



Hays County Master Naturalist

April 24, 2003
Meeting Minutes

The meeting took place at the Extension Office. Eleven members were present.

ADVANCED TRAINING

Lee Ann Linam, Co-coordinator for Texas Nature Trackers with Texas Parks and Wildlife has a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M and a graduate degree in Environmental Studies from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

"Texas Nature Trackers is a citizen science monitoring program designed to involve volunteers . . . in gathering scientific data on species of concern in Texas." Ms Linam discussed the eight projects in the Texas Nature Trackers program: Texas Horned Lizard Watch, Texas Hummingbird Round-up, Texas Monarch Watch, Texas Mussel Watch, Texas Amphibian Watch, Project Prairie Birds, the Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey, and Adopt-a-Species Projects such as the Twisted Bractflower project in Central Texas.

Training sessions are provided for those interested in becoming a "Tracker" in the Mussel and Amphibian Watch programs. Materials for other projects may be obtained from Texas Parks and Wildlife, Wildlife Diversity Branch, 3000 IH-35 South, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78704 or through the web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tracker. Other ways Master Naturalists can become involved are by adopting a study site and by hosting workshops for the Nature Tracker program.

ADVANCED TRAINING: 1 HOUR

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by president, Dell Hood at 8:20 PM.

Joe Piazza announced that there is a training session for the Water Monitoring program on May 17 from 9:30-2:00 at the Freeman Aquatic Center at SWT. Those who are interested need to call Mary Rockmora at 512-557-7571.

Winifred Simon, vice president, announced that the Chapter meeting topic on May 22 will be "Bringing Bluebirds Back to the Hill Country" presented by Maggie Boyles. The June 26 meeting will be about Butterflies. The presenter will be Mike Quinn from TPW. Both meetings will be at the Extension Office.

Submitted by Betty Watkins, Secretary, Hays County Master Naturalist Chapter