

#TMNTuesdays



Virtual Meeting Room Etiquette

We will get started right at
12:00pm Central.



If you are experiencing issues with WebEx, please refer to our WebEx Help Guide -
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays/>



Chat function is open for on-topic discussion only. Please be professional and respectful in all comments & questions in the chat room.



This session will run for **ONE** hour and can count for a single AT hour. The **recording** will be posted to our website by the end of the following day. If you missed the live webinar, watching the recording can count for one hour of AT also.



Attendees are not able to unmute during the WebEx Event. Please use the Chat Box to ask questions.

Help Support Future Events Like This!



Scan this code to complete a short, **voluntary** survey so that we can continue to remain eligible for funding that helps pay for events like this.

OR

Click the link to answer the short **voluntary** survey so that we can continue to remain eligible for funding that helps pay for events like this:

https://survey.tpwd.state.tx.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=96KM5lmL&utm_source=QR&utm_medium=print&utm_campaign=usfws-survey2023#

Thank you for your participation!



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JANUARY 2024

State of the TMN Program



AGENDA

2023 in Review

- 25th Anniversary
- TMNTuesdays
- Recap Annual Meeting
- Annual Awards
- Virtual Volunteer Fair

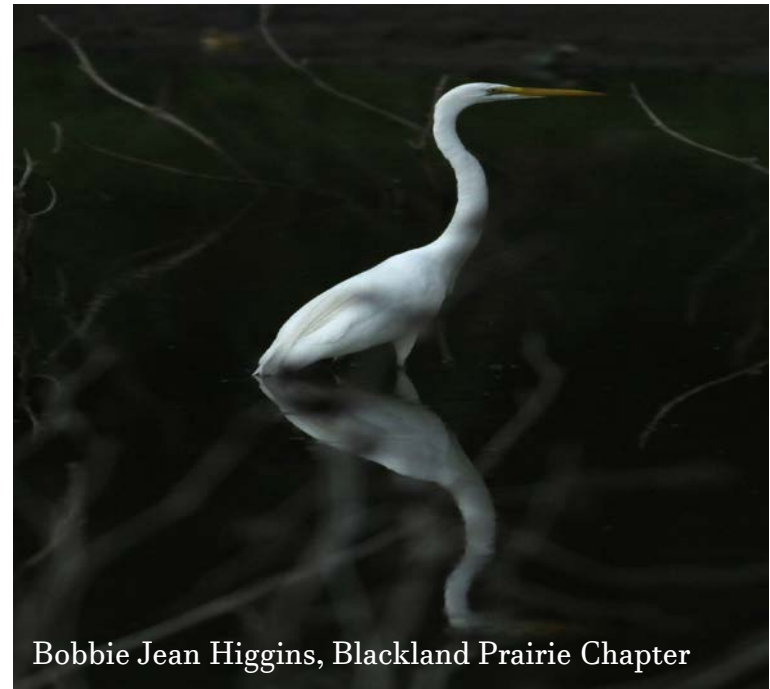
2024 Program Planning

- Program Growth
- Program Branding
- Chapter Events
- State Events
- Long Term Planning

Resources for your TMN Journey



Emily Incerto, Galveston Bay Area Chapter



Bobbie Jean Higgins, Blackland Prairie Chapter



JANUARY 2024

STATE OFFICE

Michelle Haggerty – State Program Coordinator

Mary Pearl Meuth – Assistant State Coordinator

★ **Hannah Ferguson** – Program Support Specialist

Evelyn Gomez – Student Program Aide

#TMNTUESDAY



2023 IN REVIEW

Johnathan Vail Photography

2023 PROGRAM REVIEW



PROGRAM'S 25TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR



CHAPTER
ANNIVERSARIES IN 2023



CHAPTER SPRING & FALL
TRAININGS



TMN TUESDAYS IN 2023



VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER
FAIR



ANNUAL MEETING 2023



TMN PROGRAM
BRANDING – RE-INVEST



TMN ENDOWMENT



ANNIVERSARY

25TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE



Will recap all these great accomplishments and pictures on the website soon!



#TMNTuesdays 2023



January



State of the Program

February



Ecoregions of Texas with Laura Miksch

March



Texas Waters with Melissa Felty (Alderson)

April



Conservation of Insects with Wizzie Brown

May



Roving Interpretation: Making Casual Connections that Matter with Ben Horstmann

June



Plant Ecology with Tim Siegmund

July



NASA, GLOBE, ECLIPSE, oh my!

August



Management and Educational Activities for Community Ponds

September



Safer Skies for Migrating Birds

October



Chapter Project Fair

November



Healthy Forests - Better Living Through Management

December



Land Stewardship - It Might Not Be What You Think

RECAP TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Overview

- 475 Registrants
- 120 Speakers
- 100+ Sessions
- 25+ field sessions
- 42 of 49 Chapters (42 same as last year)

Award Winners

Project Fair Winners

First: Brazos River Cleanup/Campout and Educational Extravaganza, Rio Brazos Ch.
Second: Beautiful Hays County Activity & Coloring Book
Tied - Third: Rio Grande Valley Chapter's RGV Pollinator Project
Tied - Third: Galveston Bay Area Chapter's Bayside Regional Park Project

Video Contest Winners

First: Sabine-Neches Chapter- "Hey Texas Master Naturalist - What are you doing?"
Second: The Good Water Chapter's "The Land of Goodwater"
Third: Piney Wood Lakes "American Water Willow Therapy"

Chapter Advisor of the Year

Lois Balin, Trans Pecos Chapter Advisor

Awards Wrap Up online – <https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2023-annual-meeting-awards-wrap-up/>






2024 TMN Recertification Pin

**2024 TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST ANNUAL
RE-CERTIFICATION PIN**

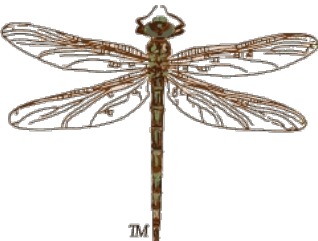
**Western Diamondback
Rattlesnake**
Crotalus atrox
AKA: Texas Diamondback

TEXAS

Master
Naturalist™



Available for order
in late February



2024 PROGRAM PLANS



2024 PROGRAM PLANNING

PROGRAM GROWTH

- New Program Specialist
- VMS Update

PROGRAM BRANDING

- Brand Guide
- Website Update
- AgriLife Learn Store

CHAPTER EVENTS

- 2024 Basic Trainings
- Chapter Anniversaries

STATE EVENTS

- TMNTuesday
- Virtual Volunteer Fair
- Annual Meeting 2024

LONG TERM PLANNING

- License Plate
- Friends of TMN
- TMN Endowment

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Chapter Liaison
Chapter to Sate Program
Communications lead
Website & Social Media

HANNAH FERGUSON
Program Support Specialist

TMN VMS UPDATE

New Account Manager

VMS will go through a re-fresh & re-build to enable updates and new features

Changes coming late fall/early winter this year that are intended to make things more efficient.

- We don't know what this will look like yet
- Our VMS Team will be involved in testing the re-build
- We will have training sessions for VMS admins, members

Volunteer Login

If you are already a Texas Master Naturalist volunteer, please log-in here.

User ID

Password

Log in

[Forgot your password?](#)

To login as Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Organization, please log-in [here](#).

TMN BRAND UPDATES

Document Update pending

Brand Guide - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/tmn-brand-marketing/>

New Chapter branding resources planned

- Templates for social media, newsletters & website
- One pagers with quick information guides
- Chapter impact report templates

Update to additional TMN Logo Merchandise



PROGRAM BRANDING



AgriLife Learn Store

NEW items & shirts coming soon . . .

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>

2024 BASIC TRAINING

Update your Chapter's info via the Basic Training Class information form

Updates to training Class information to be posted on our website:

- *Scroll all the way down to the bottom for the form.*
- *Keep in mind 2024 training classes coming up and application periods open now*
- *Potential trainees ALWAYS want to know when your next training class is being planned*

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/blog/2024-basic-training-classes/>



2024 CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

10th Anniversary

- Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- Guadalupe Chapter

15th Anniversary

- Sabine Neches Chapter

20th Anniversary

- Coastal Prairie Chapter

25th Anniversary

- Cross Timbers Chapter
- Elm Fork Chapter
- Gulf Coast Chapter

What are your plans?
How will you celebrate?



Joyce Tipton, Coastal Prairie Chapter

#TMNTUESDAY 2024

January 9th - State of the Program

*January 23rd - TNT Mini Series

*February 6th - TNT Mini Series

February 13th

March 5th (shifted a week)

April 9th - Virtual Volunteer Fair

May 14th

June 11th

July 9th *Joint #TMNTuesday/Presidents Mtg

August 13th

September 10th

October 8th - TMN Project Fair Competition

November 12th *Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

December 10th *Joint #TMNTuesday+Presidents Mtg

- Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon cst
- Up to 1 Hour Advanced Training (sometimes more)
- Watch Live or Recorded
- Speakers & Topics Announced Monthly
- *Some additional special #TMNTuesdays added in 2024

What topics would you like to see?

#TMNTuesdays



2024 #TMNTuesdays

January 9

May 14

February 13

June 11

March 5*

July 9

*first week of the month

April 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10



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TMNTUESDAY - TNT MINI-SERIES

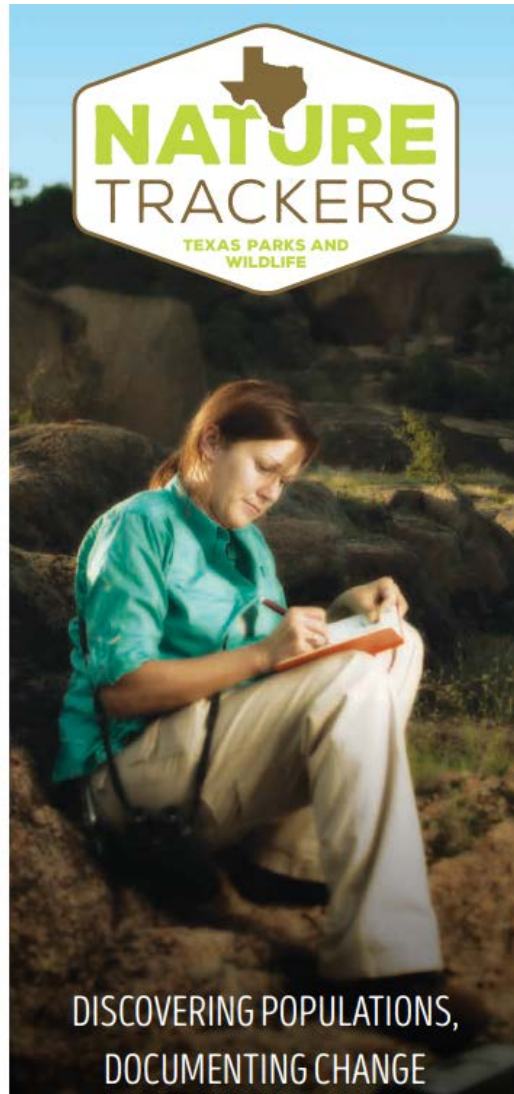
January 23rd - 11am - 1pm

Acoustic Monitoring of Texas Bats: A Community Science Project for TMNs

Gaining a better understanding of the distribution of more than 30 species of bats across a state the size of Texas is a daunting challenge. However, with the power of community science and Texas Master Naturalists, we can make headway in a significant and important way. Join TNT Biologist Craig Hensley for an introduction to the bats of Texas, their challenges and this new effort to better understand these flying mammals through acoustic monitoring. We are looking for Master Naturalists chapters and individuals interested in surveying bats in your area using acoustic monitors beginning this May. Specifically, we are looking for one individual in each participating chapter to help coordinate the effort within their respective chapter, members willing to put an acoustic monitor on their property and sharing those results with TPWD, and generally, individuals across the spectrum of TMNs interested in helping with data storage and analysis.



TMNTUESDAY - TNT MINI-SERIES



February 6th - 11am - 1pm

iNaturalist Train the Trainer Workshop

The Texas Nature Trackers (TNT) program is looking for Master Naturalists interested in becoming TNT certified iNaturalist workshop trainers across Texas. During this workshop we will provide you the training needed to get started as an iNaturalist trainer for your chapter, community and/or region. As a pre-requisite, we are looking for individuals that are already consistent users of iNaturalist, having a good understanding of the platform, and have an interest in teaching others in your community to engage with the platform. We'll provide a quick overview of the app, provide an in-depth overview of the website and how data are used by TPWD, and finally tips and tricks for teaching it to others. We will provide attendees intending to become workshop trainers with a PowerPoint presentation to take home that will get you started. Should you accept this challenge, you will become an advocate not only for its use as an educational tool within your chapter but also for promoting community science and better understanding of the distribution of the state's flora and fauna.

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR 2024

April #TMNTuesday - April 9th

How we can use your help:

- Help share the proposals request in the new year with project leaders in need. (Statewide focused need!)
- Save the date and encourage other members to attend and volunteer with these projects!



**TEXAS MASTER
NATURALIST
VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR**

STATE EVENTS



2024
ANNUAL
MEETING

SAN MARCOS

OCTOBER
24-27

SAVE THE DATE!

HOW TO



Click Here

ORDER



Thanks for your Support!

TMN License Plate

- Can be ordered on myplates.com
 - *ANYONE can order a plate and show their support!
- FAQ on our website
- \$30 for standard, non-personalized
- \$70 for personalized
- \$22 of each plate sold goes back to TMN Program
- <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmn-license-plate/>

Personalized



Non-Personalized



LONG TERM PLANNING



Show us your bumper!



DEVELOPING A SUPPORT
ORGANIZATION FOR TMN
“FRIENDS OF TMN”

To form a financial support organization for the Texas Master Naturalist Program to alleviate any financial and logistical concerns from both sponsoring state agencies - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas AgriLife Extension.

LONG TERM PLANNING



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST ENDOWMENT

*The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment is to further enhance the Texas Master Naturalist Program, its chapters and volunteers, now and into the future, for the benefit of natural resource **education**, **conservation** and **stewardship**.*

Started in 2016


Currently @ ~\$100,000

- Individual or Chapter Gifts
- Employer Gift Matching
- Estate Planning

<https://masternaturalistendowment.org/>

To give directly, follow the link:

<http://give.am/TexasMasterNaturalist>

A close-up photograph of a lush, green fern frond. The frond is composed of many small, feathery leaflets. It is growing on a dark, textured rock surface. The lighting is natural, highlighting the vibrant green color of the fern.

THANK YOU
to all who
have given!

Land stewardship is
about a person's
relationship to the land.
Stewardship is about who
you are on
the inside.

-Steve Nelle



RESOURCES FOR YOUR TMN JOURNEY THIS YEAR



The Mission

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.

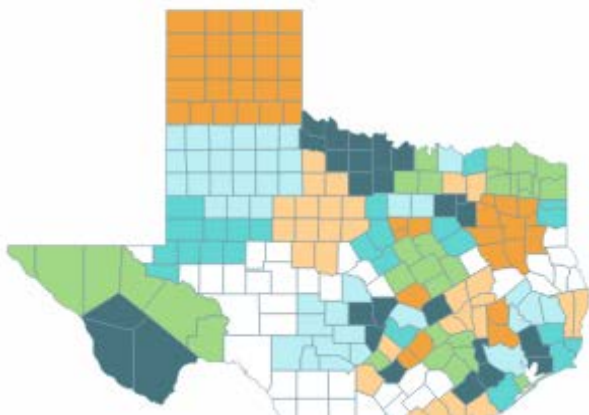
Many communities and organizations rely on such citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. In fact, a short supply of dedicated and well-informed volunteers is often cited as a limiting factor for community-based conservation efforts.



ALL EVENTS >

Find Your Chapter

Scroll or hover over a county to view the chapter operating in that county. Click on a county to go to that chapter's web page.



OUR STATE WEBSITE

WWW.TXMN.TAMU.EDU

NATURALIST NEWS:

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/NEWS/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/news/)

EVENTS CALENDAR:

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/EVENTS/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/events/)

TMN STATE EMAIL LISTSERV:

[HTTPS://TXMN.TAMU.EDU/CONTACT/](https://txmn.tamu.edu/contact/)

The TMN State Office (and sometimes other members) share & post information and trainings to all of these resources.

Events added **are not automatically approved** for AT, please check with your local chapter first.

Other Quick Links on the Website:

VMS Help Desk-

<https://txmn.org/help>

Chapter Documents Page

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/chapter-resources/chapter-documents/>

“THEIR TALENTS ARE MANY.
THEIR TIME IS A GODSEND.

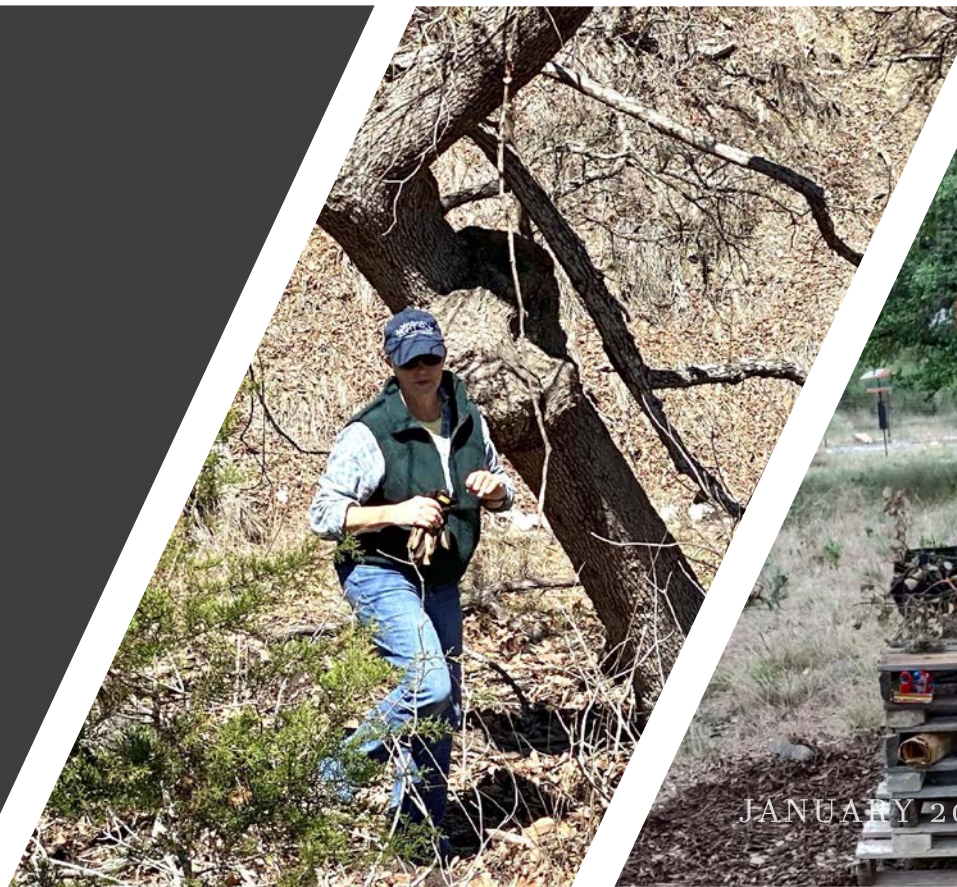
AND, IF THEY WERE AN ARMY, THEY WOULD BE A FORMIDABLE ONE.”

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU!
AND
SEE YOU NEXT
MONTH!

#TMNTUESDAY



JANUARY 2024

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