October Conservation Round-Up
Highlighting conservation efforts & events from across the Lone Star State

CONSERVATION EVENTS

2019 Fall Symposium - Native Plant Society of Texas

Please join us for our fall symposium on October 3 – 5 in League City. Our 2019 annual symposium will focus on conserving native plants in the upper Texas coastal prairies, also known as the Northern Humid Gulf Coastal Prairies in the EPA Level IV ecoregion map. Native Plant Society of Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://npsot.org/wp/symposium2019/

Date: 10/03/2019

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Owl Prowl

Explore the mysterious world of owls and their calls as we look and listen for owls on our trails. Audubon Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://dogwoodcanyonaudubon.ticketleap.com/owlprowl/?fbclid=IwAR2I0S8GtvwfsukeN88V1E17sr83lFo8Ya76KSJfe9xNQ0lgK1vxAHDI

Location: DOGWOOD CANYON AUDUBON CENTER AT CEDAR HILL, 1206 W FM 1382, Cedar Hill, TX 75104
Date: 10/04/2019
Time: 7pm - 9pm
Cost: $5.00 with $1.25 fee

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Walk & Talk Bird Tour--1st Saturday of Every Month

Beginners/Intermediate Bird Walk (7am-9am) Free with $5 admission; Free for members. No Pre-registration required. Join us as we go on a walking bird tour as we learn about the birds who live at the Wetland! Meet the tour leaders at the Wetland Center at 7:00am. You will learn how to use binoculars, field guides, keep a life-list and what to look for when identifying birds. Binoculars and Field guides are available for use.

Advanced Bird Walk (7am-9am) Cost: $10; $5 for members. Pre-registration required. Join our Master Birder Stewards as they identify and detail the birds of the Wetland. This is an advanced class and the pace will be fast. Those participating are expected to have this knowledge regarding bird identification. This tour includes special limited access by carpooling with the leaders into the Wetland. John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: http://wetlandcenter.com/events_list.html

Location: 655 Martin Lane Combine/Seagoville, TX 75159
Date: 10/05/2019
Time: 7am - 9am
Cost: Free with $5 admission, Members Free

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Prairie Experience X - A Decade of Growth

The 10th annual fundraiser for the Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center. Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: www.legacyplaza.org

Date: 10/05/2019

For all media inquiries:
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EPIC VCT Cleanup at the 360 Trailhead

Join members of Emerging Professionals In Conservation (EPIC) as we clean up the Violet Crown Trail (VCT) in some of the spots where folks leave behind their trash. This volunteer opportunity is open to anyone, and is a great way to get involved on the VCT!

We will spend 1.5-2 hours cleaning up and enjoying a hike.

***Please RSVP to ensure you receive important details and updates about this event***

Location: 360 Trailhead | 3755B S Capital of Texas Hwy

Weather: If this event needs to be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather, we will send an email 12 hours before the event.

About EPIC: EPIC, a program of Hill Country Conservancy (a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner), is an outdoors club dedicated to exploring and preserving the natural beauty of the Texas Hill Country. Membership dues go to support Hill Country Conservancy’s projects in and around Austin and the Hill Country, including the Violet Crown Trail.


Location: 360 Trailhead 3755B S Capital of Texas Hwy Austin, TX 78704
Date: 10/06/2019
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Cost: Free

For all media inquiries:
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I'm Being Invaded! What Can I Do?

Join Deedy Wright, Native Plant Society of Texas member, for this presentation about native alternatives to common plants. Learn about why non-native plants are less desirable and then learn the native alternatives that will provide all the benefits of invasives with none of the negatives. You’ll also get to enjoy the beauty of the native plants here at the Headwaters.
A guided tour of the Headwaters at the Comal will be available after the program for anyone who is interested. Headwaters at the Comal is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Link:** [https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/nativeplants10-10/](https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/nativeplants10-10/)

**Location:** 333 E. Klingemann St. New Braunfels, TX 78130 United States  
**Date:** 10/10/2019  
**Time:** 6pm - 7pm  
**Cost:** $3 - $7

**For all media inquiries:**  
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**Yoga at the Headwaters**

Come enjoy a morning out at the Headwaters and an introduction class to Ashtanga Yoga!

Ashtanga Yoga is a powerful and millennia old practice based on the eight limbs described in the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali. Astau meaning ‘eight’ and Anga meaning ‘limb.’ Ashtanga Yoga promotes physical, mental, and overall holistic health. Key elements of the practice are breath, movement, and posture.

The class will be led by Gebhard Ebert, teacher and owner of Ashtanga Yoga Shala New Braunfels. Gebhard is an Authorized Level 2 Ashtanga Yoga teacher who has 18 years of experience practicing and teaching Ashtanga Yoga.

Students will be guided through the whole practice, and if need be the group or individual will get detailed instructions and modifications. All levels and children are welcome to this fun instruction to Ashtanga Yoga. A guided tour of the Headwaters at the Comal will be available after the class for those who are interested. Headwaters at the Comal is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Bring a yoga mat and towel! See you on the mat!

**Link:** [https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/10-12yoga/](https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/10-12yoga/)

**Location:** 333 E. Klingemann St. New Braunfels, TX 78130 United States  
**Date:** 10/12/109  
**Time:** 11:00am - 1:00pm  
**Cost:** Free - $20

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Skip Barnett Ranch Field Trip

Join Native Prairies Association of Texas on a half-day field trip to the historic Barnett Ranch. The Barnett family has run a cattle ranching operation on 1,200 acres in Denton County for generations. It has lush native grass pastures, Fort Worth Prairie seeps, wonderful exposed Cretaceous geology and prairie barrens.

Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skip-barnett-ranch-field-trip-denton-county-tickets-66123967567

Location: 13813 N. County Line Road, Ponder TX 76259
Date: 10/12/2019
Time: 9am - 12 pm
Cost: $10

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Trinity River Volunteer Day: Plastic for Donuts

Join us on Saturday, October 12th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM for a fun, family-friendly volunteer trash cleanup and seedball making day in Harold Simmons Park! Meet us at the Felix H. Lozada, Sr. Gateway on the west side of the Ron Kirk Pedestrian Bridge.

The Great Seed Bomb will be leading the Seedball Workshop where you can get your hands dirty and make native grass and wildflower seedballs that will be dispersed in different areas along the Trinity River Corridor. Sowing seedballs helps to reinforce habitats vital to the migration of monarchs, the well-being of bees, and adds beauty to our green spaces. Trinity Park Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://trinityparkconservancy.org/event-posts/trinity-river-volunteer-day-plastic-for-donuts/

Location: Ronald Kirk Pedestrian Bridge 301 Canada Drive, Dallas, TX 75212
Date: 10/12/2019
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am
Cost: Free

For all media inquiries:
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Coffee with the Birds

Join us at Cedar Ridge Preserve as we enjoy our favorite cup of coffee and look for birds. Bring your own binoculars. Audubon Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://dogwoodcanyonaudubon.ticketleap.com/coffeewiththebirds/?fbclid=IwAR3dAjsQTYYwCtp2tHwmwqr6qvFI2Mv1vtntkJV8oYIGj7cm2hk5EdjwVfs

Location: CEDAR RIDGE PRESERVE 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75249
Date: 10/12/2019
Time: 7:30am - 9:00am
Cost: $15.00 with $1.75 fee

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Full Moon Paddle Adventure: Hunter's Moon

Join the Trinity Coalition and Adventures Unlimited Paddling Co. for a Full Moon Urban Paddle as we celebrate the Hunter’s Moon on the Trinity River in Fort Worth. Celebrate the coming of fall on the Trinity River Paddling Trail and enjoy city lights and the glory of the full moon.

We will meet in Trinity Park at 6:00 PM and launch by the double drop and the Tilley Memorial footbridge. (Actual address is 3714 River Drive. Parking is at 2500 River Drive). We will paddle down past Panther Island, take a break at the beach to watch the Sunset, then turn upstream at the confluence of the Clear Fork and the West Fork. We will get to see the full moon over the city as well as the city lights from the river. This is a beginner friendly trip. Trinity Coalition is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Rentals include boat, lights, and guide. $40 per person. To reserve a boat you MUST Prepay using the link:

http://www.adventuresunlimitedpaddling.com/shop/full-moon-paddle

If you have your own boat and lights and PFD the event is free (tip for the guide or donation to Trinity Coalition is encouraged). Lights available for $5 rental. (Required bright white light on stern that can be
easily seen, red and green illumination on bow. Bow lights can even be glow sticks, red on left and green on the right.

Bring water, snacks, clothes, and shoes that can get wet. There are a limited number of rental boats available so prepayment is necessary to reserve a boat using the link below.

You must leave a phone number when you RSVP for contact in case of weather cancellations. Call Teresa (Trinity River Paddle Trail Manager) with any questions or comments: 214 478-7856.

**How to find us:** Enter Trinity Park north of I 30 off of University. The launch is at 3714 River Drive, Fort Worth. The parking lot is at 2500 River Drive. Parking is also allowed on the right side of River Drive near the launch.

**Link:** [https://www.facebook.com/events/2330754507166689/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2330754507166689/)

**Location:** 2500 River Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76107, United States
**Date:** 10/13/2019
**Time:** 6pm - 9pm
**Cost:** $40

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**Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program, Lockhart**

The Texas Water Resources Institute will host a free Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program workshop from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Lockhart State Park, 2012 State Park Rd in Lockhart for area residents interested in land and water stewardship in the Plum Creek watershed.

The training will focus on the nature and function of stream and riparian zones and the benefits and direct impacts from healthy riparian zones. The riparian education programs will cover an introduction to riparian principles, watershed processes, basic hydrology, erosion/deposition principles and riparian vegetation, as well as potential causes of degradation and possible resulting impairment(s), and available local resources including technical assistance and tools that can be employed to prevent and/or resolve degradation.

This workshop is being co-hosted by the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Caldwell County and the Texas Water Resources Institute. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.
Set sail with us for our Texas Master Naturalist Endowment’s Sunset Cruise event!

This event will be our second annual fundraiser benefiting the Texas Master Naturalist Endowment. Established in 2015 to provide funding to support the growth and sustainability of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. 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.

**Where:** The Lighthouse behind the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront Hotel (2055 Summer Lee Dr, Rockwall, TX 75032)

**When:** October 17th at 6:00 PM

This year, we are kicking off our Annual Meeting with a Sunset Cruise on Thursday, October 17th. Join us for this special evening as we cruise Lake Ray Hubbard, enjoy a dinner al fresco as the sun sets and the fellowship of master naturalists as the sun sets over Rockwall.

Our Sunset Cruise will be a night of fun and fellowship with a variety of naturalist-themed silent auction items. Consider joining us for this celebratory evening—bring along friends and family, too—but seats will be limited! Texas Master Naturalist is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Link:** [https://masternaturalistendowment.org/2019-sunset-cruise/](https://masternaturalistendowment.org/2019-sunset-cruise/)

**Location:** The Lighthouse behind the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront Hotel (2055 Summer Lee Dr, Rockwall, TX 75032)

**Date:** 10/17/2019

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Cost:** $125.00
Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting Pre-Event Field Session: A Tour of the Trinity River Paddle Trail's Elm Fork

As part of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Texas Master Naturalists, Trinity Coalition will be hosting a paddling field trip on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River Paddling Trail. The Elm Fork of the Trinity River traces I-35E for much of its length, making it prone to urban litter and trash. Yet it’s natural beauty can not be denied. Take a float trip from California Crossing Park (location of a pioneer ford of the Elm Fork) to Frasier Dam, where adjacent riparian bottomlands are being rehabilitated by Groundwork Dallas’s Green Team. This area includes outdoor activity features and trails that serve as a place for youth to explore the outdoors. This segment is part of a 130-mile/20 trailhead Trinity River Paddling Trail project being led by the Trinity Coalition, a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner. It is being considered for inclusion in the National Park Service system, including a possible National Recreation Area. Canoes & Kayaks are available for rent - $55 per canoe or $45 per kayak. Two Paddlers to a canoe, one per kayak. Participants must bring water to drink, and are encouraged to apply sunscreen and insect repellent prior to arrival.

Link: https://txmn.org/2019-annual-meeting/

Date: 10/17/2019

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Native Plant Society Meeting, Houston, Texas

Please join us at our October Chapter Meeting, held at the Houston Red Cross Center, 2700 Southwest Freeway. Native Plant Society of Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.
Join us for our 20th Texas Master Naturalist Program Annual Meeting

Join us for our 20th Texas Master Naturalist Program Annual Meeting, where we'll gather, learn and celebrate another year of the Texas Master Naturalist program. This year’s event, taking place in Rockwall, Texas, will run from Friday, October 18th through Sunday, October 20th. The event will be hosted at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront Hotel on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard just east of Dallas.

The year’s Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for Texas Master Naturalist volunteers from around the state to gather, participate in hands-on educational seminars, and receive all of their Advanced Training requirements for the year within one weekend. It’s also an opportunity for program participants and supporters to network, share new ideas/projects, and to learn from different chapters from different regions of the state. This year’s meeting will also include day trips and training workshops to many local, state and even national refuges/parks, many of which will focus on the diversity of geography, flora, fauna and history this unique area of Texas. Texas Master Naturalist is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://txmn.org/2019-annual-meeting/

Location: Hilton Rockwall Lakefront, 2055 Summer Lee Drive Rockwall, Texas 75032
Date: 10/18/2019 - 10/20/2019
Cost: Flat rate of $245 for all attendees for the full conference, $220 for a two day pass and $180 for a single day pass

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Sunrise Saturday and Boardwalk Getaway

Celebrate Sunrise Saturdays: Join us to greet the sunrise on the third Saturdays of October through December! We'll welcome the sun with
complimentary coffee and breakfast pastries. This event is free with $5 admission. Bring your camera and capture the beauty of the sunrise over the wetland. Sunrise on October 19th will be at 7:34 am.

Take a Boardwalk Getaway: Join us the third Saturday of the month from 10-11:30am. Free with $5 admission. What better way to enjoy the wetland than by getting into the wetland via our boardwalk. Join a Wetland Staff member for a guided walk and learn about the many cool things happening in the wetland. Learn about the mammals, birds, amphibians and plants that call the wetland their home. Wear a hat, bring some insect repellent and a water bottle, and you will be off for an adventure. No reservations required! John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation partner.

Link: [http://wetlandcenter.com/events_list.html](http://wetlandcenter.com/events_list.html)

**Location:** 655 Martin Lane Combine/Seagoville, TX 75159  
**Date:** 10/19/2019  
**Time:** Sunrise, 7:34 am  
**Cost:** Free with General Admission

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**Monthly Birding & Nature Hike**

Hill Country Conservancy, a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner, invites you to join us for our monthly Birding + Nature Hikes at Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve, every 3rd Saturday of the month. These hikes are $5.00 per attendee and open to the public.

A very special thank you to Mikael Behrens, Emerging Professionals in Conservation (EPIC) Member and Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Docent for leading hikes at Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve.

**ABOUT NALLE BUNNY RUN WILDLIFE PRESERVE:**

(Near Hwy 360 & Pennybacker Bridge)

The exact address and further information will be sent the week of the hike.

The 35-acre Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve is not only an environmental treasure, but an important habitat restoration project situated on the banks of the Colorado River. The preserve was donated to Hill Country Conservancy in December 2000 by the Nalle Family who wished for years to preserve the beloved “Bunny Run” for the public to enjoy. The conservation management of this preserved Lake Austin waterfront and proximity to Austin make the Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve a visual and environmental masterpiece.
Wildlife is vitally important to the health of an ecosystem and is central to the Preserve’s mission to enhance habitat. The Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve is managed primarily for the benefit of songbirds, small mammals, and for migratory, wintering and breeding waterfowl.

To ensure proper wildlife management of this vital piece of habitat, the Preserve is only open to the public through guided hikes such as these monthly birding and nature hikes.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

All hikes are weather permitting. There are no restroom facilities on the preserve. Please leave any pets in the comfort of your home.

Please note that unregistered parties will NOT be able to join the hike. You MUST register through this site to attend.

**WHAT TO WEAR/BRING**

- Comfortable, closed toed hiking or athletic shoes
- Comfortable, weather appropriate clothes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Bottle of water
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars (if you have a pair)

For more information about the hikes or Hill Country Conservancy, please contact sarah@hillcountryconservancy.org.

**Link:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthly-birding-nature-hike-tickets-54728379055](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthly-birding-nature-hike-tickets-54728379055)

**Location:** Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve Bunny Run Austin, TX 78746

**Date:** 10/19/2019

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 10:30 PM

**Cost:** $5

**For all media inquiries:**
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**Trinity River Paddling a presentation at the 20th Texas Master Naturalist Program Annual Meeting**

Trinity Coalition will give a presentation on the Trinity River Paddle Trail at 1PM on October 19th at the 20th Texas Master Naturalist Program Annual Meeting. At the annual meeting Texas naturalists gather, learn and celebrate another year of the Texas Master Naturalist program. This
The year’s event, taking place in Rockwall, Texas, will run from Friday, October 18th through Sunday, October 20th. The event will be hosted at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront Hotel on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard just east of Dallas.

The year’s Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for Texas Master Naturalist volunteers from around the state to gather, participate in hands-on educational seminars, and receive all of their Advanced Training requirements for the year within one weekend.

The Trinity Coalition led by Steve Smith is dedicated to improving the Trinity River in the DFW area for the enjoyment of the families in this area. The goal is to obtain designation for the Trinity River from the National Park Service as a National Recreation Area/Trail. The presentation will cover the Trinity River Paddling Trail program.

The Idea for the Trinity River Paddling Trail (TRPT) was originally conceived by Dale Harris, a member of the Dallas Down River Club over 5 years ago. The TRPT finally received momentum when Steve Smith from Trinity Coalition became an active member of the project in 2018. In addition, the North Central Texas Council of Governments recognized the importance of the TRPT and stepped in to provide support.

To make this happen we needed support from all cities and associated river management organizations involved with the Trinity River. The outcomes from our efforts provided overwhelming support for a paddling trail. To date we have received 27 letters of support from the cities along the Trinity River and its tributaries. Included in these are Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Trinity River Authority, one of the Dallas County Commissioners, and several of the employees of the Dallas County Commissioners office.

At present there are 20 Kayak/Canoe launches on the Trinity, with plans for 6-7 future ramps. We are working to have a 6-8 miles distance between launches, so anyone could have a short fun day of paddling. There will be a total of 127 miles of paddling trails. This will include the West Fork, Clear Fork, Elm Fork and Main Trinity through Dallas and Dallas County.

On Oct 30, 2018 we submitted a formal request to the National Park Service for the 130 miles of the Trinity River in the DFW area to become a National Recreation Area. That request has been reviewed by the NPS. They have requested some additional long-term commitments from the individual cities along the river and to make sure each launch site is properly marked with an information Kiosk.

In addition, the TRPT was selected as a 2019 Conservation Wrangler by Texan by Nature, a non-profit founded by former First Lady Laura Bush that focuses on bringing business and conservation together to positively impact people, prosperity, and natural resources.

There are over 10,000 Kayak/Canoe members of clubs in the DFW area. Most of these are kayak fisherman. A big part of the TRPT becoming a National Recreation Area will include clean-up events, in addition to providing more access to the Trinity so people will have a higher regard for it. The more people use it, the more influence we will have on the municipalities along the river to improve the Trinity for recreation. Trinity Coalition is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://txmn.org/2019-annual-meeting/

Date: 10/19/2019

For all media inquiries:
Native Plant Week Oct. 20 to Oct. 26, 2019, with I-Naturalist Challenge

Texas Native Plant Week is held the third Week of October each year. Please join us in celebrating the beauty and diversity of Texas Native Plants! Native Plant Society of Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link:  [https://npsot.org/wp/tnpw/](https://npsot.org/wp/tnpw/)

Date:  10/20/2019

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Half Earth Day

Join EarthX, a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner, to mark Half Earth Day - Halfway to the 50th Earth Day Anniversary! We'll celebrate our sponsors, exhibitors, and Half Earth Day with food, drinks, music, and a screening of SEA OF SHADOWS. The event will also feature speakers Anousheh Ansari, CEO of XPRIZE Foundation, the first female private space explorer and a space ambassador; Ken McQueen, the new Region 6 EPA Administrator; and emcee Leilani Münter from the Discovery Channel's "Planet Green", a vegan hippie chick with a racecar, who is also a Sports Illustrated Top 10 Female Driver and the #1 Eco Athlete in the world.

The film SEA OF SHADOWS follows a team of dedicated scientists, high-tech conservationists, investigative journalists, and courageous undercover agents, as well as the Mexican Navy, as they put their lives on the line to save the last remaining vaquita porpoises. Mexican drug cartels and Chinese traffickers have joined forces to poach rare totoaba fish in the Sea of Cortez, using deadly methods that threaten to destroy virtually all marine life in the region, including the elusive and endangered vaquita. This riveting National Geographic Documentary Film shares the intense story of those looking to bring the vicious international crime syndicate to justice.

Link: [https://events.bizzabo.com/218170](https://events.bizzabo.com/218170)

Location:  Frontiers of Flight Museum 6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, TX, USA
Date:  10/22/2019
Imagine a Day Without Water: DIY Rain Barrel Workshop

In honor of Imagine a Day Without Water, the Headwaters at the Comal and New Braunfels Utilities will host a DIY Rain Barrel Workshop.

Learn how to make a rain barrel for your home garden from a member of the NBU Environmental Affairs department!

Bring your own 32 gallon, heavy duty trash can or other large container to follow along with the demonstration. All other necessary supplies and materials will be provided.

Tours of the Headwaters at the Comal will be available following the workshop. Headwaters at the Comal is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: [https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/diyrainbarrel10-23/](https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/diyrainbarrel10-23/)

Location: 333 E. Klingemann St. New Braunfels, TX 78130 United States
Date: 10/23/2019
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Cost: Free

For all media inquiries:
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Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program, Junction

The Texas Water Resources Institute will host a free Texas Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education Program workshop from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Texas Tech Llano River Field Station, 254 Red Raider Ln, in Junction for area residents interested in land and water stewardship in the Upper Llano River watershed.

This workshop is being co-hosted by the Texas Tech Llano River Field Station, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Kimble County and the Texas Water Resources Institute. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.
**Kayak Eco Tour**

Spend your evening paddling with us on Joe Pool Lake at Cedar Hill State Park. Cost is $35/members, $40/non-members. Ages 8+. No experience is necessary. Online registration required.

Dogwood provides tandem kayaks, paddles, and life vests. No additional cost for park entry. Audubon Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Link:** https://dogwoodcanyonaudubon.ticketleap.com/eveningkayakecotour/?fbclid=IwAR0q0hqXcDSnz5fZGhK9R95sNUwb-Jegqyl1uwugojEPqj7-fO_Q2Y06o4

**Location:** CEDAR HILL STATE PARK 1570 FM 1382, Cedar Hill, TX 75104  
**Date:** 10/25/2019  
**Time:** 6pm - 8pm  
**Cost:** $40.00 with a $3.00 fee

**For all media inquiries:**  
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**OCTOBER IS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

Dr. Steven Howard will answer questions about archaeology in Mills County. Legacy Plaza is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Link:** www.legacyplaza.org

**Date:** 10/26/2019

**For all media inquiries:**  
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325-648-2447 or 325-648-2750

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YeeHaw! Wings Over the Wetland 2019

Mark your calendar for our Wings Over the Wetland 2019 event. Join us by becoming a Sponsor for our Fall Fundraiser advancing Conservation Literacy of Water, Wetlands, and Wildlife. Lasso up your favorite Western wear and gallop on over! We’ll serve authentic chuck wagon comfort food cooked onsite by Buck Reams, serving Rosewood Wagyu Beef. Swing the night away with The Western Flyers Band, get your picture taken with Texas Longhorn cattle, and participate in a live auction featuring speed painter Amy Burkman. YEEHAW! It’s a Hoedown! John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Time:** 5:00-10:00pm

**Cost:** Sponsorship and Tickets Available

**Link:** [http://wetlandcenter.com/events_list.html](http://wetlandcenter.com/events_list.html)

**Location:** 655 Martin Lane Combine/Seagoville, TX 75159

**Date:** 10/26/2019

**Time:** 5:00pm-10:00pm

**Cost:** Sponsorships & Tickets available

**For all media inquiries:**

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79th Annual Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors

The Annual Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors is a meeting that provides Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Directors, SWCD employees, and other conservation partners the opportunity to examine issues relevant to the conservation of the State’s natural resources. Speakers from the local, state, and national levels will address attendees concerning a wide variety of agricultural and conservation topics. Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.
Link: https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/annual-meeting-swcd-directors

Location: Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, Texas
Date: 10/28/2019 - 10/30/2019

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Urban Stream Processes and Restoration Training, New Braunfels

The Texas Water Resources Institute and Texas A&M AgriLife Research is hosting a training for water and natural resources professionals Oct. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Landa Haus, 360 Aquatic Circle, in New Braunfels. The training will focus on natural design processes for stream restoration projects. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.


Location: 360 Aquatic Circle, New Braunfels, TX 78130
Date: 10/29/2019
Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm

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CONSERVATION NEWS

TSSWCB Receives Over $3.7 Million from EPA to Address Water Quality Impairments

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) recently received a $3,729,500 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant is leveraging an additional $2,486,334 in non-federal funds for a total of $6,215,834.

Link: https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/news/tsswcb-receives-over-37-million-epa-address-water-quality-impairments

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EPWater gets $3.5m to move reuse project forward

El Paso Water is one step closer to building the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) after the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation awarded the utility a $3.5 million grant through the congressionally-authorized Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects.

Link: https://epwater.org/about_us/newsroom/news_from_the_pipeline/e_p_water_gets_3.5m_to_move_reuse_project_forward

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Canal Plant tour highlights water quality

Superintendent Ruben Montes couldn't wait to introduce the Robertson/Umbenhauer Water Treatment Plant to visitors who were there to tour and learn more about how the plant produces clean drinking water from Rio Grande water.

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Landscape series: growing fruit trees, edibles
John White, an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture, hosted the Fall WaterSmart Landscape Series on Sept. 21 and Sept. 28 at El Paso Water’s TecH2O Learning Center, 10751 Montana Ave. The sessions, both from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., were free and open to the public.

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