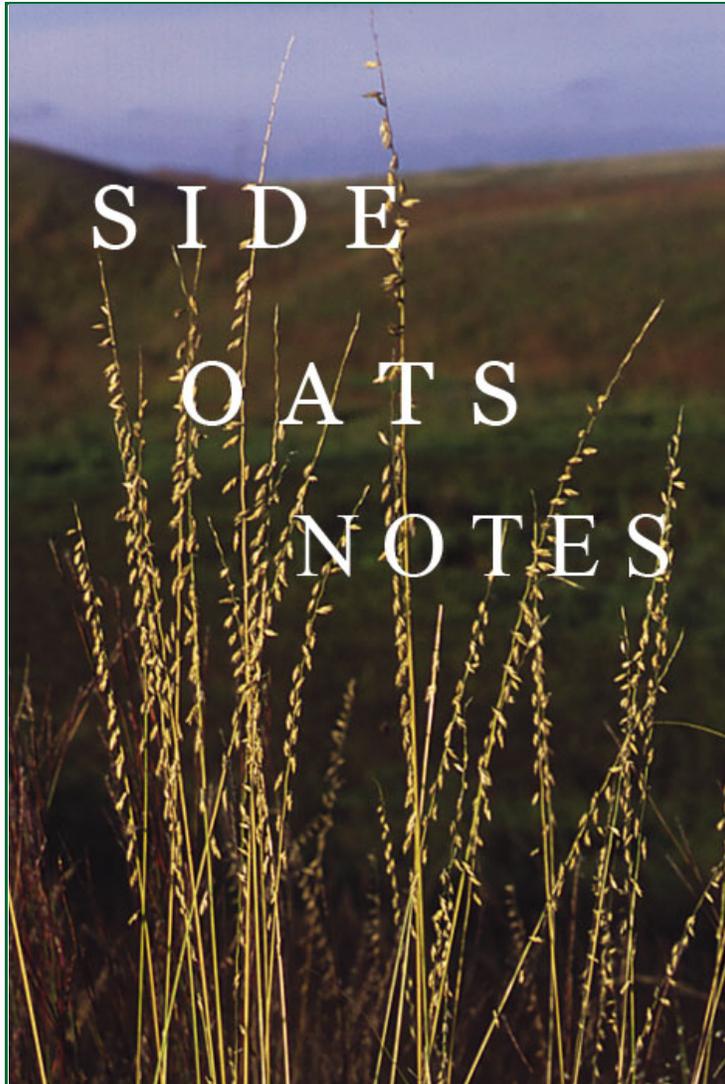


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**A newsletter by the  
Prairie Oaks  
Chapter of  
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Naturalist program**

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The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**



**Learn more about our speakers and events  
for Spring 2023.**

Monthly chapter meetings are at 6 pm. Speakers start at 7 pm.

**Click here --> [Spring 2023 Events](#)**

## Full Calendar of Events and Speakers

### [Notes from the President: Spring 2023](#)

By: Katie Moses Spring is such a busy time in the natural world. Flowers are blooming, birds are migrating, pollinators are abuzz, and the earth is covered in every shade...

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### [Kudos! Spring 2023](#)

Congrats to our members on their milestones achieved between November 17, 2022 – March 27, 2023. Initial Certification Recertification To become a Texas Master Naturalist:

### [Member Spotlight: Stephanie Keith](#)

By: Stephanie Keith

### [Lights Out, Texas! Spring 2023](#)

Spring Migration: March 1 – June 15, 2023 Peak Migration: April 22 – May 12, 2023 We encourage everyone to turn off non-essential lights at night from 11 pm –... [Read More](#)

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### [Celebrating Spring at Feather Fest 2023](#)

Prairie Oaks chapter members participated in the 6th annual Feather Fest at Action Nature Center. There were live raptors, wildflower walks, crafts for children, and educational booths to celebrate birds,... [Read More →](#)

### [Texas Master Naturalists Offer New Spring Training Class to Comanche, Erath, Hamilton, and Palo Pinto Counties](#)

By: Linda Wood The Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist (TMN) program started its new Spring Class on January 18, 2023. The chapter offers residents of Comanche, Erath,... [Read More →](#)

## [123rd Audubon Christmas Bird Count](#)

By: Dayna Inbody On December 17, 2022, the Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program completed its fifth year contributing to the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). This... [Read More →](#)

## [Upcoming Chapter Meetings, Speakers, and Events: Spring and Summer 2023](#)

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Bumblebees! Presentation by Dr. Russel Pfau, Professor Biological Sciences at Tarleton State University Nine bumble... [Read More →](#)



### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

This is not our world with trees in it. It's a world of trees, where humans have just arrived.

Richard Powers, The Overstory



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#### **2023 Officers of the Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program**

President: Katie Moses

Vice President: Dayna Inbody

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#### **2023 Leadership Team of the Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program**

New Training Class Director: Dr. Lynn Wood

Tarleton Instructor & Immediate Past President: Karen Aho

New Training Class Rep: Janet Dawson

Membership Director/VMS Administrator: Barbara Lever-Salter

Advanced Training Director: Doris Hasten

Volunteer Service Director: Stephanie Keith

Communication Director: Layne Cassidy

Outreach & Training Class Assistant: Dr. Linda Wood

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Historian: Gail Bradshaw  
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Advisor: Devin Erxeleben (Texas Parks & Wildlife)  
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