



# THE HEARTWOOD HERALD

The Heartwood Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Newsletter

May 2019

## Privet Patrol Removes Invasives

A team of invasive removal volunteers, led by Kathie Herrick, met on April 10th to eradicate air potato vines reported growing in The Woodlands Village of Grogan's Mill. Unfortunately, the vines were still dormant due to our pretty spring weather this year. They need several days of over 80 degree weather to sprout. A second round of air potato vine removal is scheduled for May 3rd.

Not to be deterred, the volunteers took this opportunity to remove invasive nandina, "heavenly bamboo," from the trail. One small clump of privet was also spotted and removed. Privet is just beginning to bloom. Be on the lookout for a special Invasives class in August taught by staff from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

To join the Privet Patrol or register for the August Invasives class, please contact Teri MacArthur at [texasnaturelover@earthlink.net](mailto:texasnaturelover@earthlink.net).



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*“Those that  
can, do.  
Those that  
can do more,  
volunteer.”*

*-Seen on Kathie and Dick  
Herrick's t-shirts for invasive  
removal day*

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Pictured: Alex Pickering ('19), Carolyn Langlinais ('14), Kathie Herrick ('01), Carol Carothers ('19), Sarah Freeman ('19)  
Not pictured: Dick Herrick

**A recent letter shared by Michelle Haggerty on the TMN listserv:**

**From:** Tania Homayoun  
**Subject:** Help with City Nature Challenge IDs

Hi All,  
The [City Nature Challenge](#) is just about a week away, and we're very excited to have 8 Texas metros (covering [45 counties](#)) participating this year in the pool of roughly 150 cities worldwide:

- Amarillo El Paso
- Austin Houston
- Corpus Christi Lower Rio Grande Valley
- Dallas-Fort Worth San Antonio

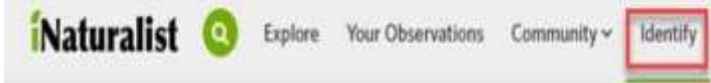
While the observation period runs from **Fri 4/26 through Mon 4/29, we're going to need lots of help all the way through Sun 5/5** with making identifications on those observations in iNaturalist.

If you've never contributed IDs in iNaturalist, [it's incredibly easy](#). You can use the filters to focus on a particular species, taxonomic group, or geography. Besides helping our competing cities, **it may also be a good opportunity for you to check in and see if there are any organisms of interest to you that have been observed during the event; during the 2018 City Nature Challenge, we had over 1,800 "research grade" observations of 127 SGCNs across the 42 counties covered by our 7 competing Texas metro areas.**

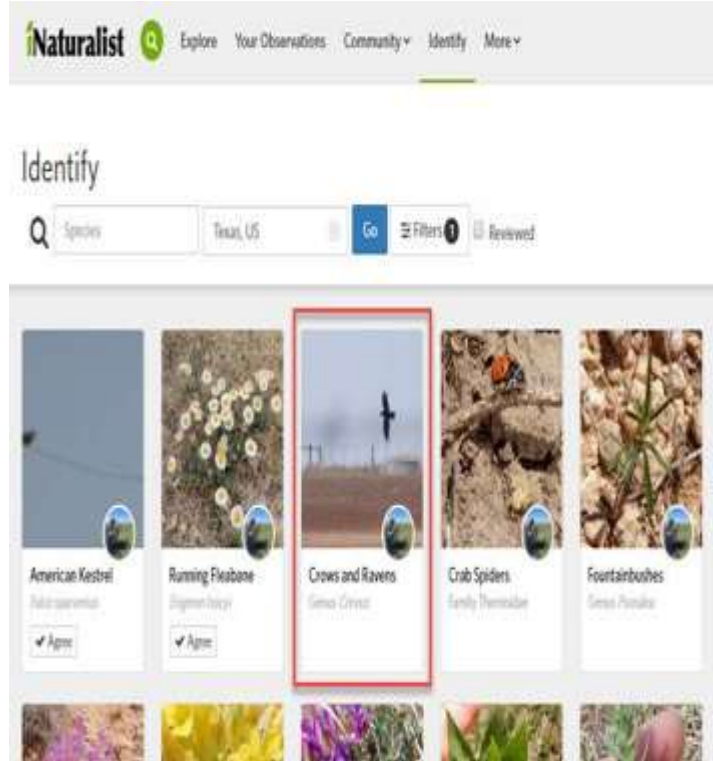
So if you're willing or able to help out with iNaturalist IDs in our [Texas City Nature Challenge Projects](#) even for a few minutes a day between 4/26 and 5/5, every additional ID or verification helps! **If you know of any taxonomic experts who would be interested in helping out, please loop them in, too.**

For anyone less familiar with this process, the quickest way to find observations in a project that still need an ID is to:

Log into iNaturalist and go to the Identify tab at the top menu.



project you want, and click Update Search. The resulting page will load that project's observations that still need IDs.



You can add an ID, agree with the existing ID, or tag obviously captive or cultivated organisms (i.e. zoo animals or garden/potted plants).

Any help with IDs and/or getting the word out to our partners who can help with IDs would be most appreciated. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me!

Thanks,

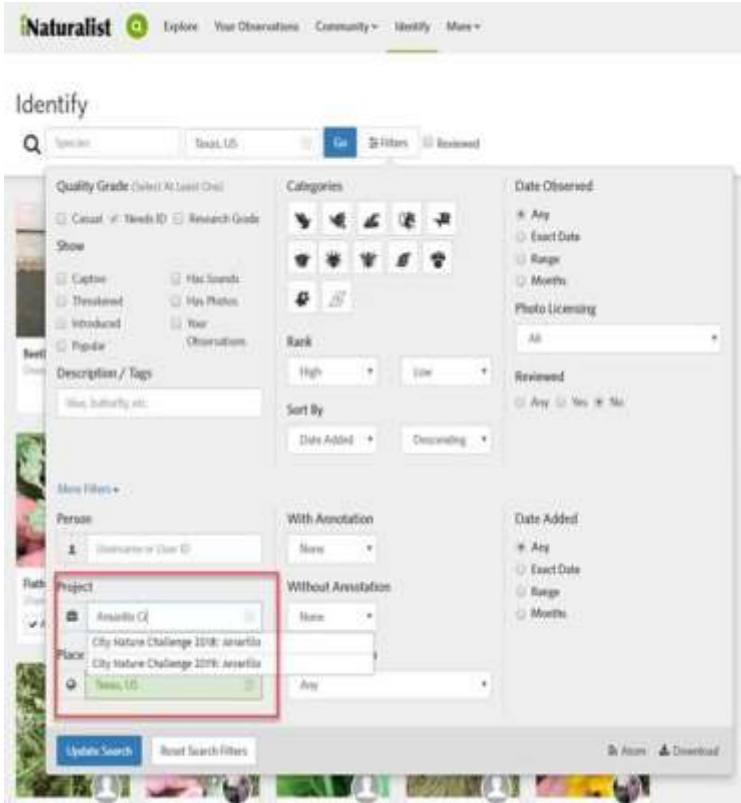
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**Please note the above dates. Though the observations must be entered by April 29th, the identification of those observations will continue until May 5th.**

City Nature Challenge 2018 made 4,075 Research Grade observations of 599 rare, endangered, and threatened species globally, and added over 100 new species that had not previously been recorded on iNaturalist EVER!

In Texas, the metro area with the most observations was the Dallas/Fort Worth Area with 34,218. The Texas metro area recording the most species was the Houston Area, 3,088 species.



In the Filters, type in the name of the project or "City Nature Challenge <city name>" to find the project:

Make sure "Needs ID" is selected under Quality Grade, select the

# What Kind of Naturalist Are You?



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Naturalist  
NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

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The North Texas Chapter created this wonderful poster to highlight the many parks in their area. They have graciously shared it with the other chapters. So, what kind of naturalist are you?

# New Volunteer Opportunities

May 2019

**Project:** Aquatic Field Studies field trip – The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department

**Description:** Help assist at 1 of 3 aquatic field trip stations (macro invertebrate sampling, watersheds & conservation, or fish ID & fish printing) for a school group. You will help the station run smoothly and help students through their activity. The focus is water quality.

**Where:** Bear Branch

**Date/Time:** May 1, 2, 6, 7 8:30 – 12:30 each day

**Contact:** Teri MacArthur [tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](mailto:tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov)

**VMS code:** DO: The Woodlands Township

**Project:** Invasives Removal Work Day -The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department

**Description:** You will help remove invasive vegetative species on site.

**Where:** Meeting location will be provided to volunteers ahead of work day

**Date/Time:** May 3 7:30- 10:30 am

**Contact:** Teri MacArthur [tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](mailto:tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov)

**VMS code:** RM: The Woodlands Township

**Project:** Friends of Lake Livingston Planting at Carolina Creek Christian Camp

**Description:** Spring school planting of about 2,500 aquatic plants along the shoreline of Carolina Creek. Volunteers are needed to help supervise and distribute equipment, help sample macroinvertebrates, and help with the construction of an artificial “reef” habitat.

**Where:** Whimberly Lane, Huntsville 77320

**Date/Time:** May 10 7am – 3pm

**Contact:** Scott Ball [henryball415@gmail.com](mailto:henryball415@gmail.com) or 346-804-3584

**VMS code:** RM: Friends of Lake Livingston

*\*this is a great opportunity to really have ownership of a project. We'd like to see someone turn this into a true Heartwood project and be a leader on this project.*

**Project:** Smarter About Water Seminar 2019: My Water

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to help the seminar run smoothly, help with sign in, set up and take down. Teri will have additional information available for those who are interested.

**Where:** Woodlands Emergency Training Center, 16135 IH- 45 South, Conroe TX

**Date/Time:** May 11 7am – 1pm

**Contact:** Teri MacArthur [tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](mailto:tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov)

**VMS code:** OT: other partner organizations

**Project:** Invasives Beware!

**Description:** Assist Jones Park staff in finding, documenting, and removing invasive plant species, as well as conducting vital habitat management, within Jones Park. Participants need to wear closed-toed shoes and bring their own gloves. Long pants, a hat, and a refillable water bottle are recommended.

**Where:** Jesse Jones Park, Humble TX

**Date/Time:** May 18 9am – 11am

**Contact:** Kim Hammond [khammond@hcp4.net](mailto:khammond@hcp4.net)

**VMS code:** RM : Jesse Jones Nature Center



Air potato vines, our version of Kudzu

**Project:** Nature Tour Guide

**Description:** Help lead a group of 20 1 st graders on a 1-hour nature hike through Jesse Jones Park.

**Where:** Jesse Jones Park, Humble TX

**Date/Time:** May 21 10am – 12pm

**Contact:** Kim Hammond khammond@hcp4.net

**VMS code:** DO: Training & Outreach Events

**Project:** SHSU Center for Biological Research – restoration

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to help manage the greenhouses, restore pocket prairies, planting native grasses, collect, ID and label insects, and help reestablish habitat for the RCW by thinning yaupon

**Where:** Sam Houston State University Center for Biological Research, 1866 Fish Hatchery Rd, Huntsville, TX

**Date/Time:** ongoing

**Contact:** Alan Byboth abyboth@shsu.edu

**VMS code:** RM: other partners

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**Project:** National Trails Day – Creek Bash

**Description:** Help keep Spring Creek clean and free of trash/litter. All ages are welcome to volunteer, but only ages 16+ with an adult for canoeing clean up.

**Where:** Sam Houston ranger station

**Date/Time:** June 1 9am

**Contact:** Kim Hammond khammond@hcp4.net

**VMS code :** NPA : Jesse Jones Nature Center

**Project:** Invasive Species Task Force Program Training

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to help with set up, check in, and take-down. Teri will have more information available to those who are interested.

**Where:** HARC Classroom, 8801 Gosling Rd. The Woodlands TX

**Date/Time:** Aug. 10 8am -3pm

**Contact :** Teri MacArthur tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov

**VMS code :**

**For updated partners and projects, please refer to the Heartwood Bulletin available each Monday except for the first Monday of the month.**

## May 1st Chapter Meeting

The May chapter meeting will be held at the Oklahoma Community Center at 27222 Hufsmith Conroe Road, Magnolia, 77354.

Food and fellowship will begin at 5:30. The business meeting will begin at 6, with the speaker following. This month we will host Cathie Coudert from the Friends of Texas Wildlife and her barred owl education animal, Luna. Cathie will provide valuable information on coexisting with area wildlife.

A door prize will be offered. Bring your reusable water bottle and receive an extra ticket!

## Subscribe to the TMN Listserv

The Texas Master Naturalist Listserv is a communications tool for distributing news, announcements, of event notification, grant opportunities and other items pertinent to Texas Master Naturalists statewide.

To sign up for this free service (you may unsubscribe at any time), please visit:

<https://txmn.org/staying-connected/sign-up-for-tmn-listserv/>

# Advanced Training Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	More Information
May 1	Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting	<b>Note Change of Venue:</b> Oklahoma Community Center, 27222 Conroe Huffsmith, Magnolia, TX 77355	5:30 pm-1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Potluck & Meeting & AT  <b>Speaker: Cathie Coudert, Friends of Texas Wildlife</b>
2	It's Time for a Make-over! Understanding Bird Plumages by Kristine Rivers	Rosenberg Convention Center, 3825 Texas 36 South, Rosenberg, TX	Coastal Prairie Chapter, TMN  Social at 6:30; Presentation at 7 pm  <i>VMS Code: AT: Single Presentation: TMN Report Hours</i>
9	Texas Aquatic Science Workshop	Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center, 14140 Garrett Rd, Houston, TX 77044	10:00 am - 3:00 pm. For info: <a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/aquatic-science">https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/aquatic-science</a> . To register: <a href="mailto:Danielle.Knapp-Smith@tpwd.texas.gov">Danielle.Knapp-Smith@tpwd.texas.gov</a> or 512-389-8497.
11	Smarter About Water Seminar 2019: My Water	Woodlands Emergency Training Center, 16135 IH-45 South, Conroe, TX 77385	8 am to noon; training qualifies for Texas Water Specialist certification. Contact Teri MacArthur, <a href="mailto:tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov">tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov</a>  <b>Registration Required:</b> <a href="https://environmentalservicesdepartment.wufoo.com/forms/m1rq05t0z2z5n5/">https://environmentalservicesdepartment.wufoo.com/forms/m1rq05t0z2z5n5/</a>
16	Huntsville Audubon	St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 5019 Sam Houston, Huntsville, TX	6:00 pm-3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday/Bring snack to share  <a href="http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org">http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org</a>
June 1	Heartwood Chapter Regional AT Day – Earn 6 hours	Ag-Extension, 9020 Airport Road, Conroe, TX	Pre-registration is required; Contact Allison Copony at <a href="mailto:heartwoodat@gmail.com">heartwoodat@gmail.com</a>
5	Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting	Ag-Extension, 9020 Airport Road, Conroe, TX	5:30 pm-1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Potluck, Meeting & AT
July 3	Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting	HARC, 8801 Gosling Rd, Spring, TX 77381	5:30 pm-1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Potluck, Meeting & AT
Aug. 10	Volunteer Training for Invasive Species Task Force Program	HARC, 8801 Gosling Road, The Woodlands 77381	9 am - 2pm; Teri MacArthur, <a href="mailto:tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov">tmacarthur@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov</a>  <b>Registration Required:</b> <a href="https://environmentalservicesdepartment.wufoo.com/forms/r15g0ip50bpqqq/">https://environmentalservicesdepartment.wufoo.com/forms/r15g0ip50bpqqq/</a>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>More Information</b>
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting	HARC,8801 Gosling Rd, Spring, TX 77381	5:30 pm-1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Potluck, Meeting & AT
<b>19-22</b>	Annual Hummerbird Festival	1801 Omohundro St., Rockport, TX	<a href="https://www.rockport-fulton.org/HB">https://www.rockport-fulton.org/HB</a>
<b>Oct. 2</b>	Heartwood Chapter Monthly Meeting/ Nomination of Chapter Officers	Ag-Extension, 9020 Airport Road, Conroe, TX	5:30 pm-1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: Potluck, Meeting & AT
<b>17</b>	Huntsville Audubon	St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 5019 Sam Houston, Huntsville, TX	6:00 pm-3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday/Bring snack to share <a href="http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org">http://www.huntsvilleaudubon.org</a>

### ***Leadership Positions Available***

The Heartwood Chapter is looking for contributors and editors to continue the wonderful newsletter begun by Wendy Sera. Please send your name to [heartwoodpres@gmail.com](mailto:heartwoodpres@gmail.com). We are looking to create a newsletter committee to keep our membership informed, so working well in a group as well as previous editing experience is a plus!

We will also be interviewing for a Director of Communications to act as lead for the newsletter, bulletin, publicity and social media. This is a board position and requires monthly attendance on the last Monday of each month. Contact [heartwoodpres@gmail.com](mailto:heartwoodpres@gmail.com) to be considered for this position.