# **Sessions Agenda**



# Updated Thursday, August 10, 2023

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#### **OUR MISSION**

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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## **About the 2023 Annual Meeting**

Welcome to McAllen, Texas! This year marks our 24th Annual Meeting and the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. We have scheduled over 100 different presentations and field sessions with a variety of topics and speakers from around the state. Outside of the classroom, we also have plenty of opportunities to meet new friends and old friends alike, some really beautiful artwork and photos entered into our annual contest, and a wide variety of chapter projects on display in the Project Fair. Enjoy this weekend of comradery and learning! Thank you for being here with us to celebrate another year of incredible conservation impacts on the land!

### **KEY for Agenda**

Meal Field Session\*

\*Note - Current Field Session times listed include travel time. Additional information about field session time, cost and capacity will be shared in the coming weeks.

# Wednesday - October 11, 2023

### 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

# **Coastal Conservation Cooperative**

- Mary Jo Bogatto, Cactus Creek Ranch
- Nicole Ekstrom, Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge
- Javier Gonzalez, South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center

### 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

#### **Field Session**

#### The South Texas Ecotourism Center

- Robin Gelston, Texas Master Naturalist Rio Grande Valley Chapter
- Edward Meza, South Texas Ecotourism Center



1:00 PM - 2:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

### Dive into the World of Sea Turtle Conservation at Sea Turtle, Inc.!

- Hannah Catherman, Sea Turtle, Inc.
- Robin Gelston, Texas Master Naturalist Rio Grande Valley Chapter

### 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

# **Mothing at Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park (preconference)**

• Sam Kieschnick, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# Thursday - October 12, 2023

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Registration - Palm Lobby** 



#### **Field Session**

#### Birds of the San Benito Wetlands

• Jaime Flores, Texas Water Resources Institute

## 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

# **Coastal Ecology Field Trip - South Padre Island**

- Tony Reisinger, Texas Sea Grant / AgriLife
- Victoria Salinas, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

# 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

#### **History: It's in Our Nature**

- Lee Bragg, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park
- Karen Weaver, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park
- Robin Gelston, Texas Master Naturalist Rio Grande Valley Chapter

#### 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

# BioBlitz at the National Butterfly Center with Texas Nature Trackers

- Craig Hensley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Wendy Anderson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

# **Service Project - Stop Catclaw Vine in its Tracks!**

• Javier de Leon, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



#### **Field Session**

# Monarch Health and Fall Migration. One-day Field Campaign/Workshop

• Rebeca Quiñonez-Piñón, National Wildlife Federation

#### 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

## Bird Walk at the Edinburg Scenic Wetlands

- David Flores, Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and World Birding Center
- Donna Otto, South Texas Border Chapter TMN



#### **Field Session**

#### **Insects of La Sal del Rey**

• Sam Kieschnick, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

#### **Field Session**

# Nature Smart Libraries: Partnering with Libraries to encourage outdoor engagement

• Marisa Oliva, Texas Children in Nature Network

#### 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

#### Meal

#### **Lunch - On Your Own**

#### 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

## Woody Plant Encroachment in Grasslands: Teaching by RAP 'ping - 103D

• Erika Sullivan, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

#### 1:00 PM - 4:20 PM

#### **Texas Waters Day - 103A**

• Melissa Felty, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 1:00 PM - 3:10 PM

# Texas Raptor Monitoring Network - a participatory science program to monitor the reproductive biology - 102C

• Clint Boal, Texas Tech University, U.S. Geological Survey Texas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; Krysta Demere, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Ben Skipper, Angelo State University

#### 1:00 PM - 3:10 PM

#### How an Old City Dump Became a Nature Park - 102A

• Christina Mild, Rio Grande Valley Chapter

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### What the Tide Brought In - 103B

• Anita Westervelt, Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas Border Chapter

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

# Quick Photo Tips for TMN Documentation (or "Photography for TMNs")

- Boardroom 1
- Ruth Hoyt, Photo Bound Tours, LLC

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

## **Coexisting with Alligators - 102B**

• Jacob Reinbolt, South Padre Island Birding, Nature Center, and Alligator Sanctuary / Gator Country

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### History of Outreach and Education Programs in TX - 101C

• Steve Hall, Texas Parks & Wildlife

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### Looking for a Hero! - Boardroom 2

• Connie Lovell, Washed Up Texas

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

# Ancient Landscapes of South Texas: Showcasing a Positive Landscape Hiding in Plain Sight - 101A

- Roseann Bacha-Garza, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Juan Gonzalez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### **Eclipses 101 - 101B**

• Dorian Janney, NASA/GSFC/ADNET

#### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### Texas Game Wardens in the Rio Grande Valley - 103C

• Harry Rakosky, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# 2:10 PM - 5:30 PM

#### iNaturalist 101+201 - 101B

• Wendy Anderson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 2:10 PM - 4:20 PM

# Interpretive Trail Guiding to help Adults and Children to enjoy being outdoors. - Boardroom 2

• David Powell, Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary

### 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

## Operation Game Thief: Collaboration to Catch Poachers - 103C

- Mike Mitchell, Presentation Speaker
- · Daniel Shaw, Operation Game Thief

### 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

# Outreach and Education at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge - 101C

• Nicole Ekstrom, Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

#### 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

#### Texas Horned Lizards - Past, Present, Future - 102B

• Lynn Seman, Rolling Plains Chapter/ Horned Lizard Conservation Society

#### 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

# The Fight for the Texas Ocelot: Conservation Challenges and Opportunities - 101A

• Sharon Wilcox, Defenders of Wildlife

#### 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

# How macroclimatic change is expected to transform coastal wetland ecosystems this century: emphasis - 103B

• Christopher Gabler, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

#### 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM

# **Expressive Bird Photography - Boardroom 1**

• David Cook, Capital Area Master Naturalists

#### 3:20 PM - 5:30 PM

# Beach comber's Treasures : The Good, The Bad and The Mysterious - 103B

• Linda McGonigle, Rio Grande Valley Chapter TMN

# 3:20 PM - 5:30 PM

# Get 'Em Outside - Programs & Partnerships for Getting Youth and Adults on the Land - 101C

- Kassi Scheffer-Geeslin, Texas Wildlife Association
- Chad Timmons, Texas Wildlife Association
- Matthew Hughes, Texas Wildlife Association

#### 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

#### The Road to Recovery: The Case of the Ocelot in South Texas - 101A

• Thomas Yamashita, Texas A&M University - Kingsville

#### 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

## How to Set Up an Outdoor Photo Studio - Boardroom 1

• Ruth Hoyt, Photo Bound Tours, LLC

#### 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

# Artificial Nest Site Occupancy and Re-use of Urban Burrowing Owls in El Paso, Texas - 102C

· Lois Balin, Texas Parks and Wildlife

#### 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

# Comparison of arthropod abundance and diversity on native and exotic street trees - 102B

• John Goolsby, Entomologist

#### 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

## Coronavirus should awaken us to fight Global Wildlife Trafficking - 103C

• Mike Mitchell, Presentation Speaker

#### 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

# Rewards of Nature Beautification - Children's Cancer Treatment Center - 102A

- Sylvia Casselman, South Texas Border Chapter TMN
- Becky Jones, South Texas Border Chapter TMN

#### 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

#### **Chapter Leadership Reception - Ballroom**

• Mary Pearl Meuth & Michelle Haggerty, Texas Master Naturalist Program

### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

# Floating Gardens and HABS - Old version - New Look and What is a HAB??? - 103A

• Diana Lehmann, Rio Grande Valley chapter of Texas Master Naturalist

#### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

# **Factors Influencing the Recolonization of Restored Thornscrub Forest Habitats - 101A**

• Audrey Hicks, Jerald Garrett, Texas Master Naturalist

#### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

#### Beyond the Choir: Fairs, Festivals, and Farmers Markets - 102A

• Nancy Angell, Sabine-Neches Chapter; Debbie Verret, Sabine-Neches Chapter

#### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

#### Training Class Directors Roundtable - Boardroom 2

• Mary Pearl Meuth, Texas Master Naturalist Program

#### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

### Avian Rescue, Avian Rehabilitation, Avian Release - Boardroom 1

• Thomas deMaar, Sea Turtle, Inc

#### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

## Wolf Spider Research in the Field - 102B

• Eric Neubauer, Texas Master Naturalist

### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

# The Distribution of Mid-coast Texas Owls: A Spatial Analysis of Patterns in Nature - 102C

• Gregory Simmons, Mid-coast Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

#### 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

# The R3 of Conservationists: Where Texas Master Naturalists, Hunting and Angling Converge - 103C

• Jason Mercer, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Immanuel Salas, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

#### 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

## **Vendors Reception - Exhibit Hall A**

# 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### Meal

### Welcome Dinner and Keynote - Ballroom

# 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

# The Forgotten Rio Grande - Ballroom

• Lawrence Lof, University of Texas - Retired

# 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

### **Field Session**

# Pollinator Garden After Dark - Intro to Mothing

• Joseph Connors, STBC-TMN; Seth Welliver, The Butterfly Garden at Oleander Acres

# Friday - October 13, 2023

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Registration - Palm Lobby** 

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Meal

**Breakfast - On Your Own** 

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Field Session** 

## From Landfill to an Oasis of Native Plants-Hugh Ramsey Nature Park

• Barbara Peet, Rio Grande Valley Chapter; Christina Mild, Rio Grande Valley Chapter; Donna Otto, South Texas Border Chapter TMN

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Field Session** 

### **Learning and Growing Urban Habitats**

• John Brush, Quinta Mazatlan

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Field Session** 

#### Rewards of Nature Beautification - Children's Cancer Treatment Clinic

- Sylvia Casselman, South Texas Border Chapter TMN
- Becky Jones, South Texas Border Chapter TMN

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Field Session** 

#### **Thornscrub Tour**

• Mitch Sternberg, USFWS, Division of Biological Sciences, South Texas Gulf Coast Zone

8:00 AM - 11:20 AM

# iNaturalist Train the Trainer Workshop - 101B

- Wendy Anderson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Craig Hensley, Texas Parks and Wildlife

8:00 AM - 10:10 AM

# The Dark Eyed Junco: Six Birds Rolled Into One - 102B

Scott Kiester, Friends of LLELA

#### 8:00 AM - 10:10 AM

## Restoring Native Prairie Habitat on Public Land - Boardroom 1

• David Powell, Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary

#### 8:00 AM - 10:10 AM

### Look, Listen, and Learn! - 102A

• Mike Farley, Good Water Chapter

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

# Mesophotic Coral Ecosystems of the western Gulf of Mexico - 101A

• Erin Easton, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

### Prairie Seekers Training Program - 103B

• Kate Morgan, Native Prairies Association of Texas

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

#### Conservation Communication Best Practices - Boardroom 2

• Karina Araujo, Texan By Nature

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

## Student-Centered Learning: Brought to You by the Letter E - 101C

- Karen Weaver, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park
- Sofia Garza, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park
- Robin Gelston, Texas Master Naturalist Rio Grande Valley Chapter

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

# High School Students Using Chemistry to Solve an Environmental Problem - 102C

• Statira Wilmoth, Port Isabel Early College High School

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

#### **Chasing Monarchs - 103A**

• KAKKIE Cunningham, Cross Timbers Master Naturalist

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

#### Bring New Audiences to State Parks! - 103D

• Charlotte Cisneros, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

### Texas Mammals and Their Adaptations to Survive - 103C

• Melissa Felty, Texas Parks and Wildlife

#### 9:10 AM - 11:20 AM

# **Artful Description Interspersed with Educational Information - Boardroom 2**

• Anita Westervelt, Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas Border Chapter

#### 9:10 AM - 11:20 AM

## Living in Harmony with America's Song Dog - 103C

- Karin Saucedo, The Canid Project
- Roberto Saucedo, The Canid Project

#### 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM

## Texas High School Coastal Monitoring Program - 102C

• Statira Wilmoth, Port Isabel Early College High School

#### 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM

# The Use of Wildlife and Wildlife Parts in Education: How to be Legal and Compliant as a Wildlife Edu - 101C

• Benjamin Anderson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM

# Eighteen is Enough - A Monarch Parenting Adventure - 103A

- Rick Travis, Blackland Prairie Texas Master Naturalist
- Lisa Travis, Blackland Prairie Texas Master Naturalist
- Carol Clark, Blackland Prairie Texas Master Naturalist

#### 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM

# TEAMgo Wild with Texas Parks and Wildlife: Explore the landscape, collect data, and contribute to conservation - 103D

Laura Miksch, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM

### Beef, Burns, and Bobwhites: Wildlife Compatible Grazing - 103B

• Will Newman, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM

#### **Seagrass and People - Who is going to win? - 101A**

Hudson Deyoe, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

#### 10:20 AM - 12:30 PM

## Collecting Scientific Botanical (Herbarium) Specimens - 103D

- Ashley Bordelon, Botanical Research Institute of Texas
- Kimberlie Sasan, Botanical Research Institute of Texas

#### 10:20 AM - 12:30 PM

### Screech Owls, Owl Boxes, and Owl Cameras - 102A

• Mike Mitchell, Presentation Speaker

#### 10:20 AM - 12:30 PM

# From rock dams to plant monitoring: what Joint Venture partnerships can offer Master Naturalists. - 101A

- Karen Chapman, Rio Grande Joint Venture
- Rebekah Rylander, Rio Grande Joint Venture
- Jeff Bennett, Rio Grande Joint Venture
- Jesus Franco, Rio Grande Joint Venture

#### 10:20 AM - 11:20 AM

## The Plague of Invasive Grasses: Is the Party Over? - 103B

Megan Clayton, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

#### 10:20 AM - 11:20 AM

# Native Plants & Their Role Within Municipal Water Reuse - Boardroom 1

• Carol Garrison, John Bunker Sands Wetland Center

#### 10:20 AM - 11:20 AM

#### Phenomenally WILD - 101C

• Kiki Corry, TPWD

### 10:20 AM - 11:20 AM

# Teaching about Butterflies by The Butterfly Learning Center, an Alamo Area Master Naturalist Project - 102C

- Nicki Apostolow, Alamo Area Master Naturalists
- Derrick Mims, Alamo Area Master Naturalists
- Emily Hawthorn, Alamo Area Master Naturalists

#### 10:20 AM - 11:20 AM

### Gardening for Caterpillars - 103A

• Berry Nall, Falcon Heights Baptist Church

#### 10:20 AM - 11:20 AM

### Spring Migration Through South Padre Island - 102B

• Javier Gonzalez, South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center

#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

## Wild Parrots of the Rio Grande Valley - 102B

• Charles Alexander, Wildlife Artist/Writer

#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# Uncovering Cryptic Critters: Tips and Tricks for Finding Caterpillars - 103A

• Berry Nall, Falcon Heights Baptist Church

#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# Connecting Kids with Cameras and Nature - 101C

• Ruth Hoyt, Photo Bound Tours, LLC

# 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

### Rewarding Excellence in Youth Research - 102C

• Lynn Seman, Rolling Plains Chapter/ Horned Lizard Conservation Society

#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# **Crafting Master Naturalist Stories: Outreach Writing Tips & Editing Tricks - Boardroom 2**

• Annabelle Moore, Big Country Master Naturalist Chapter

#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# Herbivores, honey buns, and the Golden Corral: Why plant diversity is crucial in nutrition - 103B

• Jacob Dykes, TAMU

#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# **Growth And Reproduction in Gulf of Mexico Black Corals** (Antipatharians) in Field and Laboratory Studies - 101B

Victoria Salinas, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# You Can't Plant That! Encouraging Native Landscapes in HOA Neighborhoods - Boardroom 1

• Diane Wetherbee, TXMN-Elm Fork, NPSOT, NPAT

# 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# **Endangered Species in Texas and How You can Help - 103C**

• David Powell, Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary

#### 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

#### Meal

### **Lunch and Science Fair Winners Presentation - Ballroom**

#### 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

# Using iNaturalist to be a good land steward

- Seth Welliver, The Butterfly Garden at Oleander Acres
- Donna Otto, South Texas Border Chapter TMN

#### 2:00 PM - 4:10 PM

# Relationships Among Biodiversity, Urbanization, and North American Ecoregions - 101A

• Mike Quinn, University of Texas Insect Collection

#### 2:00 PM - 4:10 PM

# Acoustic Monitoring of Texas Bats: A Community Science Project for TMNs - 101B

• Craig Hensley, Texas Parks and Wildlife

#### 2:00 PM - 4:10 PM

#### Ornamental Ponds and Water Gardens in Texas - 102C

• Todd Sink, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

# 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

# Digital Camera Trapping. iNaturalist and Training Class Connections - 102A

• David Cook, Capital Area Master Naturalists

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

# Mapping the Plants (specimens) of Texas - 103D

- Kimberlie Sasan, Botanical Research Institute of Texas
- Ashley Bordelon, Botanical Research Institute of Texas

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

#### Don't Kill It 'Til You Know What It Is - Boardroom 1

• Anita Westervelt, Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas Border Chapter

# 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## Spooky Spiders of the Rio Grande Valley - 102B

• Joseph Connors, STBC-TMN

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## Spanish for Naturalists Class ¡Español para naturalistas! - 101C

- Wendy Anderson, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Ernesto Garcia-Ortega, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## Soil is Key to Habitat Creation, Maintenance and Restoration - 103A

• Jane Duke, EarthExam

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

### **Environmental Ethics - Intrinsic Value in Nature - 103C**

• Jeff Gessas, Texas State University - Philosophy

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## Technical and Financial Assistance Programs for Wildlife Habitat - 103B

• Will Newman, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

# Symbiotic Relationships in Texas and How to Teach it - Boardroom 2

• David Powell, Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary

#### 3:10 PM - 5:20 PM

# **Bringing Tiny Forests to South Texas - Boardroom 1**

• John Brush, Quinta Mazatlan

#### 3:10 PM - 5:20 PM

# Land Is The Answer: Activating Community Conservation - 103B

• Amber Arseneaux, Texas Land Conservancy

#### 3:10 PM - 5:20 PM

# Exploring ambiguous moral and ethical situations (formerly Laws and Ethics) - 103C

- Richard Heilbrun, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- Mike Mitchell, Presentation Speaker

#### 3:10 PM - 5:20 PM

#### Good GALL-y that's weird!! - 103A

• Kimberlie Sasan, Cross Timbers Master Naturalist

• Adam Kranz, Gallformers.org

#### 3:10 PM - 5:20 PM

## Fitting Nature Journaling Into Your Life - Boardroom 2

• Irmi Willcockson, Texas Master Naturalist

### 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM

#### **Fabulous Flies - 102B**

· Laura Kimberly, North Texas Master Naturalist

#### 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM

## **Environmental Flows in Texas - 103D**

- · Lindsey Elkins, Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Carly Rotzler, Texas Parks & Wildlife

### 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM

# Teen Trailblazers: Texas Junior Master Naturalists at the Wetland - 101C

• Carol Garrison, John Bunker Sands Wetland Center

#### 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM

## Lights Out Texas! - A North Texas Case Study - 102A

- Jimena Vivanco Vivanco, Texas Conservation Alliance
- Mariah Campos, Texas Conservation Alliance

#### 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

#### **Gardening for Bats - 101B**

• Anita Westervelt, Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas Border Chapter

#### 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

# An Introduction to Lichens - 103D

• Mary Ann Melton, Good Water

#### 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

# What Does Green and Clean Mean for Birds? A Look at Renewable Energy and Birds - 102A

• Tania Homayoun, Texas Parks & Wildlife

#### 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

#### Junior Master Naturalist Roundtable - 101C

• Mary Pearl Meuth, Texas Master Naturalist Program

#### 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

# Using Biological Control for Aquatic Vegetation - 102C

• Brittany Chesser, AgriLife Extension

### 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

## Tardigrades: Pigs in Space! - 102B

• Bruce Neville, TMN-BV

### 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

## Assessing the Rehabilitation Status of the Reflooded Bahia Grande - 101A

• David Hicks, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

#### 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

## **Vendors Reception - Exhibit Hall A**

## 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

### Trivia Contest (Quiz Bowl) X - 101A

• Richard Heilbrun, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

#### 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#### Meal

#### **Dinner - Ballroom**

#### 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

#### **Field Session**

#### **Mission Bats (& maybe Mothing)**

- Seth Welliver, The Butterfly Garden at Oleander Acres
- Joseph Connors, STBC-TMN
- Craig Hensley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# Saturday - October 14, 2023

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Meal

**Breakfast - On Your Own** 

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**El Sauz Field Day and Eclipse** 

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**Vendors Reception - Exhibit Hall A** 

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Meal

**Dinner and Annual Awards Reception - Ballroom** 

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

**Field Session** 

# **Black-lighting and Mothing in the Valley**

• Sam Kieschnick, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# Sunday - October 15, 2023

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Meal

Breakfast - On Your Own - Ballroom

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Contest and Awards Presentation - Ballroom** 



10:00 AM - 11:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Field Session** 

## **Native Tree Tour**

- Margarita Guevara, Resaca de la Palma State Park
- Robin Gelston, Rio Grande Valley Chapter TMN

