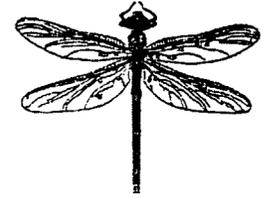


Hays County Master Naturalists NEWSLETTER



-- right here at home -- in the Hill Country

May, 2006

MAY EVENTS

Chapter Field Trip: Beekeeping with Bob Benson

MAY 13, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, SAN MARCOS.

Apiarist Bob Benson will discuss bee biology, Africanized bees, apiary equipment, and more. 2 hours ATC.

Please meet at corner of McCarty Lane and Hunter Rd (W of I-35) in the Raquetball Club's parking lot by 8:45 am. We will drive to Bob's from there.

Please email Dale Shively at vicepresident@haysmn.org so he can tell Bob how many guests to expect. For more info, contact Dale at vicepresident@haysmn.org or 512-389-4686. 🦋

Executive Board Meeting

MAY 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, WHITE WINGS RANCH

Preliminary Agenda

Committee reports

Officer reports

Old Business

Float for July 4th parade in Wimberley

June 1st Chapter meeting

New Business

Publicity

Membership Retention strategy –

Telephone campaign

Considerations for a second training class of shorter duration for spring or fall

JUNE EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

JUNE 1, AT JACOB'S WELL PRESERVE
General Membership and members of 2006 Class.

Gil Eckrich speaking on "Land Management for Two Endangered Songbirds." Gill will review protection of the Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo at Fort Hood. Qualifies for ATC.

Please watch for more details about arrangements.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL VIEW

Greetings fellow Master Naturalists and Trainees,

At the beginning of our term, The Board of Directors set as our objective the re-vitalization of the Chapter. We determined among our priorities to increase the volunteer hours by encouraging our membership and to increase the visibility of our Chapter and its mission to our members and to the general public. I am encouraged by what I have seen over the last three to four months and your Board will continue to make this a better organization for you.

We are just over the first quarter of the calendar year and the Chapter seems to be doing very well in the areas mentioned above. Judy Telford reported to the Board that we she has recorded over 400 hours of volunteer time from our membership which is more than double what had been reported in the first quarter of last year. That is significant in view of the fact that last year the Chapter reported the second highest number of volunteer hours since its beginning. If you folks keep it up, we may set a record this year. I hope so for the things that you are doing benefit our communities, neighbors, friends, and earth. I encourage you to continue your work and to let the board know what kinds of things you are doing – send us an email now and then. Use your ingenuity and knowledge from the training that you have

received to serve in new and meaningful ways. We strongly urge you to be creative and to enjoy the pursuits and fruits of your endeavors as you serve our communities and planet.

I am pleased with the progress we have made in increasing the visibility of our Chapter to our members past and present in a number of ways: by improvements in our website and newsletter, by participation of our Board members in the training classes, and by outreach to the general public. I will elaborate on these in the following paragraphs.

Our greatly improved website and newspaper are a wealth of information and news as they provide a wonderful communications tool between the Board and our membership. These improvements are due to the diligence and efforts of our talented and indefatigable webmaster and newspaper editor, and all their contributors. Our thanks go out to webmaster, Herb Smith, and to our newsletter editor, Richard Barnett, for their many enhancements. Among the many who have made significant contributions are Judy Telford, Nancy Turner, Marion Couvillion, Betty Finley, Walt Krudop, and others whose names do not come to mind tonight. Herb reported to the Board in April that website usage reached 880 visits in March alone! Apparently you folks are tuning-in and we thank you for your interest. We implore you to report your volunteer time and advanced training hours using our website to help us monitor the Chapter's activities and to help Judy avoid being swamped near year's end. We encourage you to send news of your MN activities and accomplishments to editor@haysmn.org.

In the quarter ending with March, eight of our Master Naturalists have taken advanced training with Project Wild as taught by TPWD. Project Wild is designed for secondary schools from grades K-12 and is TEKS compatible. These MNs have used their knowledge from our training classes, Project Wild, and their own creativity to design outdoor activities which will be given to third grade students from Bowen Elementary School on May 4 and 5 at The Refuge at Wimberley. The eight MNs are Pat Davis, Karen Haywood, Cecelia Kelley, Dorothy Knight, Jane Little, Sandy Lucas, Jean McMeans, and Cara Wernli. Our Board salutes these outstanding MNs.

Other outreach activities, were accomplished by information booths and demonstrations at three events in April: at the San Marcos Nature Center for Wildflower Fiesta, at the Emily Ann Theatre in

Wimberley for the Butterfly Festival, and at the Wildlife Workshop in the VFW Hall of Wimberley. We had a total of more than 200 visitors to the booths and rainfall simulator at these events. There was an especially high interest in the MN program displayed at the Wildlife Workshop. Judy Telford, Karen Bartell, and Kaybeth Williams were the project leaders for these happenings and their hard work is greatly appreciated by the Board. Marion Couvillion and Walt Krudop constructed handsome and informative poster boxes for use at our booths and we gratefully acknowledge their time and energy. The rainfall simulator was, as usual, a big attraction at all three events. The simulator operators were Ray Franklin, Jamie Kinscherff, Nancy Turner, Judy Telford, Doug Shoumette, Kaybeth Williams, and perhaps others of whom I am unaware. We salute these folks for volunteering their time. Ann Allen, Barbara Jacobson, and Judy Telford demonstrated seed ball manufacture for the children (and Adults!) at the Nature Center: what fun that was! So we became visible to at least 200 new faces in April and had fun doing it.

The Board is reaching out to the trainees in the training class by attending every meeting to make announcements of various sorts to the class.

Walt Krudop has scheduled presentations from our Master Naturalists to be presented at each class meeting so that the trainees are exposed to what our Chapter members do with their knowledge after graduation. If you would like to make such a presentation, please contact Walt at stateadvisorybd@haysmn.org. In our presentations to the training class, we are encouraging volunteerism and putting the "proof of the pudding" before them. Walt has made so many contributions in so many ways that it is impossible to list them all here; we are blessed to have him in our Chapter.

Our Chapter meetings have been a big success with attendance of over 60% of our active membership. We eat, chat, laugh, take in some interesting advanced training, and have a great time. We are seeing some faces there that have not been around in a while as our inactive members are beginning to trickle back in to see what is going on. If you have not attended our Chapter meetings, then you are really missing out. I salute Dale, Susan, Dixie, Winifred, Shirley, Jamie, Walt, and all the others who have worked hard to bring these meetings to you.

While we are pleased at the progress, the Board and our helpers (volunteers) have much yet to do. We set as an objective early on to regain as

many of our inactive members as possible. We are gearing up to begin a telephone campaign to make personal telephone calls to each of our old friends to invite them to let them know that we miss them and to invite them back. You can help by calling an old class mate that you have not seen in a long while and invite him/her to join you at a Chapter meeting or volunteer activity. You may be interested in helping our telephone committee chairperson, Dixie Campbell, in making telephone calls. You can reach her through me at president@haysmn.org .

We hope to increase our visibility to the general public by a boarding a float in the July 4th parade in Wimberley (Susan's original idea!). That should be a lot of fun. If you would like to help, please contact her at secretary@haysmn.org . We are in the initial stages of getting our Chapter's name into the press. But we need more volunteers who have personal contacts with newspaper personnel and who can write small articles, write small reports of our events, write short press releases, etc. We would like to be in every newspaper in the county at least once this year! If you would like to help us out please send me an email at president@haysmn.org . These tasks should take only a little of your time, would be immensely appreciated, and are creditable for volunteer hours.

We continue to work on updating our administrative procedures and guidelines to make life easier for us all. The website has been a big help in this endeavor. We have finished the Advanced Training guidelines for you and invite you to peruse these on the website. We are beginning to give our volunteering guidelines close study for revision and I hope to have these in place by the end of this quarter. We will be adding informative descriptions to the volunteer projects listed on the website so that you can get a better understanding of what those projects are about. And we continue to bring you Chapter meetings and appreciate your attendance: come and bring a friend to the next one!

Until I see you at our Chapter meeting on June 1st, please take good care of yourself, your land, and our Earth.
Tom

Thank you for all that you do for the Earth, for your neighbors, and for your chapter.



CHAPTER NEWS

Couvillion Given City of Austin Volunteer Awards

Marion Couvillion has received official recognition of his volunteer service in the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and the Austin Water Quality Protection Lands.

On April 13th he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the mayor and City Council of Austin during a volunteer appreciation ceremony and reception held at City Hall in Austin. Among other achievements, Marion and Walt Krudop rebuilt an old greenhouse for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. Marion says the greenhouse was part of a retreat center acquired by Balcones Canyonlands. The Preserve uses the greenhouse to propagate local native seeds for replacing nonnative trees and replanting areas where junipers have been thinned. Marion has also worked on several other conservation projects of Balcones Canyonlands and Austin Water Quality Protection Lands.

In addition, Marion received The President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The award reads: "Presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to Marion Couvillion in recognition and appreciation of his commitment to strengthening our Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service." ✨

Wild Ones Launch Project WILD

Eight Hays County Master Naturalists have begun a program to bring environmental education into Wimberley's schools.

The eight attended a Project WILD workshop in San Antonio on March 30, and they planned and organized the project in cooperation with Wimberley ISD and the Wimberley Birding Society. Their program commences on May 4 and 5, when they will lead students from Bowen Elementary on a field trip to The Refuge for outdoor activities based on the Project WILD curriculum.

The eight Master Naturalists are Pat Davis, Karen Haywood, Cecelia Kelley, Dorothy Knight, Jane Little, Sandy Lucas, Jean McMeans, and Cara Wernli. All are also members of the Wimberley Birding Society and have teaching experience.

Karen Haywood says the innovative Project WILD curriculum originated in Houston and is sponsored by Texas Parks & Wildlife. It offers activities for all grades through High School, and it has broadened to include an "Aquatic WILD" component. Karen looks forward to attending the introduction of the latest addition to the curriculum, "Flying WILD." 🦋

Earth Day Events Feature Master Naturalists

Hays County Master Naturalists joined in Earth Day events in San Marcos and Wimberley on April 22.

Karen Bartell organized our booth and activities for the Butterfly Festival at Wimberley's EmilyAnn Theater. Bryan Davis and Ray Franklin led a Nature Walk and conducted a demonstration of the rainfall simulator. Margie Kidd managed the information booth. Marion Couvillion designed and built a triplex poster case that illustrates the Chapter's program and activities. Linda Morgan roamed the site taking photographs of Master Naturalists at work and children entranced by Painted Lady butterflies. Mimi Boelter, Ken Brocker, Pat Hall, Cecelia Kelley, Dorothy Knight, and Cheri Krieger helped staff the booth, hand out MN information, and answer questions.

Ann Rollings of the EmilyAnn Foundation estimates that over 3500 people attended the Festival. She still receives questions about the Master Naturalist program, and she plans to invite Bryan and Ray back on April 21, 2007.

Judy Telford organized the booth at San Marcos Nature Center's Wildflower Fiesta. Judy reports, "Warm, breezy, and sunny weather brought about 200 people to the San Marcos Nature Center on Earth and Wildflower Day. Master Naturalists Ann Allen, Barbara Jacobson, Jamie Kinscherff, Doug Shomett, Judy Telford, Nancy Turner, Tom Watson, and KayBeth Williams demonstrated the rainfall simulator, distributed MN literature, and made seed balls. Doug did double duty; he helped the Master Gardeners sell plants in the morning.

"The new triplex information board made by Marion Couvillion attracted lots of attention as people gathered to learn more about the program. Approximately 100 adults and children visited our display.

"Thank you, Master Naturalists for volunteering on Saturday! Thank you, Andrea for inviting us to share our enthusiasm and knowledge of the Master Naturalist Program!" 🦋

Fourth of July Parade

Susan Nenny and Jamie Kinscherff have presented an illustrated proposal for Hays County Master Naturalists to join Wimberley's Independence Day Parade.

Speaking to the April 20 Chapter meeting at Jacob's Well Preserve, Susan outlined their plans for an honor guard, a kazoo band, and a tractor-drawn float with a load of handouts and throws to publicize the Master Naturalist program. To add your name to the crew of parade volunteers, please contact Susan at secretary@haysmn.org. 🦋

Report Time!

Please send Judy Telford your monthly reports of Volunteer Hours and Advanced Training Hours on the first of the month.

Nothing could be easier than using the online form at our web site, <http://www.hcmn.org>.

You may also email your reports to Judy at records@haysmn.org or send them by USnail Mail to 2303 E. McCarty, San Marcos, TX 78666.

Your timely response helps the Board to monitor participation in Chapter activities and to plan future events that meet your interests. 🦋

CALENDAR

(The dragonfly logo 🦋 identifies official HCMN events)

May 4 - 6, **2006 Southwest Land Trust Conference**, La Quinta Inn, Suites & Conference Center, San Antonio, TX. Co-hosted by the Texas Land Trust Council and the Land Trust Alliance. For more information contact Pam Nicholls at pnicholls@lta.org or 970-245-5811.

May 5. **First Trans Texas Quail Count**. TCE and the Bobwhite Brigade will co-sponsor a quail census to focus attention on the plight of quail in Texas and aid in quail management. The census will require teams of 2 to 4 to drive a self-designated 5-mile road from 7 to 9 a.m. stopping to listen and record data for quail every mile.

The data collected will be sent to the sponsors for inclusion in their databases. More information can be obtained at <http://teamquail.tamu.edu/TransTexasQuailCount/TransTexasQuailCount.ppt>. If interested, please contact Tom Watson at president@haysmn.org.

✂ May 9. **2006 Class Session 5.** Birds, David Huffman. Texas Archeology, Britt Bousman.

May 11. **Making Floral Crafts from Your Own Backyard** workshop, San Marcos Nature Centre. 6:00 – 8:00 pm. <http://www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us> under "Parks & Recreation – Nature Centre."

✂ May 13, 9:00 – 11:00 am. **Chapter Field Trip: Beekeeping with Bob Benson**, San Marcos. Meet 8:45 am at corner of McCarty Lane and Hunter Rd (W of I-35) in the Raquetball Club's parking lot. Bob will discuss bee biology, Africanized bees, apiary equipment, and more. 2 hours ATC. For more info, contact Dale Shively at 512-389-4686; vicepresident@haysmn.org.

May 13, 10:00 am – noon. **Wildflowers of Westcave Tour.** For information & registration contact <http://www.westcave.org>.

✂ May 20, 9:00 am - noon. **2006 Class Session 6** at Freeman Ranch. **Butterfly Boot Camp**, Chris Nice. For a map, please go to <http://www.txstate.edu/freemanranch/MAPPAHE.HTM>.

May 24 – 28. Lone Star Regional Native Plant Conference at Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches. Presented by Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture In Association with the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference. Hosted by the SFA Pineywoods Native Plant Center. For more information, please visit PNPC website at <http://pnpc.sfasu.edu>

✂ May 30, **2006 Class Session 7:** Water Resources in Hays County – David Baker; Ch 17 & 18, Wetlands Ecology – Doyle Mossier

✂ June 1, 6:30 pm. **Chapter Meeting for General Membership and members of 2006 Class.** Gil Eckrich speaking on "Land Management for Two Endangered Songbirds." Gill will review protection of the Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo at Fort Hood. Qualifies for ATC.

✂ June 13, **2006 Class Session 8.** Meet @ **Aquarena Center.** Wetlands – Doyle Mossier; Restoration Nursery - Dawnelle Malone; Glass Bottom Boat Ride; Hillside Nature Walk - Bryan Davis, Ray Franklin, & Tom Watson

June 17. **Backyard Habitat Planning & Certification Workshop.** San Marcos Nature Centre. 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. <http://www.ci.san->

marcos.tx.us under "Parks & Recreation – Nature Centre."

June 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am. Summer Events at Wimberley Village Library. HCMN volunteers with hand-on activities for children. Contact Judy at records@haysmn.org

✂ June 24, 9:00 am to noon. **2006 Class Session 9. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Field Trip:** 9-12 - Minnette Marr, Millennium Seed Project; Dr. Steven Windhager, tour research plots

✂ July 11, **2006 Class Session 10.** Trees – Robert Edmondson; Ch 16 & 5. Texas Weather – Troy Kimmel

July 20. **Cactus Gardening** Workshop. San Marcos Nature Centre. 6:00 – 8:00 pm. <http://www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us> under "Parks & Recreation – Nature Centre."

✂ July 22. **2006 Class Field Trip, Bamberger Ranch** (pre-pay \$10.00 per person)

✂ August 8. **2006 Class Session 11.** Wildlife (mammals and herpetology) and Habitat – Dr. Randy Simpson. Ch 14 , Bats – Meg Goodman

✂ September. 12. **2006 Class Session 12.** Prairies – Bob Lyons; Ch 11, Insects – Noel Troxclair

✂ September. 23. **2006 Class Field Trip to Knox Ranch Field.** 9:00 am –12:00 noon. Fishes – Gordon Linam. Amphibians, Ch 12 & 13. Reptiles - Lee Ann Linam. Water Quality & Invertebrates – Cindy Contreras

✂ October 3. **2006 Class Session 13.** Livestock on Small Acreage – Dr. Rick Machem. Rev. Ch.19, Agricultural and Wildlife Tax Valuation – Kaybeth Williams

✂ Oct. 24, **2006 Class Session 14.** Land Fragmentation – Dr. Neal Wilkins. Ch 20 & 21. Land Stewardship & Interpretation – Texas Master Naturalist Program Coordinator

✂ November 7. **2006 Class Graduation** – Ch 2, Bryan Davis

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Overabundant White-tailed Deer in Texas:

Impacts on People, Communities, and the Land
Texas State University, San Marcos May 18, 2006, 7:45 am to 5:00 pm.

White-tailed deer are a valuable natural resource providing enjoyment for thousands across Texas and are very adaptable to life near people. However, when deer numbers escalate and they become overabundant, deer threaten wildlife and plant diversity as well as causing economic, health and safety concerns. Some Texas communities are currently confronting these issues and others soon will be. Attendees will learn about the experiences of communities and hear from nationally recognized experts currently working with overabundant deer issues.

- * How did we get this many deer in Texas and what does the future hold?
- * Impact of overabundant deer populations
- * Current management tools
- * What has and has not worked
- * Overabundant deer as a planning issue
- * Building consensus among stakeholders

Early registration fee - \$35 * Good until April 1. After April 1st, registration is \$50. Registration is limited. Fee includes all refreshment breaks and lunch on day one. Pre-registration by May 1st required for a guaranteed lunch! Limited sponsorships available.

To register Contact Helen Holdsworth at the Texas Wildlife Association, 1-800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904, x. 120

Project WILD Aquatic Training

TPWD is sponsoring a "Project WILD Aquatic" workshop at Westcave Preserve. The workshop will focus on how to teach aquatic resources and wildlife to school kids.

The training will introduce fun, hands-on, easy-to-use educational activities appropriate for education in our schools. The material is suitable for grades K – 12 and is aligned to the TEKS. Participants will receive 6 hours of SBEC and TEEAC credit if desired. Master Naturalists will earn

Advanced Training credits. The number of AT hours depends on the length of the workshop.

This is a great opportunity for those interested in working with youth to take up educational outreach as a volunteer activity. Once trained, the Board of Directors and our Extension Agent will help you make connections with local schools of your choosing.

The workshop dates are to be announced soon. For further information please email john@westcave.org or phone (830)-825-3442.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Margaret's Nature Trail, White Wings Ranch

HCMN PROJECT # 601

You may remember that last summer off RR12 near San Marcos a snake fatally bit a woman from Wimberley. It turns out that she was both a member of the Unity Church and very much a nature enthusiast. She bequeathed a small amount to the church for the creation of a nature trail on the 43 acres that is owned by the church. The money is to go for signage, a tri-fold brochure, interpretive material etc.

Pastor Mindy Audlin and her husband Shawn have made great headway in the actual layout and construction of the trail. Joe Piazza, myself and a few other Master Naturalists went for a visit and were well impressed with the progress thus far. They have asked for our help to complete the construction of the trail and ID the plants along the route. They have also asked us to help in the design and writing of an interpretive tri-fold brochure about the trail and Hill Country ecosystems. We have talked about planting a native grass garden and a butterfly garden. Once the trail is complete, besides helping maintain it, we are to be available to give guided walks to interested folks.

Unity Church has learned from their insurance company that they can allow non-members access to the trail and they want to open it up to the public for educational and outreach programs. This would include school groups and scouting groups as well.

The area where the trail has been located is very diverse, going from grasslands dotted with various trees and forbs to a lovely riparian zone with the associated flora and fauna. Its length is about 1/2 mile, with spots to sit and enjoy views along the

way.

-- Jamie Kinscherff, HCMN Contact;
Jamie@kinscherff.com 🌸

Wildscape Garden, San Marcos Nature Center

HCMN PROJECT #405

April showers came too late to prolong the blooming of our bluebonnets into April, and they have all gone to seed.

Gaillardia, poppies, pink evening primrose, mealy blue sage, ruellia, and lizardtail guara have taken their place. Sunflowers, passion vines, and tropical milkweed will follow soon. The passion vines already support a new cohort of ravenous Gulf Fritillary larvae.

As usual, there's no stopping invasive dandelions, sow thistles, wild geranium, medicago, red henbit, bermudagrass, and similar plants. We have to pull up these aggressive invaders to control them.

We welcome contributions of seeds or seedlings of annual and perennial wildflowers to improve the diversity of our garden. 🌸

Jacob's Well Nature Centre

HCMN PROJECT #603

HCMN Project Coordinator:

Tom Watson, president@hcmn.org
512-894-4822

Sponsor Contact: David Baker,
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association
P. O. Box 2534, Wimberley, TX 78676.
512-847-1582 512-847-1582

Starting date: 4/1/2006; end date: open

Project Description: The project will be to help the Wimberley Valley Watershed Assoc. plan and restore the Jacob's Well surroundings to a natural condition using native plants, to conduct nature tours, to provide education classes at the completed nature center, to help with trail building, to plant native plants, etc.

Activity type: Habitat restoration, Restoration and Management planning, Direct outreach, Indirect outreach, Trail construction and maintenance, Data collection, Native plants maintenance

Comments: This will be a great opportunity to become associated with a nature center where we can apply our Master Naturalist training to benefit the public. 🌸

Local News

Wimberley Butterfly Watch

Butterflies observed during April include Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Giant Swallowtail, Pipevine Swallowtail, Black Swallowtail, Southern Dogface, Cloudless Sulphur, Orange Sulphur, Lyside Sulphur, Little Sulphur, Sleepy Orange, Dainty Sulphur, Gray Hairstreak, Juniper Hairstreak, Great Purple Hairstreak, Reakirt's Blue, Eastern Tailed Blue, American Snout, Buckeye, Gulf Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary, Red Admiral, Painted Lady, American Lady, Hackberry Emperor, Question Mark, Monarch, Queen, Little Wood Satyr, Carolina Satyr, Cloudywing Skipper, Juvenal's Duskywing, Checkered Skipper, Funereal Skipper, Dun Skipper, Sachem, and other brown skippers.

Except for Sleepy Orange, Juniper Hairstreak, and migrating Monarchs, butterfly numbers appeared relatively low during most of April. The April 20 rains may have helped their numbers recover.

Monarchs breeding on Tropical Milkweed at the EmilyAnn Theatre may have produced as many as 20 larvae that reached the 5th instar. However, we cannot confirm that any actually pupated and emerged as adults. We observed 2nd and 3rd instar larvae on antelope horns milkweed, but did not see them mature. Queen larvae have now replaced the Monarchs on milkweed.

If you have seen something we missed, please email your editor@hcmn.org. 🌸

Links to Chapter Sponsors and Partners

Sponsors:

Texas Master Naturalist - State Website - masternaturalist.tamu.edu

Texas Cooperative Extension – agextension.tamu.edu/

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – www.tpwd.state.tx.us/

Agencies of Interest:

Bamberger Ranch --

<http://www.bambergerranch.org/workshops.htm>

Native Plant Society of Texas – www.npsot.org/

San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance --

<http://www.smgreenbelt.org>.

San Marcos River Foundation –

<http://www.sanmarcosriver.org>.

Texas Outdoor Women's Network -

<http://www.townsanmarcos.org/>

Texas Cooperative Extension – Sea Grant Program –

texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/

Texas Forest Service – txforestservice.tamu.edu/

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers –

www.usace.army.mil/

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – www.fws.gov/

U.S.D.A. Natural Resource Conservation Service –

.nracs.usda.gov/

Partners

Austin Nature Day --

<http://www.austinnatureday.org/>

LBJ Wildflower Center -- www.wildflower.org

San Marcos Nature Centre -- http://www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/parks/Nature_Center.html?menu=DP13