

2006 ANNUAL REPORT

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST – HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

1. The total number of volunteer service hours conducted from the chapter's inception to date.	24,478
2. The total number of volunteer service hours conducted in 2006.	10,021
3. The total number of volunteers trained in your local chapter to date.	142
4. The total number of volunteers trained in your local chapter throughout the year 2006	27
5. The total number of Advanced Training hours obtained by your chapter volunteers throughout 2006.	1,541
6. The total number of Advanced Training hours obtained by chapter volunteers to date.	4,279
7. The total number of youth and adults reached: with <u>Direct (see 7a)</u> and <u>Indirect (see 7b)</u> outreach and education projects:	

7A. Direct Outreach and Education (actual hands-on, classroom instruction)

See Appendix 7A and 7B for more information on these Direct and Indirect Contacts.

In 2006:	9,062
From inception to date:	23,188

7B. Indirect Outreach and Education (booths, displays)

In 2006:	3,791
From inception to date:	5,144

8. The total acreage impacted through your NEW (in 2006) chapter projects (This includes prairie restorations, wildscapes, landowner management plans/consultations, park enhancements and restorations initiated for the first time in 2006)

We visited 36 new properties, which totaled 2,985 new acres in 2006. While our Land Management Assistance Program is an ongoing project, the owners and properties are new. Each owner accompanies typically two TMNs around their property asking questions and discussing what is seen. The TMNs follow-up by sending the owner a written report detailing the observations on the property, including lists of all trees, forbs and grasses identified and discussed, the answers to his or her questions, recommendations for land management actions, and contact info for the TMNs if the owner has future questions.

9. Total miles of trails improved or developed through new projects (initiated for the first time) in 2006. **0.5 miles at the Texas Lions Camp for disabled children**

10. List **new chapter partners** and what their partnership provides (i.e. copies, meeting room, instructors, or other tangible or in-kind resources to the chapter). Remember: a partnership should be a two-way street, both organizations should be receiving tangibles from each other. (e.g. Just being there as a place for Master Naturalists to volunteer is not a partnership offering) **N/A**

11. List of any new chapter sponsors or benefactors and \$\$ amounts provided to the local chapter in 2006.
The Sand County Foundation donated A Sand County Almanac for the entire Class of 2006 (\$455) since it was unavailable from the TCE Bookstore. The Texas Wildlife Association donated funds to purchase binders for the Hill Country Reference Manual for our Class of 2006 (\$160).

12. Total number of volunteers Certified through the local chapter:
In 2006: **23**

From inception to date: **72**

13. Total number of members re-certifying in 2006. **40**
Includes 2006 re-certifications & special re-certifications for Class of 2005 members

14. Total number of volunteers still working toward certification **69**

15. Total number of volunteers that have dropped out of the program. 2006: **9**
Of 2006 "left group" members, 3 moved away and 6 had been "inactive" for several years, so we finally categorized them as "left group" as well.

Since inception: **20**

16. Complete list of Chapter and Chapter Members' awards (including milestone pin awards—250, 500, 1000, 2,500 and 5000 hours) to date and in 2006.

Chapter Awards:

2006 TMN Annual meeting: Tie for first place for chapter scrapbook

2005 TMN Annual meeting: Third place for Projects for our "Land Management Assistance Program"

Chapter Member Awards:

All awards in 2006: See Attachment **16A: TMN – Hill Country Chapter Member Awards 2006**

Milestones since Inception: See Attachment **16B: Milestone Report from the State Database -12/31/06**

Certifications since Inception: **We do not know how to get this information from the State Database.**

17. Other needed information if you have it:

Breakdown of male and female participants trained. **Class of 2006: 19 female; 9 male**

Ethnicity (optional) **28 Caucasian**

Class of 2006:

Number of Employed and Retired: **See Attachment 17: Hill Country Chapter Employment Summary**

Brief summarizations of current/former occupations **See Attachment 17: Hill Country Chapter Employment Summary**