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LONGLEAF RIDGE NEWSLETTER



Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalists in action

Canyon Rim hike



Longleaf planting Big Thicket



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

Big Thicket First Sunday Hike- February 2nd
at 1:30pm Kirby Nature Trail. Register at 409
951-6700

Adopt a Highway MG/MN clean up-
Saturday February 8th at 8:30 til 11:30am.
Meet at 8:00am Jasper Junior High school.

LRMN Chapter meeting and program-
February 11 at MDJSP. Donna Work – Trees
and Wildlife

Guided canoe trip to Eagle nesting site
Saturday February 15th at 9:30 to noon
MDJSP

Guided hike to Eagle nesting site Saturday
February 15th at 2p-3pm MDJSP



Longleaf Ridge Master Naturalist Photo Gallery



LRMN: WORD OF THE MONTH

MARCESCENT

Marcescent (mahr-CESS-ent) is the term used to describe this type of leaf retention which is common among many species of oaks (*Quercus*), American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), musclewood (*Carpinus caroliniana*), and ironwood (*Ostrya Virginiana*). These leaves are dry, but yet springy — they don't crumble into pieces. Rumor has it some early settlers used marcescent leaves, instead of straw, to stuff their mattresses. The leaves will stay on the tree until wind or snow break them off, spring's expanding buds push the leaves off the branch, or there may be s





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FaceBook-[https://www.facebook.com/
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Martin Dies Jr. State Park events -[https://
tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-dies-jr/
park_events](https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-dies-jr/park_events)

Watson Preserve [http://
watsonpreserve.ning.com](http://watsonpreserve.ning.com)

Big Thicket National Preserve [https://
www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm)