Native Landscape Certification Program Announces Spring Classes

The Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP) is a series of day-long classes that teach best practices for native plant landscaping – including wildlife habitat gardening. Each class consists of an indoor training session and a plant identification section. We show you plants native to the local ecoregion illustrating their use in the landscape. You will also see common non-native plants which may take over our natural areas. In each level you are presented with 45 native Texas plants recommended for your landscape and 5 plants to avoid. Classes are adapted to the area in which they are offered. Native Plant Society of Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://npsot.org/wp/nlcp/course-descriptions
Date: 2/01/2020
For all media inquiries:
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Bird Tours - Beginning and Intermediate

Beginning-Intermediate Walk & Talk Bird Tour - 1st Saturday Every Month

Join us as we go on a walking bird tour and learn about the birds who live at the Wetland! Meet the tour leaders at the Wetland Center at 7:00 a.m. With migration here, it is the perfect time to learn the basics of birding. In this beginner to immediate class, you will learn how to use binoculars, field guides, keep a life-list and what to look for when identifying birds. Enjoy a relaxing morning learning more about the fastest growing spectator sport in America. Binoculars and Field guides are available for use. For questions contact the Wetland Center. John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 2/01/2020
Time: 7:00AM
Cost: Free with $5 Admission; Members are Free

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Skeletons of Winter: guided tree walk with Bob Richie

Trees are often forgotten in winter but they still have amazing stories to tell! Join Wetland Steward and Master Naturalist Bob Richie as you learn to identify trees without their leaves. You will learn ways to identify different species when they are not in leaf or bloom, understand basic tree ecology and enjoy the beauty of the wetland in winter. John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 2/01/2020
Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Cost: $10.00 per person, $5.00 for members, Reservation required to register

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New Braunfels Farmers Market

The New Braunfels Farmers Market Committee has given CCCA a standing invitation to their market. This is terrific. Our volunteers will have our tent ready for visitors. While you’re out shopping for fresh goodies and checking out all the wonderful offerings, stop by and say “Hi.” The Farmers Market is open from 8 AM - Noon, and it’s held at 148 S Castell Ave., New Braunfels. Comal County Conservation Alliance is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://www.comalconservation.org/2020-events.html

Location: Krause’s Cafe & Biergarten, 148 S Castell Avenue
Date: 2/05/2020
Time: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

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Come have a Cold One for Conservation with the Hill Country Alliance!

Join the Hill Country Alliance and our friends at the Blanco County Friends of the Night Sky for a fun day at Real Ale Brewing Company. Come have a beer, learn more about HCA’s Night Skies Work, and get to know some of our local partners at this fun and informal event from 12PM - 4PM on Saturday, February 8th. You can even celebrate the night sky with a limited edition Full Moon Pale Rye Ale - $1 from every pint sold will help support our conservation efforts! Hill Country Alliance is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: [http://www.hillcountryalliance.org/event/blanco-cold-ones-for-conservation/](http://www.hillcountryalliance.org/event/blanco-cold-ones-for-conservation/)

**Location:** Real Ale Brewing Company, 231 San Saba Ct Blanco, TX 78606 United States  
**Date:** 2/08/2020  
**Time:** 12:00PM - 4:00PM

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Tree Trimming 101

Melissa Sturdivant, NRCS, certified Arborist and Oak Wilt Specialist will speak on: Basic Tree Anatomy & Terminology, Basic Tree Trimming Practices, Major Risks to Tree Health, How compaction & Root Damage Harms Trees, Best time of the year to prune.

“These plants on the rangeland have a purpose and a story--their value is interwoven with the American Indian.”  --M. Sturdivant

Melissa works with landowners in the management of their natural resources. Being a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, she has deep ties to her ancestral heritage and a sacred connection to the land. Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Link:** [www.TexasBotanicalGardens.org](http://www.TexasBotanicalGardens.org)

**Location:** Goldthwaite Welcome Center
Saturday SEAM Series: Fun with Physics

Roller coasters work on the principle of energy conservation. During this class, we’ll build Marble Roller Coasters and explore other fun physics experiment labs. Other activities include: Create a Catapult, Straw Rockets, the Amazing Egg Challenge and Walking on Eggs. This program is made possible thanks to a grant from NB Women GO. Headwaters at the Comal is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/02-08physics/

Location: 333 E. Klingemann St. New Braunfels, TX 78130 United States
Date: 2/08/2020
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Cost: $4 - $5

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Forest Therapy: What's In A Tree For Me?

Jumpstart your personal well-being and learn why nature connection matters. Come experience first-hand the science-based health benefits of spending time in nature. Hear how to improve your spiritual, emotional, and physical health by connecting with nature. Comal County Conservation Alliance is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://www.comalconservation.org/2020-events.html

Location: Landa Haus, 360 Aquatic Cr, New Braunfels
Date: 2/11/2020
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Texas Watershed Steward workshop - Beaumont

A Texas Watershed Steward workshop helps local residents improve and protect their water resources by becoming involved in local watershed protection and management activities. The training provides an overview of water quality and watershed management with a focus on the Neches River Tidal and Hillebrandt Bayou. Register for the workshop at https://tws.tamu.edu/workshops/registration/. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.


Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, Jefferson County, 1225 Pearl St, Suite 200, Beaumont, TX 77701
Date: 2/12/2020
Time: 1:00PM - 5:00PM

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Llano Estacado Quail Forever Banquet

5th annual banquet supporting Quail Forever’s conservation mission. 100% of fundraiser profits are controlled by the local chapter. Supporting habitat, wildlife and R3, we are working to make an immediate impact and bring up the next generation of hunter-conservationists. Pheasants and Quail Forever is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://pheasantsforeverevents.org/event/4395

Location: The National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 4th St. Lubbock TX, 79409
Date: 2/13/2020
Time: 5:30PM - 9:30PM
Become a vendor at the Hill Country Living Festival and Rainwater Revival in Dripping Springs!

Interested in becoming a vendor for the 10th annual Hill Country Living Festival + Rainwater Revival? The Festival not only includes rainwater harvesting, but many other ways to live lightly and responsibly in the Hill Country. If you have products or services that are environmentally beneficial and sustainable in the areas of water, energy, landscape, lighting, home improvement, sustainable design, or outdoor experiential activities, become a vendor today! Booths and display space are available now through March 1st. Hill Country Alliance is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: [http://www.hillcountryalliance.org/rainwaterrevival/vendors/](http://www.hillcountryalliance.org/rainwaterrevival/vendors/)

**Location:** Dripping Springs Ranch Park, 1042 Event Center Drive, Dripping Springs, TX

**Date:** 2/15/2020

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**Board Walk Tour**

Guided Boardwalk Tour
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.

**Date:** 2/15/2020

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High Plains Pheasants Forever Banquet

3rd annual banquet supporting Pheasants Forever’s conservation mission. 100% of fundraiser profits are controlled by the local chapter. Supporting habitat, wildlife and R3, we are working to make an immediate impact and bring up the next generation of hunter-conservationists. Pheasants and Quail Forever is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://pheasantsforeverevents.org/event/4385

Location: Dr Beau and Brandy McCrory’s Venue 1920 CR 135 Plainview, TX 79072
Date: 2/15/2020
Time: 6:00PM - 10:00PM

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Neighborhood History Walk

Join Trinity Park Conservancy and Remembering Black Dallas, Inc. for a Neighborhood History Walk on Saturday, February 15.

Dr. George Keaton will lead a discussion about African American history and culture and its intersection with the Trinity River. The discussion will touch on the Joppa, Tenth Street, Eagle Ford, State Thomas, and West Dallas areas.

Meeting location: Felix H. Lozada Sr. Gateway, located on the west entrance of the Ronald Kirk Pedestrian Bridge (formerly Continental Ave). The event will begin at 11PM and will last approximately 1 hour. Please plan to arrive at the meeting location 15 minutes before the start of the event. Trinity Park Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://trinityparkconservancy.org/event-posts/neighborhood-history-walk/

Location: Ronald Kirk Pedestrian Bridge, 301 Canada Drive, Dallas, TX 75212
Date: 2/15/2020
Time: 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Discover the Trinity River Paddling Trail: REI Event

A free event to learn all the secrets of the Trinity River Paddle Trail. Representatives from the Trinity Coalition will give a presentation about the 130 mile long Trinity River Paddle trail including how to access the trail and how to use the new website and interactive tools to make the most out of every trip. ACA Instructors will also be on hand to answer paddling questions and share stories of our local river—the best kept secret in DFW. They will also discuss the Trinity Coalition and its goal to bring National Park Service recognition to DFW. Bring your family and your questions.

Can’t make the morning presentation? No worries! A Trinity Coalition representative will be available until 3:45 to answer questions and share information.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Trinity Coalition is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/121829282392570/, https://trinitycoalition.org/events/discovery-event-the-trinity-river-paddle-trail1

Location: REI 5924 Convair Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109
Date: 2/15/2020
Time: 10:45AM – 3:45PM
Cost: Free

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Rescheduled: Hike the Frasier Dam Recreation Area

Due to high water in the park, we have moved this event from it's previous date to Feb. 16.

Frasier Dam is a hidden gem along the Trinity River. Come join us on a hike along the nature trails within the area. We will check out Frasier Dam itself, locate the launch points and portage trail for paddle craft, and discover the beauty of this once forgotten watershed. Bring a picnic lunch, plenty of
water, close-toed shoes, hat, sunscreen, and bug repellent. If you want to do a little service, show up early (9AM) and help Groundwork Dallas with their weekly restoration and clean up of the area.

IMPORTANT: To get to the FDRA, take Harry Hines south from Northwest Hwy, take the ramp to I35 S., but when you emerge from the bridge under I35, take an immediate right into the entrance to the recreation area. DO NOT GET ON I35 /Stemmons FWY, or you will have to exit and turn around. Best GPS Address is 9590 Harry Hines Blvd. Then look for the ramp to I35 that goes under the I35 Bridge.

Frasier Dam Recreation Area is one of the Learning Centers located along the Trinity River Trail. It has no building, but the young people of Groundwork Dallas come out here every week to learn stewardship and trail management. These young people, with occasional help from volunteers like you, have transformed this once forgotten dumping ground of the old-channel Trinity River into a wildlife haven with hike and bike trails and a landing point for the river trail—one weekend at a time. Trinity Coalition is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: [https://www.facebook.com/events/2569429466669537/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2569429466669537/)

Location: Frasier Dam Recreation Area  
Date: 2/16/2020  
Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

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Celebrate the 11th Annual Beastly Brunch on Feb. 16 at the Houston Zoo

Feast on delicious bites and sip brunch cocktails while celebrating the Houston Zoo's feathered friends! Guests will hear from the zoo's bird team about their diverse family of avian species and find out how they can help local birds right in their own backyards! Houston Zoo is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: [https://www.houstonzoo.org/events/beastly-brunch/](https://www.houstonzoo.org/events/beastly-brunch/)

Location: Masihara Pavilion in the Houston Zoo  
Date: 2/16/2020  
Time: 11:00AM - 2:00PM

For all media inquiries:  
Lauren Wappler
Dallas, Texas - Local evolutionary biologist, botanist and author, Dr. George Diggs, will be speaking on "Texas Native Plants and Climate Change" at the February meeting of the Dallas chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.

George will briefly summarize the most recent evidence for climate change and will discuss his personal observations from Antarctica to the Arctic. It is now clear that climate change is having effects on plants and animals both around the globe and here in Texas. A variety of specific examples will be discussed that demonstrate the impacts of climate change, both large and small, and from those that affect whole regions to our own backyards.

George Diggs has taught for 40 years at Austin College in Sherman, and a Research Associate at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. His research interests include the plants of Texas, evolution as it relates to human health, climate change, and biogeography. He has co-authored four books and more than 30 scientific articles. In his research he has traveled to all seven continents. His latest books are The Hunter-Gatherer Within: Health and the Natural Human Diet, co-authored with Dr. Kerry Brock, and The Ferns & Lycophytes of Texas, co-authored with Barney Lipscomb.

Visit http://npsot.org/wp/dallas/ for meeting map, on-site directions and other news.

The purpose of the Native Plant Society of Texas, a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner, is to promote the conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example. The Dallas Chapter holds monthly meetings open to the general public with guest speakers on topics related to native plants and habitats and sponsors other such events as may come up that promote the use or awareness of native plants.


Location: Midway Hills Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 11001 Midway Rd, Dallas, TX 75229
Date: 2/17/2020
Time: 7:00PM

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McKenna Youth Series: Polishing Pennies

Join us for a fun evening of science and learning in partnership with the McKenna Children's Museum! In February, learn what makes a penny “dirty” and then make hypotheses on what will “clean” a penny. Lemon juice or taco sauce? In case of less than 10 participants this program may be canceled and refunds given. Headwaters at the Comal is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/02-19pennies/

Location: 333 E. Klingemann St. New Braunfels, TX 78130 United States
Date: 2/19/2020
Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM
Cost: Free - $5

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Urban Riparian and Stream Restoration Program – South Texas

This workshop is being co-hosted by the AgriLife Extension Office in Cameron County and the Texas Water Resources Institute. The training will focus on natural design processes for stream restoration projects. Materials delivered in the training will help attendees understand urban stream functions, impacts of development on urban streams, recognize healthy versus degraded stream systems, assess and classify a stream using the Bank Erosion Hazard Index, and comprehend differences between natural and traditional restoration techniques.

Information including the hydrologic cycle, basics to stream morphology, stream classification, stream instability, stream restoration, stabilization structure, vegetation, and monitoring and evaluation will be explained through classroom-style teaching in the morning session and hands-on activities in the field at a nearby stream in the afternoon sessions.

Continuing Education Units Available. Registration is limited to the first 40 people. Cost is $50 and includes all training materials, a catered lunch, and a certificate of completion at the end of the course. Registration is required by February 17, 2020. Register online at the Texas A&M Marketplace, or if paying by check or PO, email clare.entwistle@ag.tamu.edu. A catered lunch will be provided to
participants or they may bring their own. Dress is casual and comfortable, hip boots/waders are required for the hands on field assessment as we will be out in the creek in the afternoon. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.


**Location:** 1390 W. Expressway 83, San Benito, TX 78586  
**Date:** 2/20/2020  
**Time:** 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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**Creating A Land Legacy: Comal County Landowner Workshop**

Comal County Conservation Alliance and The Great Springs Project are co-hosting their second Landowner Workshop to educate people on the options they have to leave their land to the generations ahead.

Topics will include: Conservation easements, Role of land trust organizations, Open space and wildlife valuations, Financial tools/resources available to landowners, Panel discussion with landowners. Comal County Conservation Alliance is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Link:** [https://www.comalconservation.org/2020-events.html](https://www.comalconservation.org/2020-events.html)

**Location:** Anhalt Dance Hall, 2390 Anhalt Rd, Spring Branch, TX 78070

**Date:** 2/21/2020  
**Time:** 9:30AM - 3:30PM  
**Cost:** $15 Individual; $20 Couple; Walk-ins welcome

**For all media inquiries:**  
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**MARDI GRAS**

Support conservation classes while you let the good times roll! Sponsor and decorate a table with your "Krewe" Enjoy an evening of food, raffles, music and the traditional King Cake-Cake walk. Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Link:** [www.TexasBotanicalGardens.org](http://www.TexasBotanicalGardens.org)
2020 Tarlton State Merit Badge Seminar, 35th Anniversary

The Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center, a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner, will assist Scouts interested in earning the Indian Lore Merit Badge. Suzan Garner, will lead the session.

Link: [www.TexasBotanicalGardens.org](http://www.TexasBotanicalGardens.org)

Date: 2/22/2020

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Discover the Trinity River Paddling Trail: Presentation 2 at REI Fort Worth

Representatives from the Trinity Coalition will give a presentation about the 130 mile long Trinity River Paddle trail including how to access the trail and how to use the new website and interactive tools to make the most out of every trip. An ACA Instructor will also be on hand to answer paddling questions and share stories of our local river--the best kept secret in DFW. They will also discuss the Trinity Coalition and its goal to bring National Park Service recognition to DFW. Bring your family and your questions.

We will also be available throughout the day until 4PM to answer questions or share information. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Trinity Coalition is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.


Location: REI 5924 Convair Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76109
Date: 2/22/2020
Time: 10:45AM - 3:45PM

For all media inquiries:
Program on Plant Communities and Successional Dynamics in Glen RoseDynamics

Michael Willson, a Rangeland Mgmt Specialist, NRCS will present a program on how plant communities are always changing and adapting to disturbance and the succession of plant communities. Native Plant Society of Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Link: http://npsot.org/wp/prairierose

Location: Citizen's Center
Date: 2/24/2020

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Jeopardy “Nature for $1,000: What is an Understory?”

What: Fredericksburg Native Plant Society Meeting

Topic: Jeopardy -- “Nature for $1,000: What is an Understory?”

Brief: It comes as no surprise that few Hill Country residents are able to answer the question, “What is an Understory?”, since this unique habitat has largely disappeared from our landscape.

Before their demise, the Hill Country environment included dense layers of shorter trees and bushes growing underneath the tall oaks and pecans. Many birds and forest animals had evolved, specifically, to live and find protection in this native understory sanctuary.

In today’s Hill Country, understory suffers from two destructive sources. If deer and other grazing animals have not nibbled away the first shoots of emerging understory, humans, with a penchant for manicured land, have removed it. The loss of understory results not only in the loss of wildlife habitat, but, also, the disappearance of the flowering trees that have historically enlivened the Hill Country.
Robert Edmonson, Biologist IV with Texas A&M Forest Service, will discuss the vital role of understory in the environment and present many of the understory trees and bushes that were a part of our Hill Country landscape heritage. He will offer advice on how to re-establish these trees. Native Plant Society of Texas is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

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

**Location:** Memorial Presbyterian Church 601 N. Milam, Fredericksburg, Texas
**Date:** 2/25/2020
**Time:** 6:30PM - 8:00PM

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**Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Training - Lavaca River Watershed**

This workshop is being co-hosted by the Lavaca River Watershed Partnership, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office in Jackson County and the Texas Water Resources Institute. 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.

These one-day training in watersheds across the state include both indoor classroom presentations and outdoor stream walks. Instructors are experts from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Natural Resource Institute and AgriLife Extension.

The goal is for participants to better understand and relate to riparian and watershed processes, the benefits that healthy riparian areas provide and the tools that can be employed to prevent and/or resolve degradation and improve water quality. At the conclusion of the training, participants will receive a certificate of completion. Texas Water Resources Institute is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.


**Location:** 411 N. Wells Suite 111, Edna, TX, 77957
Date: 2/27/2020  
Time: 8:00AM - 4:00PM  

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Composting 101  

Want to start composting at home, but don’t know how?  
Have a compost pile that just isn’t working like it should?  
Join us for this class all about composting.  

Building and maintaining a compost pile is a great way to  
improve the health of your garden and help lower your landfill  
footprint.  

During this program, led by Master Composter Dan Krueger,  
you will learn the basics and get tips on the most effective  
techniques and methods for composting in your home. Headwaters at the Comal is a Texan by  
Nature Conservation Partner.  

Link: https://www.headwatersatthecomal.com/event/02-29composting/  

Location: 333 E. Klingemann St. New Braunfels, TX 78130 United States  
Date: 2/29/2020  
Time: 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Cost: $3 - $10  

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Join Trinity Park Conservancy for a Volunteer Open House  

The Trinity River is our river. Join us on February 29th to learn  
more about how you, your community or your corporate group  
can contribute to the care and maintenance of the Trinity  
River. And learn how to support ongoing outreach and  
engagement efforts that encourage Dallas communities to get  
outdoors and enjoy it now. Trinity Park Conservancy is a Texan  
by Nature Conservation Partner.
Native Plant Society Spring Symposium

Join us at our 2020 NPSOT Spring Symposium, hosted by the LadyBird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin

The Native Plant Society of Texas, a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner, presents the 2020 Spring Symposium, which will be held Saturday, February 29, 8:45 am to 3:45 pm, at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Avenue, Austin, TX 78739. We'll have a light breakfast, boxed lunch, and door prizes, access to Wildflower Center Gardens. Registration is $55 per person ($50 for Native Plant Society members, and for Wildflower Center Members), please register before February 21. The registration form can be found at www.npsot.org. Questions? Contact 830-997-9272, email state@npsot.org


Link: www.npsot.org

Date: 2/29/2020

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Implementing Conservation Practices and Conducting Educational Outreach Improves Water Quality in Attoyac Bayou Watershed

High levels of bacteria prompted the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to add Attoyac Bayou to the 2004 Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d) list of impaired waters for not supporting the primary contact recreation use. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) partnered with local stakeholders, Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) and Angelina and Neches River Authority (ANRA) to develop a watershed protection plan (WPP) to address the bacteria impairments in the Attoyac Bayou watershed.


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NRI launches new screening tool for wind energy developers and military

The Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute (NRI), in collaboration with the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) within the Office of the Governor, Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), and with input from the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), launched the Texas Early Notification Tool (TENT). This is a new web tool designed for developers, namely those in the wind energy industry, to use for early screening of potential project sites and to identify potential issues that should be evaluated by the military. Funded by OEA with matching funds from TMPC, this tool facilitates early stakeholder communication between military installations, industry, and military communities avoiding development that may impede military training and readiness missions, specifically related to aviation.


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NRI publishes Status Update and Trends of Texas Working Lands 1997-2017

We are proud to present the long-awaited Texas Land Trends: Status Update and Trends of Texas Working Lands 1997 - 2017 published in December 2019. Texas Land Trends reports have informed private and
public landowners and decision-makers for over two decades. With this report, we are able to examine new patterns and identify trends following the release of the Census of Agriculture datasets by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service’s (NASS). These datasets provide key information for complex Texas natural resource challenges through the power of a “good map.” The Texas Land Trends: Status Update and Trends report is the fifth iteration and specifically describes the status and recent changes in land values, ownership size and land use of privately-owned Texas working lands.


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Results are in: Texas Quail Index 2019 Summary

We've collected, analyzed, and summarized the data, and now you get to see what we learned about quail in 2019. We had plenty of rain at the start of the breeding season, but did that translate to more birds?

Link: https://nri.tamu.edu/blog/2020/january/texas-quail-index-2019-summary/

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DiscoverE Building Curiosity

Future innovators can discover the world of water engineering through fun-filled, hands-on activities.
El Paso Water urges residents to protect pipes during freezing temperatures

According to property repair experts, a broken ½ inch water pipe could spill as much as 50 gallons per minute depending on the size of the break. EPWater urges customers to protect their pipes in cooler weather.

El Paso Water approved budget targets rehab, sustainability

The Public Service Board (PSB) approved the El Paso Water Budget for fiscal year 2020-21. Four key priorities are driving the increase to EPWater’s budget and rates: securing our future water supplies, system expansion for city growth, improvements in customer services and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure.