



***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.*



No Chapter Meetings during June and July

August Guadalupe Master Naturalists Monthly Program and Meeting

Date: August 22, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM Program; 8:00 PM Business Meeting

Location: Schertz Area Senior Center, 608 Schertz Parkway, Schertz

Program: Jeff Hanselka, Guadalupe County AgriLife Extension Agent, "A Day in the Life"

AgriLife is one of the sponsors for Texas Master Naturalists. We value the support they give us—providing an office to store our supplies and kits, providing a space to meet and share programs, for being a cheerleader for us throughout the state. How much do you know about the other things our AgriLife Extension agents do for the people in Guadalupe County and throughout Texas? Our sponsor, Jeff Hanselka will walk us through a typical day for him. Come find out what Jeff and the rest of the AgriLife staff do for us and for the community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It's TEXAS folks, and it's already hot!

Forest Health at Park West has halted work until cooler temperatures return in the Fall.



NATURE EDUCATION



Discover the Forest

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022
Time: staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AM
Location: Crescent Bend Nature Park, Schertz
Leader: **NEED A LEADER!**

Volunteers: Laura Griffith
Please arrive at 8:30 A.M.
Contact: Rebeca Leininger rsleininger@gmail.com to volunteer

Date: Monday, June 13, 2022
Time: staggered start times 9:30 – 10:00 AM
Location: Seguin Public Library, 313 W. Nolte
Leader: **NEED A LEADER!**
Volunteers:

Please arrive at 8:30 P.M.
Contact: Jennifer Ehlers ehlers@gvec.net to volunteer

NOTICE!!!

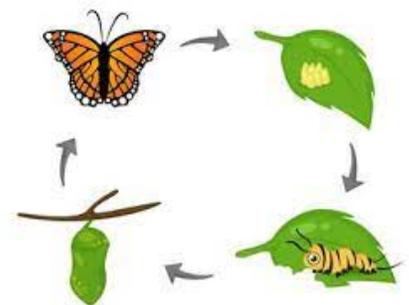
There are NO NAMES to lead and assist with the June program. We need your help, so please sign up. Link below.
Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

Description: Help children and their adult sponsors learn how all the living things in a forest contribute to the life of a healthy forest community.

Sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/508084ca5ae2fa6f49-discover3>

Pollinator Garden

Date: Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Time: 8:30 AM
Location: Park West garden by splash pool
Description: Hunt for Monarchs with Liz Romero! Liz is still searching for Monarchs in all stages of the life cycle. Meet her at Park West and learn how to identify the stages.



Walk with a Naturalist at Park West

Dates/Times/Guide: Tuesday, June 7 at 9:00 AM – Led by Jennifer Ehlers
Tuesday, June 14 at 9:00 AM – Led by Chris Dyess
Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 PM – Led by Jim Dyess
Tuesday, June 28 at 9:00 AM – Led by Craig Wagner

Location: Splash pad area at Park West

Description: Walks with a Naturalist are one-hour strolls providing an opportunity for the guide to introduce the participants to the Master Naturalist Program, the park, and to share a few of the natural highlights within the park.

Contact: Jim Dyess, jnd16123@gmail.com or 713-206-6218

Unsure if you have the knowledge to lead a Walk? Join as a Tag-a-Long and learn from one of the experienced guides.

Night Walk With a Naturalist at Crescent Bend

Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022

Time: 8:30 PM

Description: Come experience this fun adventure, seeing the glowing eyes of insects and much more! Master Naturalists will lead a one-mile hike through Crescent Bend, sharing information about the park and its natural environment.

Contact: Carolyn Wolfer, Crescent Bend coordinator, wolfercdat@mac.com

M. O. Neasloney Wildlife Management Area

Dates: Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 20700 SH 80 North, Gonzales, TX 78629 [between Belmont and Luling]

Description: Craig Wagner and Nick Franzen invite Chapter members to join them at Neasloney WMA every Thursday. There are many, many jobs to be done to help our TPWD biologist Trent Teinert. If you are interested, **please contact Craig** at craigwagner31@aol.com or call Craig at 847-226-4375 for information. If not familiar with Neasloney, it is 100 acres located in Gonzales County, south of Luling, midway between Luling and Gonzales. The WMA is used primarily for wildlife ecology field tours by public school groups. Outdoor recreational opportunities include wildlife viewing, hiking and an interpretive nature trail.

Contact: Nick Franzen, nhfranz204@gmail.com

Craig Wagner, craigwagner31@aol.com or 847-226-4375 [currently out of the country]

Trent Teinert, trent.teinert@tpwd.texas.gov or (830) 424-3407

Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary



Dates/Times: Vary

Description: Assist with filling feeders, clearing brush, building owl boxes, general maintenance, golf cart repairs/maintenance

Location: Warbler Woods, 19349 Old Wiederstein Rd, Cibolo, TX

Contact: Sandi Wheeler at wheels5683@gmail.com

ADVANCED TRAINING

Container Gardening for Veggies and Texas Natives Guadalupe County Native Plant Society



Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM – Social Time
7:00 PM - Program

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion, TX

Directions to St John Lutheran Church: From FM 78 turn south on FM 465. The church is just past Marion Middle School on the right. From IH 10 go north on FM 465 toward Marion; the church is on the left.

Description: Yes, you can grow native Texas plants in containers! Learn more at our next meeting as April Ripple, President of the Guadalupe Master Gardeners, teaches us how.

Texas Master Naturalist Tuesday

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Description: **Program information not currently available.**

Go to <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/#june2022> to see program information.

Gardening for Bats

Williamson Co. Native Plant Society

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: **To attend via Zoom**, instead of in person, register at <https://npsot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcof-2upzgpGt2brSsQEXswhvym1CFIUx78>

Description: Speaker Erin Cord will go over some bat basics and then talk about how you can help bats right in your own backyard by creating a *bat garden*!

Website: <https://npsot.org/wp/wilco/>



Lindheimer Chapter Texas Master Naturalist Program



Monthly Chapter Meeting

When: Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm
What: "The Composition & Ecology of Soil"
Who: Darla Reid, Research Scientist, Cibolo Nature Center
Where: Online: <https://txmn.org/lindheimer/chapter-info/next-meeting/>
In-person: Tye Preston Memorial Library



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The Cibolo Center for Conservation transforms lives through the love of nature, welcoming guests into a beautiful natural Hill Country setting for nature education, enriching

community experiences, and environmental research in action. Participation in water conservation, land stewardship, care for wildlife, sustainability, planting, and the celebration of harvest remind guests of their shared humanity, resulting in a community of belonging.

"Our mission is to promote the conservation of natural resources through education and stewardship."

Join us and learn about the soil beneath your feet!

Our speaker is Darla Reid, Research Scientist. *After 20 years of administration and customer service experiences, Darla decided to go back to school to implement a change in her career path. Always called a "tree hugger", she completed her Environmental Science degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2016. Over the years through volunteering, she found herself in jobs that benefitted the environment and furthered conservation. In late 2021, she was hired by Donna Taylor of the Cibolo Center for Conservation as her replacement as Environmental Research Scientist on staff. Since then, Darla has looked forward to each day as another learning opportunity in a field she loves.*



DARLA REID
Research Scientist

Nature Photography: Taking Photos to Promote Conservation of Native Prairies
Cross Timbers Chapter Native Plant Society

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: ZOOM Register here:

<https://npsot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfuCupz0sGtBiYhG9gwg3b4CWZsn4rSVu>

Description: Sean Fitzgerald of Sean Fitzgerald Photography will be sharing his love of the prairie and tips on how to take the best photos to promote the beauty and conservation of the prairie. Sean is a Texas-based nature and conservation photographer. Sean tries to create images that are simple, graphic, evocative, surreal and that in some way evoke a reaction, provoke an emotion, or tell a story. While his photographic subjects are widely varied, he is repeatedly drawn to nature and wildlife and the impact of man on both.

Contact: <https://npsot.org/wp/crosstimbers/event/chapter-meeting-nature-photography/>



Plant Party: Medicinal and Edible Plants

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Location: You must register to receive the Zoom link the day before.

Plant Party is FREE! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MedicinalPP>

Native Plant Recipe Book - email your native plant recipes to PlantParty@ag.tamu.edu, and we'll create a recipe book to distribute to Plant Party registrants.

Plant Party is a quarterly, advanced plant training series provided by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Sponsored by the Renewable Resources Extension Act.

We'll have 5 short presentations from experts in the field and will be giving away over 20 DOOR PRIZES!

RUNNING LIVE OAK by David Benbow

I haven't paid too much attention to the Running Live Oak population in Guadalupe County, but this invasive native crossbreed is quite a problem on the Victoria Prairie and even to a certain extent in my home county of DeWitt.

There seems to be some disagreement among experts as to exactly what Running Live Oak really is. Benny J. Simpson identified it as *Quercus fusiformis*, or Escarpment Live Oak. The A&M Agrilife Extension describes it as follows: "running live oak is characterized by short, scrubby growth and is a geographic variation. These trees often form large, dense thickets. There are several subspecies of this tree, including var. maritime, which is commonly known as bay live oak and is common to sandy soils near the coast. Another subspecies, var. fusiformis, may occur as a shrubby variety in the Edwards Plateau region of Texas."

Benny Simpson also said it "grows in hybrid swarms of *Quercus virginiana* x. *Q. fusiformis* from the Balcones Escarpment to the coastal area."

He goes on to describe it as "a rhizomatous, dwarf, evergreen oak...covers many square miles of the sandy prairie lands in Calhoun and Victoria Counties."

The casual observer can get a good look at it on Highway 77, starting in Victoria and travelling north for the next 15 miles. I have been watching it, driving and riding by, since I was in grade school. It is most prevalent in the flat prairie land which was once cultivated in irrigated rice fields.

From a distance, it can be identified as a species of evergreen oak, resembling but definitely not the big majestic Live Oaks we usually think of. It is stunted, short and covers the ground so thickly that nothing else can grow. The rhizomatic spread creates new sprouts every few inches until it takes over an entire pasture. Oddly, occasionally, a motte may have several bigger Live Oak looking trees emerging out of the group.

It is a major problem for ranchers in this area because it is so hardy, dense, and difficult and expensive to eradicate. Spraying with strong herbicides is effective in killing the plant, but being a variety of Live Oak, the dead brush still rooted in the ground takes years to decay and severely reduces grazing capacity in the meantime. And, it is unsightly, alive or dead.

On my own place in DeWitt County, I have noticed that a few bigger Live Oaks share this rhizomatic expansion. I have a tree in my back lot that I have to constantly mow or shred to keep down the little sprouts all around the tree. They grow quickly and can form a two-foot high, very tough little forest that only a tractor with a brush hog (shredder) can reduce. This suggests, to me, that the rhizomatic large Live Oaks must be a different subspecies of *Quercus virginiana*. Fortunately, this characteristic seems to be pretty rare among mature Live Oaks.

A brief word of caution. Some people like to dig up wild tree seedlings to transplant in their yard or lot. You might want to avoid small Live Oak-looking saplings from Victoria County.



2022 Annual Meeting

October 20 – 23, 2022

Omni Hotel, Houston

Format coming

CHAPTER NEWS

Fall Training Class News

You are a main source of information about our organization and program. Please spread the news about our Fall class to those you believe would be interested in joining our group. Direct people to our website at <https://txmn.org/guadalupe/> and the drop-down menu “Certification Training.” The class application and cover sheet with information can be found there.



CONGRATULATIONS

Re-certified for 2022 and receiving the Lightning Welk pin

Michelle Darnell Class of 2017

Seth Faught Class of 2019

Carolyn Wolfer Class of 2021

Initial Certification

Alejandro Montero, Class of 2021

