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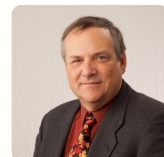
Impacts of Winter Storm Uri on Texas Fish and Wildlife

Beginning at 12pm Central:

Welcome and Introductions

12:15-12:45 Overview of Winter Storm Uri

Dr. John Nielson Gammon, State Climatologist



12:45-1:00 Winter Storm Uri Project Overview

Dr. Tania Homayoun, TPWD Texas Nature Trackers Program



1:00-1:10 Overviews Q&A

1:10-1:25 Birds

Cliff Shackelford, TPWD State Ornithologist



1:25-1:40 Bats

Nate Fuller, TPWD Bat Specialist



1:40-1:55 Exotic Wildlife

Dr. James Gallagher, TPWD Natural Resource Specialist



1:55-2:10 Fish & Other Aquatic Species

Dakus Geeslin, TPWD Coastal Fisheries Science & Policy Branch



2:10-2:25 Sea Turtles

Tony Reisinger, Texas SeaGrant - RGV Extension Agent



2:25-2:40 Plants & Insects

Craig Hensley, TPWD Texas Nature Trackers Program



2:40-2:55 Conservation Moving Forward

Jonah Evans, TPWD Non-Game and Rare Species Program
Leader (Interim); State Mammologist



2:55-3:00 Final Q&A

**Save The
Date**

**April 13,
2021**



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Impacts of Winter Storm Uri on Texas Fish and Wildlife

Winter Storm Uri swept through the entire state of Texas beginning February 11th and through the week of February 13th causing untold impacts statewide. Many immediate impacts were seen across flora, fauna and ecosystems with national headlines focusing on work to rescue cold stunned turtles or the impacts on coastal fisheries and wintering bat populations. Yet, how are these impacts scaled on a statewide level and what is the precedent for a winter event like Uri? The Texas Master Naturalist Program aims to answer that question and more with its upcoming April #TMNTuesday speaker series.

The exciting part, according to Michelle Haggerty, state program coordinator for the Texas Master Naturalist Program, is that “we’ll get to answer the questions still lingering from this extreme weather event and learn how our resources adapt and recover from this and possible future events. Our Texas Master Naturalist volunteers are eager to learn about the effects from the polar vortex on natural resource flora & fauna in Texas, but more specifically, what recovery looks like.”

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is showcasing experts from across the state this month for their new 2021 monthly series, #TMNTuesdays. The goal of this speaker series is to bring natural resources stewardship, management and education to its members and the public through engaging speaker sessions online.

As part of their monthly #TMNTuesday series, the Texas Master Naturalist Program will bring together experts from across the state and across the spectrum of natural resource specialties to discuss “Impacts of Winter Storm Uri on Texas Fish & Wildlife”. The seminar will be held FREE for all registrants April 13th from 12:00pm (noon) until 3:00pm Central time via WebEx. Registration can be completed on the website <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/#april>.

The event will also be live streamed to the [Texas Master Naturalist Program FaceBook page](#) and recorded for viewing on the Texas Master Naturalist Programs website - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is co-sponsored by [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#) and [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#). It’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.

More information on how to join the Texas Master Naturalist Program or contact a local chapter is available on the [website](#).