Pollinator Garden Assistance and Recognition Program

TEXAS Master Naturalist℠ HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER

Native Plant Society of Texas

Texas Monarch and Native Pollinator Conservation Plan

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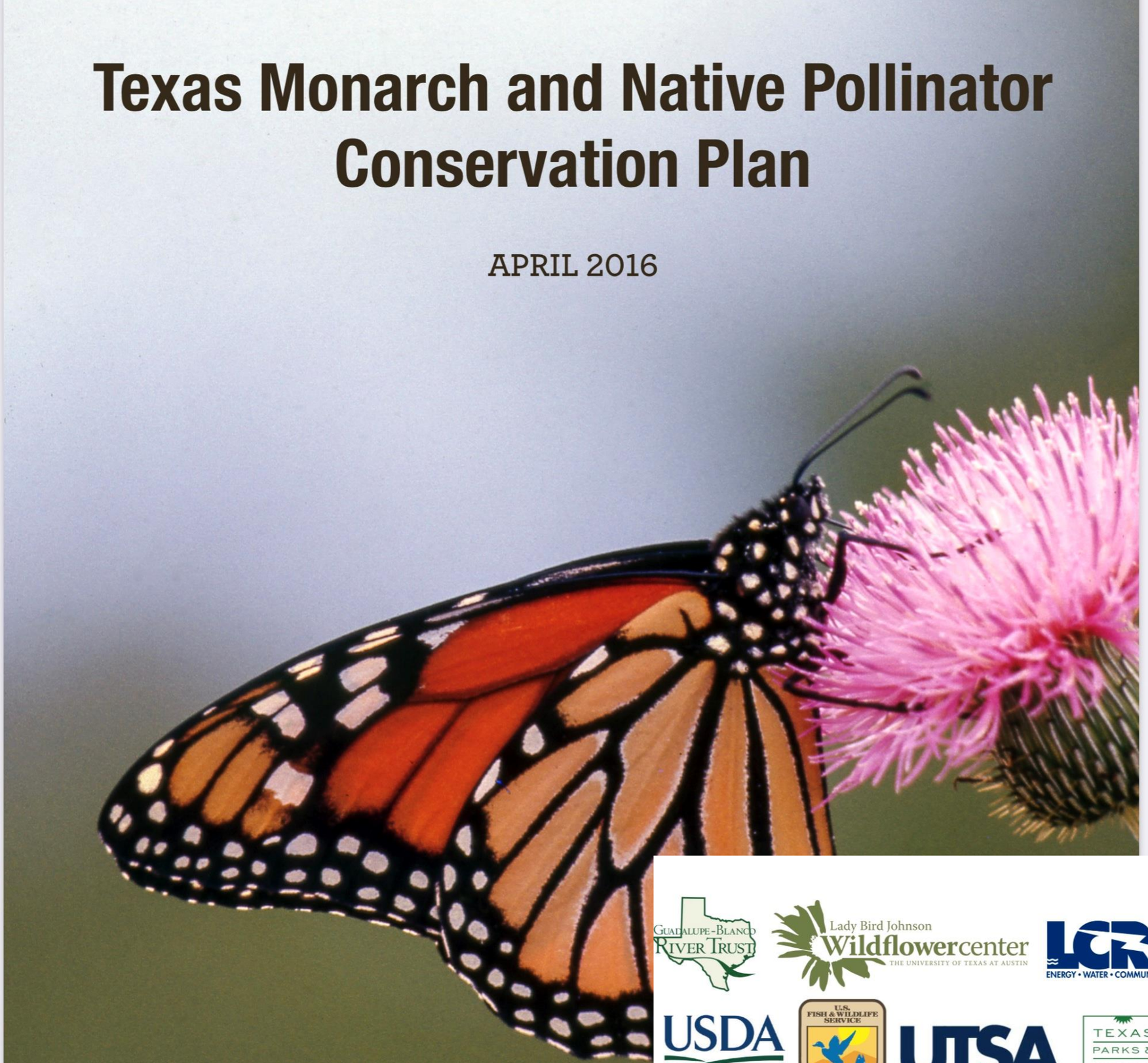

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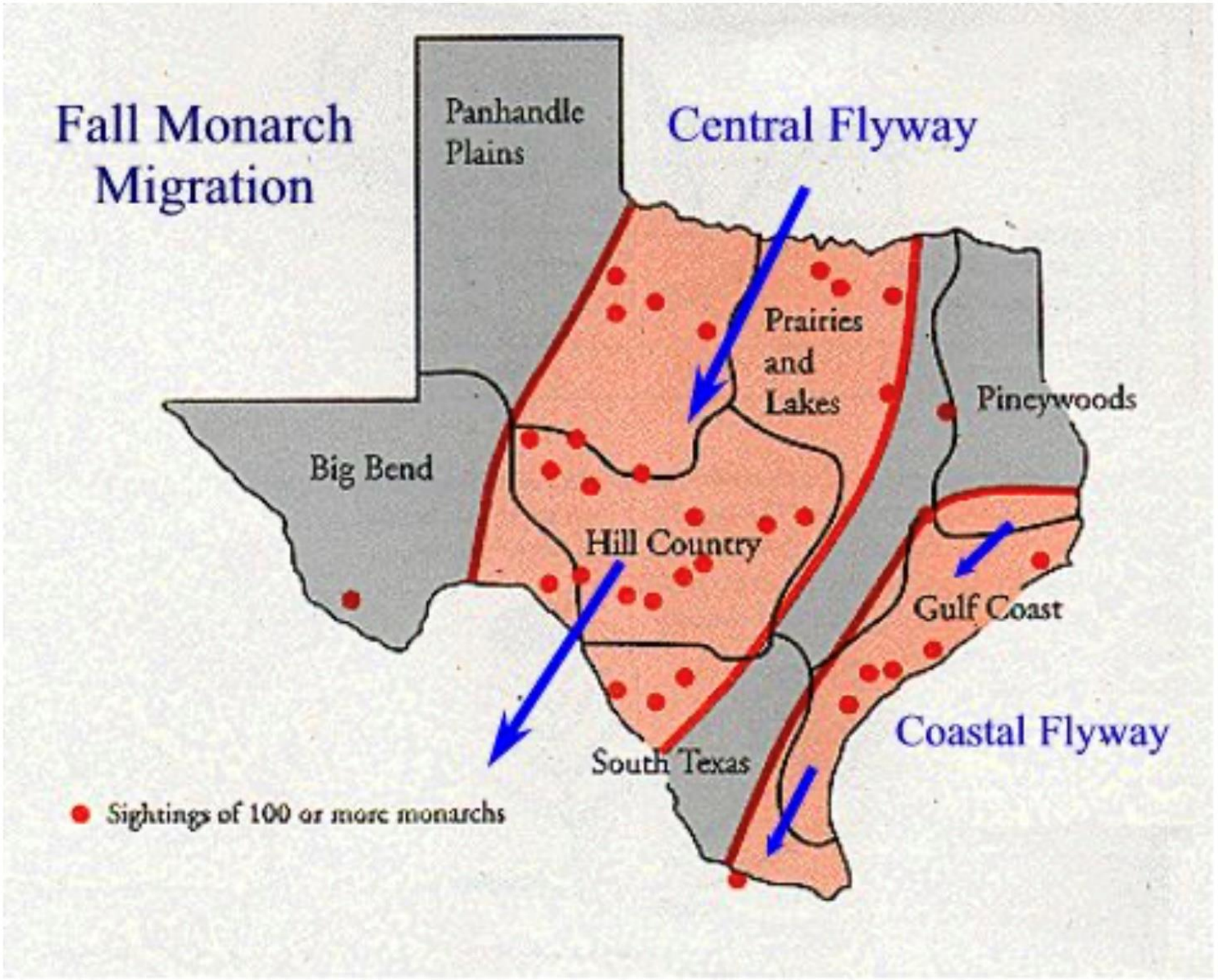
Two Flyways in Texas: The Central and Coastal Flyways



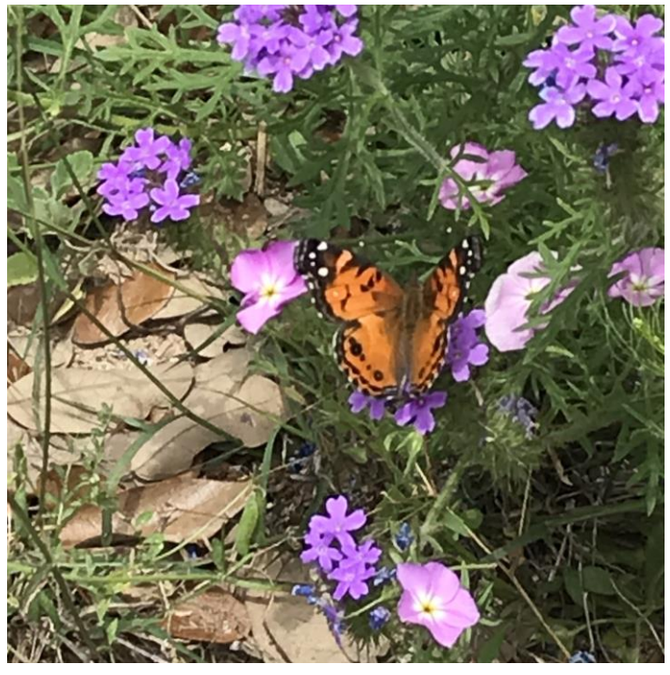
Courtesy of Texas Monarch Watch

Goals

Promote creation of small plot native pollinator gardens through

Education, assistance, and recognition of those who meet the criteria for a “Hill Country Pollinator Garden”.

To recruit new members for Texas Master Naturalist and the Native Plant Society of Texas



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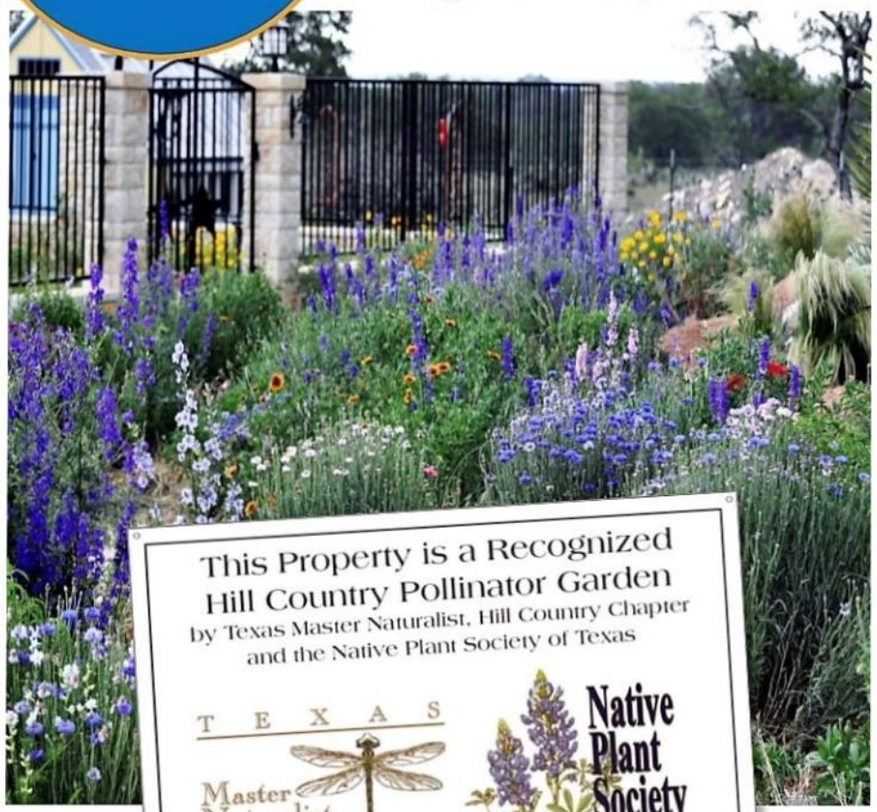
Native Texas Plants need Native Texas Pollinators to thrive

20 Native Plants
that go wild for pollinators



Pollinator Garden Assistance & Recognition Program

Be a Pollinator Champion

Texas Master Naturalists
& the Native Plant Society
can help!

Our Pollinator Garden Assistance and Recognition Program is *free!*

We can help with garden plans
recommend plants that grow best
offer advice and ideas
recognize important contributions
to pollinator habitat

Get growing
Learn how you can plant a pollinator garden using native plants and become a Pollinator Champion.

Explore
txmn.org/hillcountry/PGARP

Ask
PollinatorChampion@gmail.com

Volunteer Characteristics

Volunteers:

- are members of the Texas Master Naturalist Hill Country Chapter or Native Plant Society of Texas Chapters in Kerrville, Fredericksburg, or Boerne.
- can identify the thirty plants on the program's abbreviated plant list and can speak as to the importance of pollinators in their native habitat.
- enjoy talking with gardeners about planning, planting and maintaining native plant gardens.
- are available to conduct site visits (typically in pairs) and respond via email to follow-up questions from the gardeners.

Site Visit Activities

A typical site visit for an existing or proposed Pollinator Garden may includes activities such as:

- photographing (with the owner's permission) and estimating the size of the garden or proposed garden site.
- observing and recording characteristics important to garden plan, plant selection and maintenance such as light conditions, soil type and condition, drainage, water availability, etc.
- discussing with the gardener(s) a variety of topics important for the garden, such as any special seasonal interests for plants and pollinators, plant size limitations, ground covers, strict limitation of pesticide use, etc. Volunteers fill out a detailed checklist during the site visit.

Other Activities

After the site visit, volunteers may help:

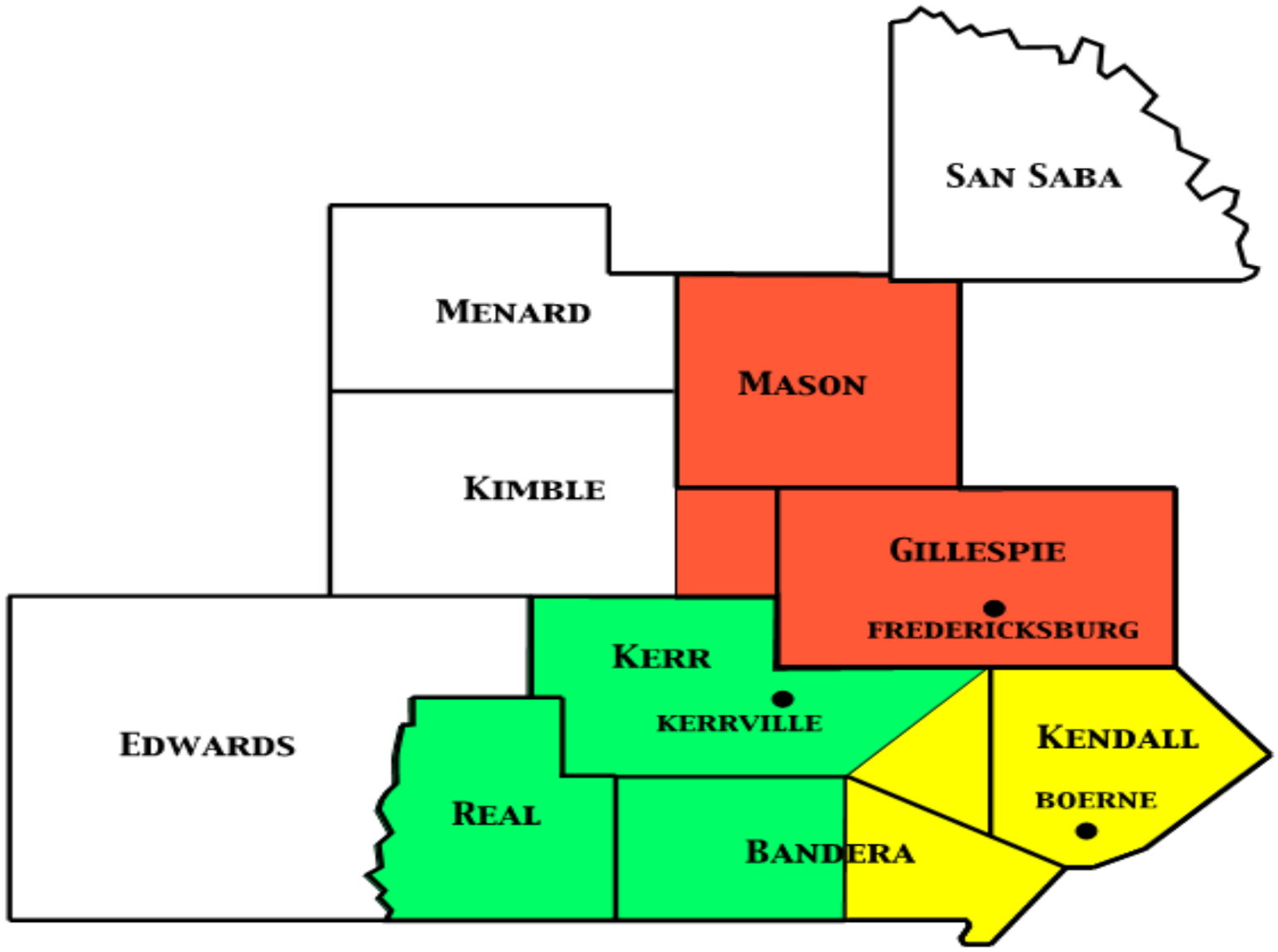
- assist the owner to prepare a garden and make appropriate plant recommendations.
- after an appropriate interval, revisit the garden to determine that the criteria have been met for a Certificate of Recognition to be awarded.

Start-up Costs

Website design.....no charge
Printing.....$600

Sources of Income

NPSOT.....$200/chapter
Honorariums.....$300
Memorials



Fredericksburg Region, Joyce Studer, Gillespie, Mason and eastern Kimble counties.
Boerne Region, Rachel Thompson, Kendall and eastern Kerr and Bandera counties.
Kerrville Region, Elsa Roberts, Real and western Kerr and Bandera counties.
Rural Region, Richard Coleman, remaining counties will be covered

Site Visit

- Plants
- Sunlight
- Soil
- Terrain
- Water
- Deer

Outcomes 2018-2020

Garden Visits.....88

Recognized Gardens.....22

Community Presentations.....24

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gehanhomes.com

Recreating the Project
Lessons Learned

1. Start up money needed
2. Have an attractive website and advertising materials.
3. Dedicated volunteers, lots of them with plenty of time
4. Recommend NPSOT Native Landscape Certification Program for volunteers and for property owners
5. Collaboration with local NPSOT chapters valuable
6. Recommend property owners start small
7. No neighbors at visits. See them later
8. Stay in your chapter area

What We Would Do Differently

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   Next planting season, one year

   Survey about chapter activities

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   To better document results

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MONARCH WAYSTATION
This site provides milkweeds, nectar sources, and shelter needed to sustain monarch butterflies as they migrate through North America.
Certified and registered by Monarch Watch as an official Monarch Waystation.
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This site gives students a place to learn outdoors and connect with nature while providing the habitat elements wildlife need to thrive: food, water, cover and places to raise young.
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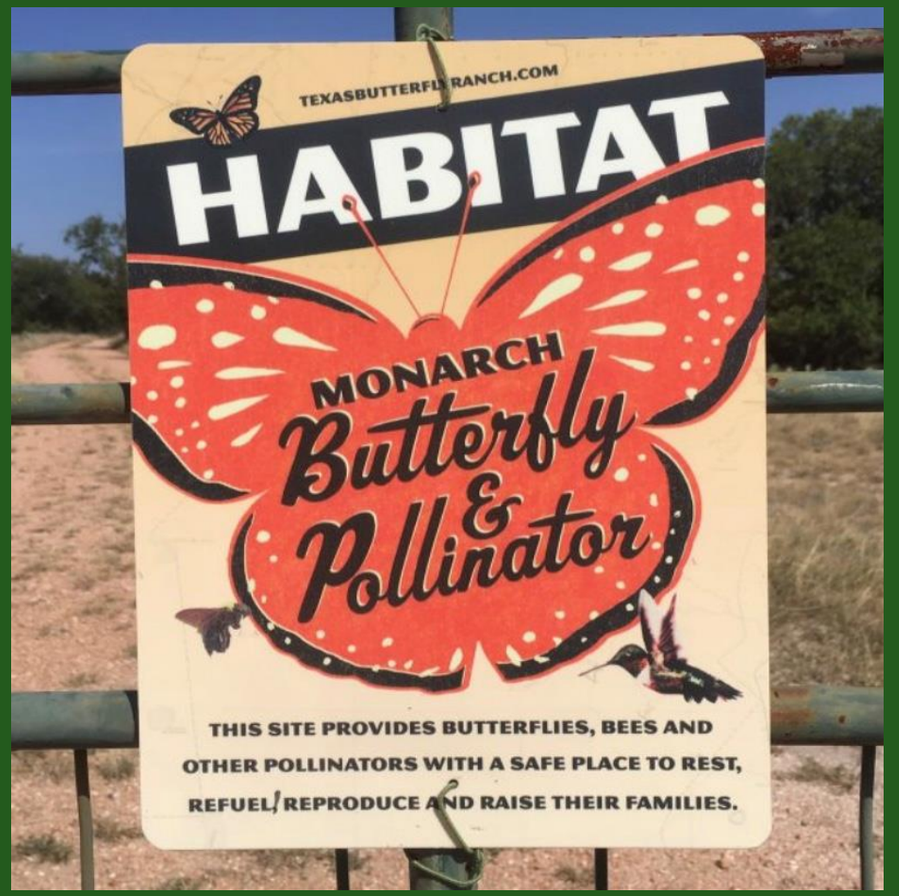
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HABITAT
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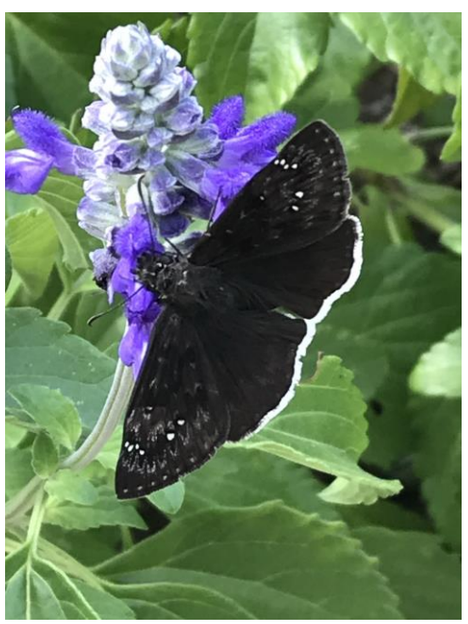
Butterfly & Pollinator
THIS SITE PROVIDES BUTTERFLIES, BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS WITH A SAFE PLACE TO REST, REFUEL, REPRODUCE AND RAISE THEIR FAMILIES.

Pollinator Habitat
This area has been planted with pollinator-friendly flowers and is protected from pesticides to provide valuable habitat for bees and other pollinators.
To learn how you can help to bring back the pollinators, please visit www.xerces.org.
BRING BACK THE POLLINATORS



“It’s easy to plant a pollinator garden - at home, school, business, or church - and it doesn’t have to be a large garden. A chain of little gardens throughout the area will provide food and habitat for native pollinators.”

Pam Lienhard, Texas Master Naturalist,
Hill Country Chapter, 2017

Txmn.org/hillcountry/pgarp