



Hays County Master Naturalist

August 28, 2003
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Extension Office and preceded by a Pot-Luck supper. Thirteen members and three guests were present.

PROGRAM: Vice President Winifred Simon introduced the speaker Elizabeth McGreevy Seiler. For the past six years, Ms. Seiler has been writing a book that synthesizes the ecological and cultural information of the Ashe juniper to provide a balanced perspective of the tree and its impact on the Hill Country and its people.

She noted that historically Ashe juniper has been present in Central Texas which has been a mosaic of forest, savannah, and grasslands which have varied in dominance depending on rainfall and other factors. Juniper woodlands are the exclusive habitat of the golden cheek warbler. Juniper provides many useful products. Strips of juniper made good wildlife corridors. There is no consensus about the amount of water junipers capture and use, but it is generally thought that earlier estimates of high water use are not accurate. Ms Seiler's website <http://juniper1.home.texas.net> has further information.

Advanced Training: 1.5 hours

BUSINESS MEETING: There was no business meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Betty Watkins, Secretary
Hays County Chapter