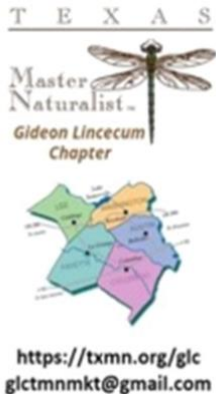
August 2024

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Our Mission

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



From the President



Sheri Wilcox

As we enter August, the rhythms of summer are full upon us. Yes, there is the heat, and the humidity, but there is also the coolness after the rains that have given us abundant wildflowers this year. Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to step back and slow down and enjoy some time exploring the lovely countryside we are blessed to inhabit.

For me, this has been a spring and summer of exploration on our property in Washington County. We know, from the presence of terraces in our pastures and its location near the original Barrington Plantation (the home of Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas), that cotton was grown here for many decades. For more decades beginning about 1970, as we learned from our neighbor and lifelong resident, the land was used to graze cattle and produce hay. Droughts over the last two years especially took their toll, causing us to decide that the land needed time to rest and recover. March 1st marked the first time in perhaps nearly 200 years that the land is not in agricultural production. We delighted in the discovery of many native species whose presence was masked and sighed at the appearance of the all-too-common non-native grasses and forbs. As we struggle with the many decisions ahead of us, I am grateful to be part of a community of landowners, land managers, and conservationists conversant in many disciplines who willingly share their knowledge, their successes, their failures, and their hopes for the land in their care.

Stewardship of the land is a responsibility that has passed through many hands before ours, long before Stephen F. Austin stood on the banks of the Brazos River, but the words he wrote in his diary entry for September 20, 1821, inspire with a vision of what was and what might be again.

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Newsletter Entry Deadlines

1st day of even Months

Send articles or photos to
glcnwsltr@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

Summer Social Aug 18

Board Meeting – Aug 30, 2024

Chapter Meeting – Sep 21, 2024

From the President (continued)

Austin wrote:

The Prairie some bluff to the river just below the Tuscasite (Atascasita) road, and affords a most beautiful situation for a Town or settlement? The bluff is about 60 feet high. The country back of this place and below for about 15 miles (as far as we went) is as good in every respect as man could wish for; Land all first rate, plenty of timber, fine water beautifully rolling

Chapter member Frank Michel shares this passage with visitors to San Felipe de Austin Historic Site during our monthly nature walk, held the last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. It's a lovely vision, is it not?

Turning from musings about stewardship to chapter events, we have a lot happening in our chapter:

- Upcoming on August 18th is our Education Expo and Summer Social. Gather with fellow chapter members to catch up on the news and learn about some of our educational offerings. It will be an opportunity for hands-on learning. More details will be coming your way soon.
- The TMN annual meeting will be held October 24 – 27, 2024, with pre-conference events as early as October 23rd. Held in San Marcos, just a short drive from our chapter area, the annual meeting features field sessions, classroom presentations, and time to meet TMNs from around the state. If you have never been to an annual meeting, this is the year to find out what you have been missing.
- Check the calendar on the website or watch your email for upcoming opportunities to volunteer on your favorite project (or your next favorite project) or learn something new in an advanced training class.
- Planning for our 2025 class is underway. Tell your friends and neighbors your story. Which speaker fueled your curiosity? Which field trip motivated you? You are the best ambassadors for our training program. Registration will open in October.

I hope to see each one of you out and about doing what we do best, connecting people with nature.

Correction: The last two lines of the poem included in the June 2024 newsletter were inadvertently omitted. The full poem, by Emily Dickinson, is:

To Make a Prairie (1755)
To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee,
One clover, and a bee.
And revery.
The revery alone will do,
If bees are few.

State Information



#TMNTuesdays 2024



August 13 12-1 PM Texas Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program

September 10 12-1 PM topic TBA

#TMNTuesday [#TMNTuesdays \(tamupress.com/tmntuesdays\)](https://tamupress.com/tmntuesdays)

[Register Here](#)



TMN Annual Meeting
October 24-27, 2024
San Marcos, Texas

Registration is open: <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2024-annual-meeting/#Registration>

For more information see the website, <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2024-annual-meeting/>



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Membership Memo



By **Chris Morrison, Membership Director**

Things to remember when recording your hours in VMS:

- If it's a **program/presentation** you attended (virtually or in person), it's **AT**. Everything else is **volunteer service**, including meetings, creating presentations, tending pollinator gardens, etc. You can't mix two types of hours into one entry. You must have two entries, one for AT and one for Vol. Svc. (ex: our chapter meeting where we have a business meeting and at least one AT session requires 2 entries)
- **AT: Webinars** is not an active opportunity in our chapter anymore. Don't use it; you should not see it in your dropdown list of opportunities. Use an AT opportunity that fits sponsor of program you attended.
- The **description** of what you did is required. Don't leave it blank.
 - Unless the opportunity title gives the location (ex: Winedale, Indian Creek), put the **location** in the description (ex: La Grange AgriLife, Burton Baptist Church, or Washington Co Fairgrounds).
 - If it's the AT program at a chapter meeting, write **GLC program** in your description to indicate it's our chapter's program. This AT can be used for any chapter's program. If you attend another chapter's program, put the name of that chapter.
 - Always list **title or topic** of a presentation and list presenter if you have room. It's helpful to give **name of series** if applicable. List **sponsor** if not in opportunity title.
 - **Stick to facts** in your description of what you did. Don't add opinions, or what you should have done, or how fun something was. (See more on this below)
 - Always write "**plus travel**" at end of a description of volunteer service if you added travel time to hours posted.
- **AT: TMN Tuesday** must be used for any programs listed on TMN Tuesday page of state website. Remember you may watch recordings of any of these for AT credit any time **before the end of calendar year**.
- For **citizen science projects** like NestWatch or CoCoRaHS or FeederWatch, etc., please don't go into detail about what you did. Say you checked nests or checked gauge or noted birds at feeder. Details of what you found go to sponsoring program's app or website, not to TMN.

Congratulations to those who earned awards!

Initial Certification - first award pin – Green Dragonfly pin and a certificate
Bill Fisher and **Karen McClure**, both class of 2024

2024 Recertification – Diamondback Rattlesnake pin
Scott Maddox Cathy Nolte Nita Tiemann
Belinda Weatherly Jim Weatherly Jim Wilson

Advanced Training Opportunities

Looking for some educational opportunities to further your master naturalist knowledge and skills? Vice President Swee Leng Rapatz and Marketing Director Ken English are good about sending out information on education sessions via the chapter's email list. Below is a list of recent submissions.

Aug 12-16, noon

Topic: Virtual Bird Seminar Raptor Week

Sponsoring Organization: Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

Registration and schedule: <https://wildlife.tamu.edu/birding/virtual/>

Fee: \$35 for all sessions; \$15 for single session

Advanced Training: Record your AT hours to **AT: Agrilife Land Management and Wildlife Conservation Workshops and Programs**

Aug 13-14

Topic: Great Plains Fire Summit

Sponsoring Organization: Texas A&M AgriLife extension and West Texas A&M University

Location: Canyon, TX

Registration, Schedule, Fee and hotel information:

<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ereg/index.php?eventid=784797>

Advanced Training: Record your AT hours to: **AT: Agrilife Land Management and Wildlife Conservation Workshops and Programs**

August 21 and 24

Topic: Time to Restore Texas virtual workshop.

Anyone with an interest in Texas native plants, their many pollinators and how we respond to climate change is invited to participate in this free event! For more information see

<https://www.usanpn.org/community/TimeToRestore>

Details of what's involved will be communicated during the virtual workshops. However, please give some thought about the priority nectar species of plants that we should monitor and your access to those species for observations. We may have some recommendations from Wizzie Brown.

Swee Leng Rapatz is our Chapter Project Lead and will be coordinating with David Gwin, the State Coordinator. If interested, please start by registering for one of the two virtual workshops.

Sponsoring Organization: USA National Phenology Network

Advanced Training: Record as **AT: Citizen Science Project Training**

Volunteer hours: Once the project is initiated, the time you spend on observations on your property (or public lands) qualifies for Volunteer Hours.

Registration link:

https://arizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdvCqrj8oHdwHoHS2rf1VHVUiegL_E827#/registration

August 24, 11 am

Topic: Creating a Pollinator Paradise at Home

Sponsoring Organization: Native Plant Society of Texas La Bahia Chapter

Location: Nancy Carol Roberts Library, 100 Martin Luther King Pkwy, Brenham
Advanced Training: Report your AT hours to: **AT: NGO Workshops and Programs on Wildlife Conservation and Land Stewardship.**

September 20, 2024, 9 am - 1 pm

Topic: King Ranch Bluestem Identification and Management

Sponsoring Organization: Native Prairie Association of Texas

Location: Nellie Gail Ranch (10305 Hwy 159, Bellville)

Advanced Training: The agenda item **KR ID with Tim** qualifies for 1/2 hour of AT.

Please record your AT Hours to: **AT: NGO Workshops and Programs on Wildlife Conservation and Land Stewardship**

Registration: RSVP at

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nativeprairiesassociationoftexas/1335396>

October 24-25 (Note: same dates as TMN State Meeting)

Topic: 2024 Land and Legacies Conference

Sponsoring Organization: Coastal Prairie Conservancy

Location: George Ranch Historical Park, Richmond TX

Fee: \$85 (landowners may claim a free ticket)

Registration and more information: <https://www.prairiepartner.org/2024conference>

Advanced Training: Record your AT Hours to: **AT: NGO Workshops and Programs on Wildlife Conservation and Land Stewardship.**

Education Team News



Volunteer Highlights



Alabama Supplejack

From Ann Ray

The City of Burton's neighboring property to Indian Creek Nature Area (water treatment plant) had a car damage their fence recently. In the process of repairing the fence, they just shredded about 6 feet of "nature" and that area sure looks violated now.

Several of the large Alabama Supplejacks survived, but a half dozen were cut in two. I saved a few of the remains that look like some kind of art project or weird walking sticks to me.

What ideas do you have for them?



Adventures & Observations



A Toast to Cardinals

by Jaci Elliott

On our recent escape-the-Texas-heat tour up to Minnesota, my husband and I traveled through our birth state, Illinois, where I was reminded of my many personal connections to the Northern Cardinal. Not only is it the state bird of Illinois and the most populous species on our place in Schulenburg, TX, the Cardinals are our former hometown baseball team (St. Louis also used to have a football team by the same name, but that's another sad sports franchise story) and my high school's mascot (the Alton High Redbirds, a more menacing meme with teeth!).

While teaching music at my last Fort Bend ISD elementary school, I also sponsored our Green Team, where 5th grade students maintained a pollinator garden, recycled aluminum and paper from our campus and occasionally took environmentally minded field trips. On one such trip to the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory in Lake Jackson, we participated in a Saturday morning bird banding activity with longtime birders Robert and Kay Lookingbill. Using mist nets, Mr. Lookingbill and his wife would capture, examine, record and release several songbirds at these sessions and involve families and students in attendance with their work. One of the most amazing bird behaviors he shared with my students was his ability to temporarily hypnotize Northern Cardinals. By quickly wiggling his fingers in front of the bird as it perched on the table, Mr. Lookingbill could get the bird to relax then roll over on its side. No harm done; once his fingers stopped moving the bird would recover and fly away. According to the Lookingbills, this stunning strobing effect only worked with cardinals. This was a memorable moment for both me and my students.

Then, while going through my BirdNote stories last week I noticed this unusual story about cardinals from Conor Gearin entitled Having Your Tail Scared Off.

Here's the transcription:

This is BirdNote.

A female Northern Cardinal plucks a black oil sunflower seed from a feeder.

[Northern Cardinal calls]

Just then, a Cooper's Hawk in a nearby tree dives at the cardinal!

[Cooper's Hawk call]

With little time to react, the cardinal has one last line of defense. As the hawk's talons close around her tail feathers, they shed and detach. The hawk flaps away with a bundle of feathers, and the cardinal hurries off to hide in a bush.

[Northern Cardinal female song]

This defensive tactic is called a fright molt: when a bird loses feathers due to sudden stress. This usually involves feathers near the tail or rump, where they're most likely to be attacked as they flee. It can be a saving grace when the bird is about to be caught — like a lizard dropping its tail. There's a downside to having your tail scared off. A tail helps the bird turn and balance in flight. But if dropping feathers lets the bird live to chirp another day, it's worth it.

Fortunately, the cardinal can regrow her tail. Sometimes the first feathers to grow back are unpigmented and white until they're replaced by the next regular feather molt. It may not be high fashion, but it's better than ending up as a meal for a hawk.

So...as I raise a glass of Majek's Winery's Cardinal Crown, which I brought from Texas to share with my aunt in Dorsey, IL...a toast to these remarkable red birds, to the cardinals!



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Bats: Earth's Mysterious Flying Mammal

By Nancy Dunnahoe

"On the bat's back I do fly after Summer merrily." – *The Tempest*, William Shakespeare

"The baby bat screamed out in fright, 'Turn on the dark, I'm afraid of the light.'" – Shel Silverstein

As we head into Fall, the iconic image of a familiar winged creature will emerge from its seasonal slumber to flit once again across our glowing screens. We're talking about bats again (refer to the June edition of Tidings), the harbinger of Halloween. Like Bela Lugosi in the classic *Dracula* unfolding the curled wing of his black velvet cape, bats make a silent yet grand entrance in our world, intriguing, frightening, and captivating us with their mysterious presence.

Bats are also the focus of National Geographic's August cover story, "Bats: A Love Story," which describes them as evolutionary marvels and scientific wonders, "dazzling in flight, mysteriously resistant to disease, and vital to ecosystems around the globe."

"Bats are one of evolution's great success stories," writes James Gorman. "Their ancestors were small mammals that scurried on all fours and probably lived on an insect diet, as many bats do now. How those ancestors came to fly is an unsolved mystery." Gorman also notes that the oldest known bat fossils date to more than 50 million years ago, so just the right amount of time to rise from the dead and make them an immortal part of folklore.

Our fixation on bats, besides their expressive face, revolves around their unique wing shape and how they roost upside down, wrapped in the thin leatherlike membrane of those "arms." The Latin name for the order of bats is *Chiroptera*, which means "hand wing." We're also amazed at both their singularity (just one bat

stalks Lucy in *Dracula*) and their abundance – one-fifth of all mammal species are bats, the second-largest membership after the order of rodents. A grouping of bats flying together can be referred to as a colony, cauldron, camp, or cloud, all equally spooky references depending on the scary story told around the campfire in October.

This summer, I got to know a kindred naturalist and conservation storyteller from San Antonio’s Texas Master Naturalist Chapter, Lauren Gutierrez, whose recent visit to the Bracken Bat Preserve to watch their sensational exit from the cave at dusk inspired her to share some weirdly wild and wonderfully fun bat facts with us. Enjoy her observations!

Lauren Gutierrez, Texas Master Naturalist, Alamo Chapter: “Recently I had the pleasure of experiencing bats take flight from the Bracken Bat Cave here in San Antonio. The Bat Conservation International’s Bracken Cave Preserve comprises 1,458 acres and is co-managed with The Nature Conservancy as part of 3,462 contiguous acres in the Texas Hill Country.

More than 15 million Mexican free-tailed bats live here in the summer, making it the largest bat colony in the world and one of the largest concentrations of mammals! It takes about 3-4 hours for this many bats to exit the cave. Imagine being at the back of that line!

I learned so many interesting facts about bats and this special place on Earth. Here are some of my favorites:

1- The Bracken Cave is home to females returning from Mexico to give birth. Females birth a single pup each year. After birth, pups roost separately from their mothers in dense clusters on the cave walls. These clusters help keep them warm while their mothers are out hunting.

2- When the mother returns from hunting (after consuming her body weight in insects to feed herself and her pup) she finds her own pup among the millions of others by using spatial memory, sounds, and scent.

3- Young bats learn to fly at just 4-5 weeks old. They must learn to time their takeoff and landing to avoid fatal collisions with the cave walls and each other. Oh, and the cave floor is covered with millions of carnivorous beetles that can reduce a baby bat to a skeleton in minutes.

I highly recommend making it out to the Bracken Bat Preserve to experience the sights, sounds, and smells of a real life batnado. I’m so grateful to organizations like [Bat Conservation International](#) and [The Nature Conservancy](#) who advocate for these unique habitats and the wildlife that depend on them.

It was hard to capture a great photo. But you can tell the air was thick with bats!”



Bat Conservation International’s Bracken Cave Preserve Photo: Lauren Gutierrez



Mexican free-tailed bat colony at Bracken Bat Cave. Photo: Lauren Gutierrez

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Texas Master Naturalists with our Gideon Linsecum Chapter are currently monitoring Texas bat acoustics and activity. Learn more about this citizen science project from Marvelyn Granger in the [June Tidings](#) newsletter.



A Slow Walk with Lots of Stops Along the Way

By Lori Buffum

On July 1st, I got out early for my morning walk. It was hot and oh so humid, but I was rewarded with sighting several wonderful native plants flourishing along our sunny roadsides. Sometimes the best “Plant ID Walk” happens right out our front doors. And thanks to iNaturalist, we can learn the names of our plant friends wherever we meet them. – Piney Creek Neighborhood, Bellville, Austin County



Rattlesnake Master
(*Eryngium yuccifolium*)



Partridge Pea
(*Chamaecrista fasciculata*)



Scaly Blazing Star
(*Liatris squarrosa*)



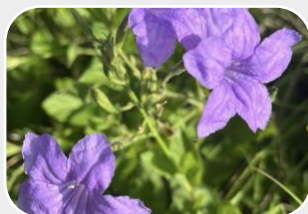
Macartney Rose (*Rosa bracteata*)



Inland Wood Oats
(*Chasmanthium latifolium*)



Whorled Milkweed
(*Asclepias verticillata*)



Violet Ruellia (*Ruellia nudiflora*)



American Beautyberry
(*Callicarpa americana*)



Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*)

This and That



Goats as Lawnmowers?

From Julie Itz

An article in the June 8, 2024 *Houston Chronicle* caught Julie's attention: the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center are using goats to clear 3 acres of wooded area that is difficult to mow.

According to reporter Elizabeth Ellis, 115 goats were used to clear the bracken on 3 acres of wooded land to make room for more tree seedlings to grow. In an interview with the goats' owners, Ellis learned

"They are voracious little eaters," says Kyle Carr, co-owner with his wife Carolyn of the Texas chapter of [Rent-A-Ruminant, LLC](#), a nationwide franchise that provides an eco-friendly alternative to vegetation management. "One goat can do about 10 square feet a day, and they have highly efficient digestive tracts, so any seeds they ingest, most of all those are broken down in their gut and then repopulated, as well."

Carr's goats, which are trained on their ranch about five hours northwest in Brownwood, have been coming to the Houston Arboretum since 2020. Christine Mansfield, senior marketing and development manager of the Arboretum, says Rent-A-Ruminant was hired as part of an initiative to bring back historic land management techniques, including grazing and fire.

For the full article, see [Texas goat 'lawnmowing' service turns heads, helps trees grow](#)

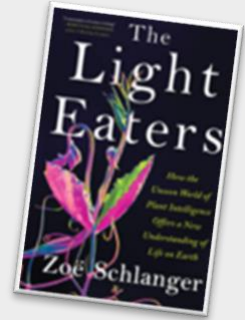


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Book Review

By Lori Buffum



I grew up talking to trees, often my best companions as I played by myself in the vacant lot next door or camped among the giant redwoods or hiked high country trails. I've studied them, read about them, hugged them, grieved over them, and celebrated them as they "live on" as snags. But what about all the other plants we share the planet with? I pay close attention to those that provide us food (from our vegetable garden) and those that grace our flower gardens (and attract bees and butterflies and myriad other critters). I pause on my neighborhood walks to examine what's blooming or seeding, thriving or dying, cared for or broken. I've come to realize that my relationship with plants is not unlike my relationship with many of my Master Naturalist friends whom I appreciate, value, and respect. This kind of relationship with plants was highlighted beautifully in a talk I recently watched presented by Annette Anderson, a counselor with the Indigenous Institute of the Americas. In a prayer she offered at the beginning of her talk, she asked "help us become intuitive so we can communicate with the plant people, the four-legged people, and other living beings and treat them as equals to the two-legged people." What comes naturally to indigenous peoples – thinking of the sacred Plant Nation as equals - is a foundation for practicing good land stewardship.

And then comes along this wonderful book whose cover captured my attention on the "new books" shelf at my local library. Not an intriguing new science fiction novel like I first thought! Schlanger's chronicle of the development of "plant science" and its modern breakthroughs reads like the adventure story it is as she studies the history and travels extensively to meet the plants and the scientists who are in the field, marveling at what they are observing and discovering. I was hooked from the very personal prologue and her journalistic style kept me engaged through to the very end.

Just take a look at the chapters:

- Plant Consciousness
- Science Changes its Mind
- Communicating Plant(s)
- Alive to Feeling
- An Ear to the Ground
- Keeping Score
- Conversations
- Chameleon Vine
- Social Life
- Inheritance
- Plant Futures

The plant is the protagonist of all these stories and the "two-legged people" are dedicated to helping advance our understanding of their incredibly complex natures as members of the Plant Nation, as the most prevalent lifeform on Earth. I learned so much as I accompanied Schlanger on her adventures but

perhaps more importantly, I was amazed and emotionally moved by the potential for us as humans to develop a new ethos in our partnerships with all living things we share the planet with.

"A single plant is a marvel. A community of plants is life itself. It is the evolutionary past and future entangled into a riotous present in which we are ourselves also entangled. This stretches the mind. ..." - Zoe Schlanger, *The Light Eaters* [and I would add . . . *and the heart and the soul.*]

In case you missed it: Gleanings from the Chapter Email Listserv

North American Grasslands Conversation Bill

Kansas Rep Davis plans to introduce a bill in the next congressional session to strengthen grass land conservation and management. For more information see:

<https://agrillife.org/westtexasrangelands/north-american-grasslands-conservation-council-upcoming-bill/>

Text of proposed bill:

https://agrillife.org/westtexasrangelands/files/2024/07/Grasslands_DRAFT.pdf

Ranch ATV Accident Results in Lawsuit

Cautionary tale on use of ATVs, especially by people not properly trained in using an ATV

<https://agrillife.org/texasaglaw/2024/07/08/ranch-atv-accident-results-in-lawsuit/>

Texas Parks and Wildlife Pollinator Management Guide

TPWD has an excellent guide entitled "Management Recommendations for Native Insect Pollinators in Texas?" Here is the link to learn more about what you can do for pollinators: https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/nongame/native-pollinators/media/TPWD-Native-Pollinator-Management.pdf

What is the Value of Native Vegetation Restoration on Oil & Gas Rights-of-Way?

Blog post from TAMU AgriLife Extension that summarizes the results of a study on the value of grasslands (yes, grassland adds value!). Read the post at

<https://agrillife.org/westtexasrangelands/what-is-the-value-of-native-vegetation-restoration-on-oil-gas-rights-of-way/>

Extreme Drought Impacts have been Underestimated in Grasslands and Shrublands Globally

TAMU AgriLife Extension blog post summarizes results of a study on the impact of extreme drought. Read the post at <https://agrillife.org/westtexasrangelands/extreme-drought-impacts-have-been-underestimated-in-grasslands-and-shrublands-globally/>

Calendar Highlights



See the [Event Calendar](#) for more details on Advanced Training opportunities, events and workdays at various project sites

GLC Tidings Newsletter Index

<https://txmn.org/glc/whats-new/newsletters/>

Find information about articles for newsletter issues from 2018 through the most recent. For each article, the index cites the subject, title, author, and the hyperlink directly to the issue published on the chapter website.

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Winedale Trails and Pollinator Garden – CJ Claverie and
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Each county has its own TPWD Biologist and Texas AgriLife Extension agent. We work closely with these sponsors.

Use the following links to access the main county contacts working with our chapter.

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- **GLC Facebook Group** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/21969044537/>
- **Volunteer Management System**; log your hours <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/tmn-vms-users>
- **Texas Master Naturalist Program Website** <https://txmn.tamu.edu/>
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