

# Biweekly Newsletter

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Guadalupe Chapter

October 07, 2018

*Mission. To develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.*

## MEETINGS

### Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting

Date: Monday, October 22, 2018

Time: 6:30 - **Social Time:** Bring your favorite treat to share. Drinks will be provided.

Earn volunteer time by assisting in the pre-meeting room set-up and/or helping with the after meeting clean-up!

Please contact Tonya Harker and volunteer to help with the refreshments.

Contact her at [tonyaharker@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaharker@gmail.com) or 210-860-8608.

7:00 - Program - Jonah Evans is the State Mammalogist for Texas Parks and Wildlife. He coordinates non-game mammal research and conservation efforts around the state. Jonah became interested in animal tracks in his teens and traveled around the country studying with numerous experts. He wrote a field guide to animal tracks for the iPhone and Android called iTrack Wildlife and is the co-author of Animal Tracks and Scat of California. Jonah studied a river otter track survey technique for his master's degree at Texas A&M University.



During his presentation, Jonah will share his passion for animal tracks with the group and will provide a foundation for participants to begin learning more. He will also discuss river otters in Texas and what we know about their current distribution in the state.

Location: AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX 7815



**Love this place.  
Reduce your waste.**

It has been suggested that we, as Naturalists, should attempt to reduce the amount of trash we throw away. The big garbage can in our meeting room is filled after our monthly meetings. To reduce the amount of garbage we produce, you can do your part by bringing reusable/washable eating utensils [plate, cup, fork] for your personal use at the meetings then take home and wash. Disposable utensils will be available for guests and those of us who might be forgetful.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Riparian Planting – Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Date: Thursday, October 11

Time: 9:00 AM – early PM

Location: Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center

Description: Texas Water Resources Institute needs help planting riparian plants along Geronimo Creek, specifically in the area around the stairs. That area lost a lot of plants during that big storm right after we planted the first time. We will also plant the areas where we treated the elephant ears; they are almost all gone from where we treated so we want to make sure to plant something in their place.

Contact: Ward Ling, Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Coordinator/Mill Creek Watershed Coordinator

Office: 979-845-6980 [office] or 979-255-1819 [cell] Email: [wling@tamu.edu](mailto:wling@tamu.edu)

### Palmetto State Park – Victoria High School classes

Dates: October 23 and 24

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Palmetto State Park

Description: GBRA and TPWD are hosting two Victoria High Schools at Palmetto State Park. There are opportunities for Texas Master Naturalists to volunteer at two stations: **Bird watching** and **Water Quality**.

Contact: Cinde Thomas-Jimenez at GBRA  
[cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org](mailto:cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org); 830-660-9036.

### Discover Rocks, the Building Blocks of Earth

1] Date: Saturday, November 3

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz

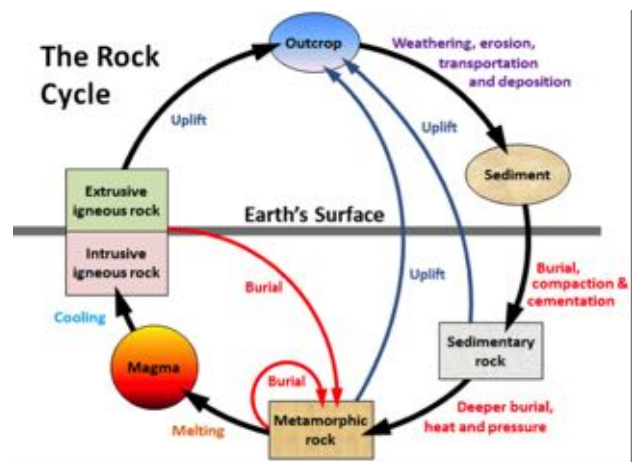
2] Date: Monday, November 5

Time: 2:00 [Home-schooled children] and 4:00 [After-school children]

Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte St., Seguin

Description:

Contact: Jim and Chris Dyess, [jnd16123@gmail.com](mailto:jnd16123@gmail.com) 713-206-6218





## October 5 - 21, 2018

### How to Participate

- Pollinator BioBlitz participants observe and identify pollinators between October 5 - 21, 2018.
- All ages and abilities are encouraged to find pollinators and nectar-producing plants, take photos, and share with friends!
- Share observations by posting a photo or video to [Instagram](#), [iNaturalist](#), or the Facebook event pages ([week 1](#) and [week 2](#)).
- Pollinator observation challenges and informative "links of the day" will be emailed to all [registered](#) participants daily add to the fun.

Register at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/bioblitz>

### ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Propagating for Success**

Date: Tuesday, October 9

Time: 6:30 – refreshments

7:00 – Program

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, FM 465, Marion

Description: Bob Tewles will teach us which native plants are most dependable for the homeowner to propagate. He will demonstrate the most reliable propagation techniques – planting seeds, layering and cuttings – and how to unfailingly maintain plants through winter and summer heat. Come prepared to get your hands dirty!



## Butterfly Identification and Landscape Design Workshop

Date: Tuesday, October 23

Time: 9 – 11:00 am

Location: San Antonio Botanical Garden,

Description: Participants will learn to identify our resident and migrant butterflies as well as the plants they require for food and reproduction.

Fee: Free with admission, but must preregister. For more information [www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/](http://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/)

## Native Milkweed Propagation for Monarch Habitat

Date: Sunday, November 4

Time: 2 – 4:00 PM

Location: San Antonio Botanical Garden,

Description: Learn about native milkweeds, their growing requirements and propagation techniques.

Fee: \$20 Registration required.

Contact: For more information [www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardeningwaterwise/](http://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardeningwaterwise/)

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Guadalupe Master Naturalists help area children **Discover Early Texans** at Crescent Bend and Seguin Public Library



Betty Hughes and Pam Turner show interesting Native American-type eating utensils



Mark has this young boy's attention



This is how I get into bed?



Larry White explains how young  
Tonkawa children lived.

## Success at Park West

Clara Mae Marcotte and Liz Romero were pleasantly surprised to discover this tattered male Monarch on the Lantana at Park West on Wednesday morning.



*Save the Date*

*Holiday Social*

*Monday, December 10, 2018*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion*





## VMS/TIME TRACKING NEWS

Remember to submit your AT and Volunteer hours!

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please send announcements and news items for distribution in the newsletter to Marilyn Anderson, [MarilynA@access4less.net](mailto:MarilynA@access4less.net).

Next deadline is Friday, October 19 for the October 21, 2018 newsletter.



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