

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST – HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

1. The total number of volunteer service hours conducted from the chapter's inception to date.	36,926
2. The total number of volunteer service hours conducted in 2007.	12,448
3. The total number of volunteers trained in your local chapter to date.	166
4. The total number of volunteers trained in your local chapter throughout the year 2007	24
5. The total number of Advanced Training hours obtained by your chapter volunteers throughout 2007.	2,027
6. The total number of Advanced Training hours obtained by chapter volunteers to date.	6,306
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)

In 2007:	8,938
From inception to date:	32,126

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

In 2007:	2,326
From inception to date:	7,470

8. The total acreage impacted through your NEW (in 2007) chapter projects (This includes prairie restorations, wildscapes, landowner management plans/consultations, park enhancements and restorations initiated for the first time in 2007)

15 specially-trained TMN volunteers visited 33 new properties totaling 2,900 acres in 2007. Since the Land Management Assistance Program's (LMAP) inception in 2005 Hill Country TMN volunteers have visited 123 properties representing 10,113 acres. Typically each owner accompanies 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 2007. **1.5 miles at the Fredericksburg Nature Center. 600 feet of new trail is handicapped accessible, including a wheelchair-accessible bird blind.**

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 2007.
Golden Eagle Landscape donated \$400 in appreciation of assistance by our TMNs with native plant identification and nature trail design and signage at the Progressive Farmer Idea House in Fredericksburg.
12. Total number of volunteers Certified through the local chapter:
 In 2007: **20**
 From inception to date: **92**
13. Total number of members re-certifying in 2007. **54**
 Includes 2007 re-certifications & special re-certifications for Class of 2006 members
14. Total number of volunteers still working toward certification **5**
15. Total number of volunteers that have dropped out of the program. 2007: **2**
 Since inception: **22**
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 2007.

HCMN 2007 Awards & Milestones					
	2007 Milestone Name	Month Milestone Earned	2007 Recert Month Earned	1st Yr Recert Month Earned	Cert Month Earned
Bailey, Priscilla					Jun-07
Beauxbeannes, Leanne					Oct-07
Behringer, Dan			Aug-07		
Belec, Marguerite					Sep-07
Boutwell, Debra					Jan-07
Bruns, Norma				Aug-07	Mar-07
Bulechek, Alice			Dec-07		
Cassidy, Anne					Jun-07
Collins, Thomas	PSilver	May-07	Feb-07		
Costello, Gloria				Oct-07	Apr-07
Corley, Sharon			Jun-07		
deWolf, Virginia	BSilver	Jul-07	Mar-07		
Dodge, Stephen			Aug-07		
Downs, Cathy	BSilver	Mar-07	Feb-07		
Everson, Colleen	Bronze	Jul-07		Feb-07	Jan-07
Falzarano, Angelo	PSilver	Oct-07	Mar-07		
Ferguson, Warren	Bronze	Oct-07		May-07	Feb-07
Frodyma, Bill			Sep-07		
Gardner, Betty	BSilver	Nov-07	Apr-07		
Gardner, Jim			Oct-07		
Harrison, Guy	Bronze	Oct-07	Jun-07		

Hemmert, Lloyd				Aug-07	Mar-07
Hensley, Nyta			Aug-07		
Hood, Ronald	PSilver	Oct-07	Apr-07		
Huecksteadt, John	BSilver	Oct-07		Feb-07	Jan-07
Johnson, Cynthia	Bsilver	Oct-07	Feb-07		
Junkin, Adele			Apr-07		
Keiser, Robert			Jun-07		
Kiphart, Ridlon	Diamond	May-07	Jun-07		
Knight, Marilyn					Oct-07
Lange, William				Aug-07	Apr-07
Langford, Myrna			Jul-07		
Longacre, Susan	Bronze	Apr-07	Apr-07		
Lowernthal, Barbara	Gold	Jun-07	Mar-07		
Magee, Sandra	BSilver	Apr-07	Apr-07		
Magee, Scott			Apr-07		
Mattarocci, Wanda			Sep-07		
McMahoh, Diane	Bronze	Oct-07	Sep-07		
Miesch, Martha				Jul-07	Feb-07
Milikan, Jack					Jun-07
Milikan, Karen				Sep-07	Aug-07
Muska, Phyllis			Feb-07		
Nielsen, Lars	Bronze	Apr-07	Apr-07		
Noblin, Barbara					
Pena, Sandy	Gold	Feb-07	Feb-07		
Platte, Edna	Bronze	Oct-07	Dec-07		
Rendon, Annie				Nov-07	Aug-07
Robinson, Donald			Nov-07		
Robinson, Donna			May-07		
Robinson, Peggy			Dec-07		
Sawin, Virginia	Bronze	Oct-07		Apr-07	Jan-07
Shupp, Rebecca			Aug-07		
Smith, Charles				Oct-07	Jun-07
Smith, Gene			Jun-07		
Stanley, Jim	PSilver	Dec-07	Feb-07		
Stanley, Priscilla	PSilver	May-07	Feb-07		
Tanner, Bob	BSilver	Sep-07	Feb-07		
Tatum, Maggie	BSilver	May-07	Jul-07		
Teague, Wilma			Aug-07		
Terrell, Mary Ellen					Mar-07
Wagner, Nina			Nov-07		
Workman, Jerri			Dec-07		
Vaughan, Nancy	Bronze	Sep-07	Sep-07		
Total	25*		42	12	20

**Some members may have received more than one milestone award during 2007. This total does not reflect multiple awards.*

17. Other needed information if you have it:
Breakdown of male and female participants trained.

Class of 2007: 19 female; 5 male

Ethnicity (optional)

**23 Caucasian
1 Hispanic**

Class of 2007:

Number of Employed and Retired:

Employed: 7 Retired 17

Brief summarizations of current/former occupations

Current:

Floral Designer
Minister
Owner/Retailer
Self-employed Photographer
TWD Employee
DK/NA (2)

Former:

Business Office Mgr.
Paralegal
Housewife (3)
RN
Technical Writer
HR Director
Digital Photography Teacher
Petrochemical Engineer
Photographer
Desktop Publisher
Municipal Research Director
Accountant
Medical Assistant
DK/NA (2)

18. Lastly, this year we'd like to have a section in the report highlighting the great things your chapter partners have to say about you and your service. Please provide a contact person and their contact information for a chapter partner of your choice.

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"In my mind, the Hill Country Master Naturalist group is a model of excellence. I have ongoing citizen science project collaborations with them and have been a presenter in their advanced training program as well. I think that it was advanced training. Anyway, I spoke to a large group of active volunteers who were engaged and asked many great questions about native plant conservation and deer management.

As director of education at the Cibolo Nature Center, I run a substantial number of field research projects that rely on citizen science volunteers. Our projects run from bird box and heron rookery monitoring to small mammal, breeding bird and time-constrained reptile surveys. We always find master naturalist volunteers from the Hill Country Master Naturalist chapter to be well-prepared, dependable and engaged."