



Hays County Chapter Texas Master Naturalist™

As part of our mission to provide education dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our communities, the Hays County Master Naturalists are happy to offer a range of short presentations to any organization interested in learning more about how we all interact with nature.

Any group that would like a short talk and slide show on any of the following topics can schedule a presenter free of charge. For more information, or to schedule a presenter, contact us at outreach@haysmn.org at least 6 weeks prior to your event or meeting.

Xeric Native Plants

Get useful information on over 25 native plants that can be grown in Hays County and tips on how to create a lovely xeric garden and become a water wise gardener.

Living with deer

The deer are sharing our communities and are here to stay. Learn how to share your urban quarters with them.

Protecting and Conserving Our Water Resources: How You Can Be Part of the Solution

Growing population and increased frequency of drought mean our water resources are at risk. This talk addresses how the complex interaction between surface water and groundwater and the actions of people impact the both quantity and quality of water available to the citizens of Hays County.

Climate 101

Learn about the science of climate change, what it is doing to our planet, what it means to us in Texas and how you can address it in your daily life.

Take Back the Night

Light pollution is not something we often think about but the implications of lighting up the night have surprising effects on nature. Learn what it does to the environment and ways you can mitigate those effects.

Oakwilt

What is Oak Wilt? How dangerous is it to our urban forests and how can you combat it?

Feral Hogs

Myths, truths and the facts about the feral hog explosion in Hays County. Learn about the life cycle of hogs, what problems they are causing and what is being done about it.

Poisonous plants and animals

The more you know about what can cause you pain, the better equipped you are to avoid it. Learn to recognize many of the local plants and animals that have toxins and venoms worth avoiding.

Edible wild plants

Many of our native plants can be served up on the dinner table. Learn what some of the most common ones are and how to prepare them.

Those pesky insects

Insects and other invertebrates can be problematic for humans. They can make you itch, sting and sometimes worse. Learn to recognize and avoid many of the most common ones in Hays County.