

# TEXAN by NATURE™

## July Round-Up

*Highlighting Texan-led Conservation Efforts*

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## CONSERVATION EVENTS

### [Texas Botanical Gardens is Sprouting Wings!](#)

**GOLDTHWAITE, TX** - A Birder's Garden is being added to the Texas Botanical Gardens. In addition, the Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center collaborates with schools to plant butterfly gardens.

McCasland Family announced that they have donated the funds to the Goldthwaite Elementary and Middle School campuses. The donation will support the completion of the schools' butterfly gardens.

**Location:** 1150 Fisher St, Goldthwaite, TX 76844

**Date:** July 1, 2018

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### JOHN BUNKER SANDS WETLAND CENTER EVENTS

#### [Project Learning Tree Educator Workshop](#)

**SEAGOVILLE, TX** - Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an award-winning environmental education program that uses the forest as a “window on the world” to understand our complex environment, to stimulate critical thinking, and to make informed decisions. Join John Bunker Sands Wetland Center in a hands-on experience and learn to share environmental education with people of all ages.

**Location:** John Bunker Sands Wetland Center  
655 Martin Lane Seagoville, TX 75159

**Date:** July 6, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CT



**[Join the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center and Learn About Dragonflies the "Jewels of the Wetland."](#)**

**SEAGOVILLE, TX** - Come and learn about the “Jewels of the Air.” Through photographs you will learn about the types of dragonflies found in the wetland, their behavior and their unique anatomy that makes them one of the most amazing insects! After some classroom time, you will go out to look for and identify these jewels for yourself.

**Location:** John Bunker Sands Wetland Center  
655 Martin Lane Seagoville, TX 75159

**Date:** July 7, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT

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**TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION EVENTS**

**[2018 TWA Private Lands Summit](#)**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX** - Because the far-reaching impacts of the proposed Border Wall can't be accurately distilled into a sound bite, a headline or a Tweet, Texas Wildlife Association is hosting “The Wall: Protecting Our Country or Dividing Our Interests?” The day-long program, offered as the fifth installment of the organization's Private Lands Summit, is designed to explore the multi-faceted issues associated with the proposal to build a physical barrier stretching from Texas to California.



**Location:** JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa,  
23808 Resort Parkway San Antonio, TX 78261

**Date:** July 12, 2018

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**[WildLife 2018 - Texas Wildlife Association Annual Convention](#)**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX** - The three-day family-friendly event includes education programs, the statewide Texas Big Game Awards Banquet, stellar offerings at the Grand and Silent Auctions, wildlife-related activities for children, an expansive trade show, and plenty of social amenities such as cocktail parties, live music and a washer tournament

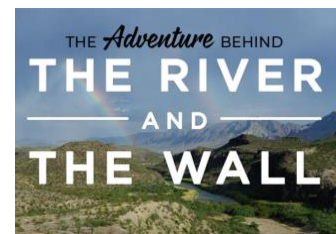


**Location:** JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa,  
23808 Resort Parkway San Antonio, TX 78261

**Date:** July 12-15, 2018

**[TWA Foundation 2018 Luncheon - The Adventure Behind The River And The Wall](#)**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX** - Join TWA Foundation as Ben Masters and Jay Kleberg take us behind the scenes of their upcoming movie, The River and The Wall. The movie features a team of diverse adventurers who embarked on an epic 1,200-mile



journey along the United States/Mexico border, down the Rio Grande to experience the vast landscapes before further construction of a border wall.

**Location:** JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa,  
23808 Resort Parkway San Antonio, TX 78261

**Date:** July 13, 2018

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. CT (Doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

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**[Rainwater Harvesting and Turf Management Training July 12 in Seguin](#)**

**SEGUIN, TX** - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters Program is hosting a residential rainwater harvesting and turf management training. The free event and training is offered in collaboration with the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership. Attendees will learn about the design and installation of residential rainwater harvesting systems and appropriate turf and landscape species based on local conditions.



**Location:** Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 U.S. Highway 90 East.

**Date:** July 12, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**[Urban BMPs for Watershed Planning Training](#)**

**COLLEGE STATION, TX** - Urban best management practices are measures that help reduce the volume and pollutant load carried by surface stormwater runoff into rivers and lakes. Texas Water Resources Institute will host a course that will cover typical urban management measures used in watershed planning and green infrastructure for stormwater and low impact development (LID). The cost is \$100 and includes all training materials, lunch and a certificate of completion at the end of the course. Registration is required by July 23, 2018. Register online or by email to [nathan.glavy@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:nathan.glavy@ag.tamu.edu).



**Location:** Texas A&M University, Thomas G. Hildebrand Equine Complex  
3240 F&B Road, (Andras Classroom) College Station, TX 77843

**Date:** July 25, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CT

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### [Water Well Owner Training Set for July 26 in Bellville](#)

**BELLVILLE, TX** - Texas Well Owner Network is offering a “Well Educated” training session to area private water well owners. This free event is open to the public, and is available through collaboration with the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership. The Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) program is for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs, allowing them to learn more about how to improve and protect their community water resources.

**Location:** Bellville Fire Department  
511 W Main St, Bellville, TX 77418

**Date:** July 26, 2018

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT

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### [Meadow Establishment in the East](#)

**NATIONAL** - The Meadow Establishment in the East will present a webinar to discuss establishing and maintaining native meadows in the eastern US. There is a growing movement in the eastern US to convert lawn to meadows, even small backyard plots, for pollinator and wildlife habitat. While there are many methods to accomplish the conversion, the webinar will discuss both methods and meadow maintenance.

**Location:** Webinar

**Date:** July 24, 2018

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. CT

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# RECENT CONSERVATION NEWS

## [Acoustic Monitoring: Redefining Innovation for Wildlife Research](#)

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO** - Innovative survey techniques deployed by NRI research team cut down on man hours and potential missed opportunities for data collection for endangered species.



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## [Gulf-Houston Region Targets 24% in Nature-based Infrastructure by 2040](#)

**HOUSTON, TX:** The 8-county Gulf-Houston Regional Conservation Plan (Gulf-Houston RCP) comprised of over 100 governmental, environmental, academic and business groups with a diverse steering committee announce the public launch of the Gulf-Houston RCP's 24% by 2040 Nature-Based Infrastructure Strategy – a collaboration to improve the quality of life in our 8-county region through increases in protected/preserved land-use in Harris, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery & Waller counties.

For more information, visit: [www.gulfhoustonrcp.org](http://www.gulfhoustonrcp.org);  
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