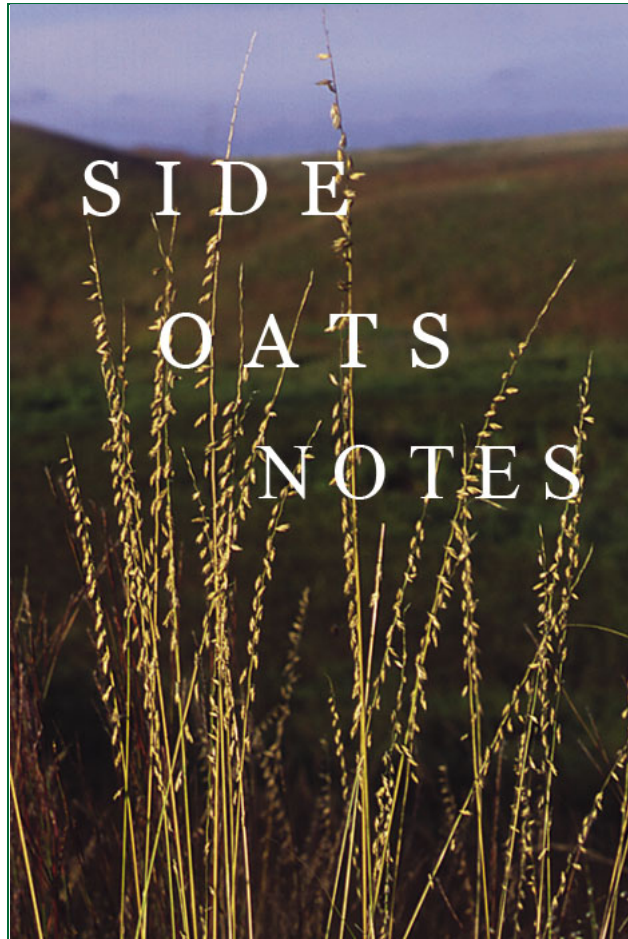


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beneficial management
of natural resources and
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communities and the
State of Texas

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Nature Fest 2024

Join us for our 6th annual Nature Fest event on October 5, 2024!

Follow the Facebook Event to stay updated on activities, partner organizations, and nature knowledge!

For chapter members, please log your hours to PO: Nature Fest.



October 5, 2024 @ the Bosque River Trail Nature Center
Stephenville, TX

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♥ **Help our Nature Center!**

CHAPTER MEMBERS: Take this survey to help us better plan Nature Center events: [Nature Center Survey](#)

🎤 **Upcoming events**

Follow the events on Facebook:

- [August 15 Chapter Meeting & Speaker: CoCoRaHS and Rain Collecting with Greg Story](#)
- [September 19 Chapter Meeting & Speaker: Bats in Your Backyard with Jessie Woodall](#)
- [October 24 - 27 Annual Meeting](#)
- [Nature Fest October 5, 2024](#)
- [November 21 Chapter Meeting & Speaker: The BAT Project for Prairie Oaks with Marsha Stephens](#)

Check our [Events Calendar](#) for updates 📌

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[We ❤️ Messy Prairies: The Prairie at the Bosque Nature Center](#)

By: Gordon Lee — The Bosque Nature Center is comprised of two elements, the pollinator garden and the prairie. The pollinator garden gets most of the attention with maintenance—weeding, watering,... [Read More →](#)

[🦇 BATS AHOY! The TPWD TNT BAT Acoustic Monitoring Project](#)

By: Marsha Stephens — In the summer of 2023, while watching a wildlife diversity webinar on horned lizards, I heard a brief mention of a possible new project within the... [Read More →](#)

[🏞️ Reflections on our Chapter Trip to the Davis Mountains](#)

Contributions by Marsha Stephens, Dayna Inbody, Chris Inbody, Dave Moore, Wendy Moore, & Peggy Tolboom — In May, 20 members of the Prairie Oaks chapter traveled to the Davis Mountains... [Read More →](#)

[👉 Work Days at the Nature Center](#)

Thank you to our chapter members who work on our Nature Center! By: Peggy Tolboom — The native plant garden of the Bosque River Nature Center is an integral project... [Read More →](#)

[🏆 Kudos! Summer 2024](#)

From January to May, members logged more than 1600 volunteer hours valued at more than \$38,000. Members also logged more than 400 advanced training hours.



A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The stars are big and bright when we protect the dark at night.

Greater Big Bend International Dark Sky Reserve



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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.

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