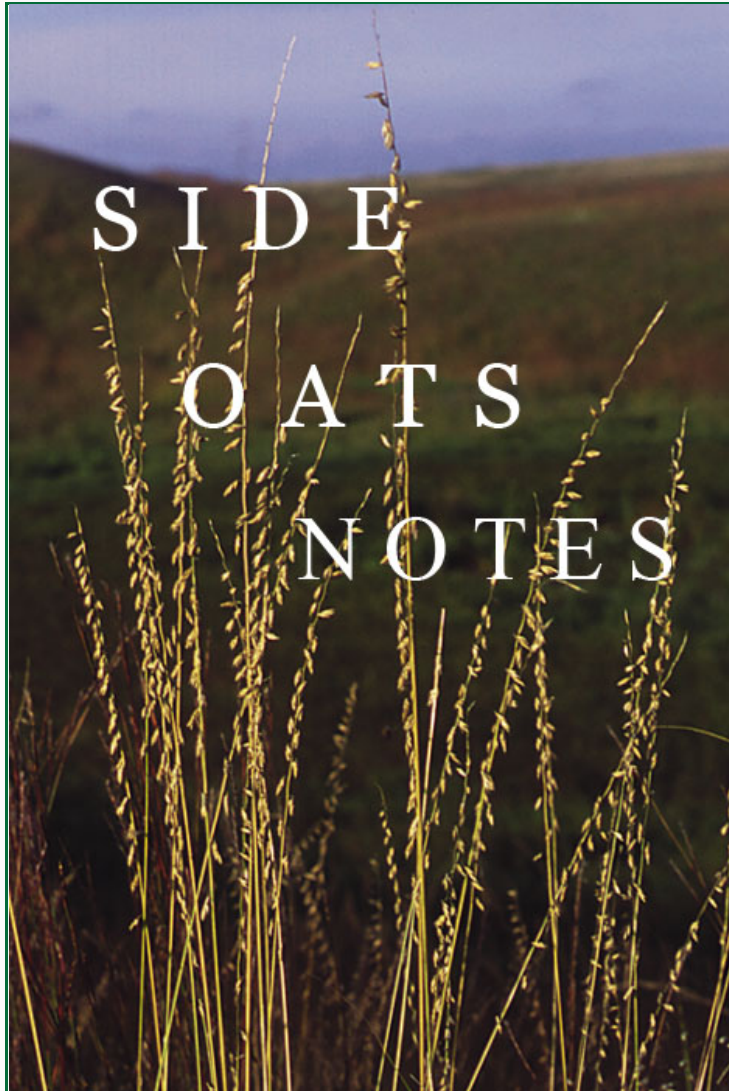


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**A newsletter by the
Prairie Oaks
Chapter of
the Texas Master
Naturalist program**

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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



Do you want to learn more about the beauty and wonders of the Texas outdoors? Are you looking for a way to serve your community while learning and having fun? Then the Texas Master Naturalist Program is for you! The Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program will be offering the next training class in Spring 2023.

Apply here --> [2023 Spring Training](#)

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: December 2022](#)

By: Katie Moses As a year ends, it's customary to look back on all the accomplishments, adventures, and adversity that the previous twelve months have brought. From these reflections, we... [Read More →](#)

[Kudos! Winter 2022](#)

Congrats to our members on their milestones achieved between September 1 – November 16, 2022. 4000 Hours Initial Certification Recertification To become a Texas Master Naturalist:

[Member Spotlight: Velda Tiblets](#)

By: Velda Tiblets I was born and raised in San Angelo, TX. My dad worked for the

railroad so he was transferred to Slaton in the panhandle for three years when I was seven. The flat land and sandstorms that... [Read More →](#)

[Let's Go West!](#)

By: Marsha Stephens You know I seldom write anything without trying to slip in a little opportunity for learning, so bear with me. Growing up in this region, I always heard Ft.... [Read More →](#)

[All About the Texas Bluebird Society](#)

By: Peggy Tolboom "Bluebirds across Texas, one nest box at a time." This is the motto and goal of the Texas Bluebird Society. Officially known as the Eastern Bluebird, thankfully... [Read More →](#)

[Reflections on the Annual Meeting](#)

By: Kathy Weston The Annual Meeting of the Texas Master Naturalists took place during October in the vibrant city of Houston in and around the Galleria Area and within a... [Read More →](#)

[Another Nature Fest Success!](#)

By: Marsha Stephens The fourth annual Nature Fest is in the books! Mother Nature provided a perfect day: not too hot, not too cold.....and not too windy, always a plus in Texas.... [Read More →](#)

[2022 Christmas Bird Count](#)

Update: The Christmas Bird Count was held in December 2022. An article will be posted about it in our spring newsletter. By: Dayna Inbody It's that time of year again..... [Read More →](#)

[A Thought for Today](#)

The fact is that no species has ever had such wholesale control over everything on earth, living or dead, as we now have. That lays upon us, whether we like it or not, an awesome responsibility. In our hands now lies not only our own future but that of all other living creatures with whom we share the earth."

David Attenborough



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