

## North Texas Chapter Meeting Announcements August 6, 2025





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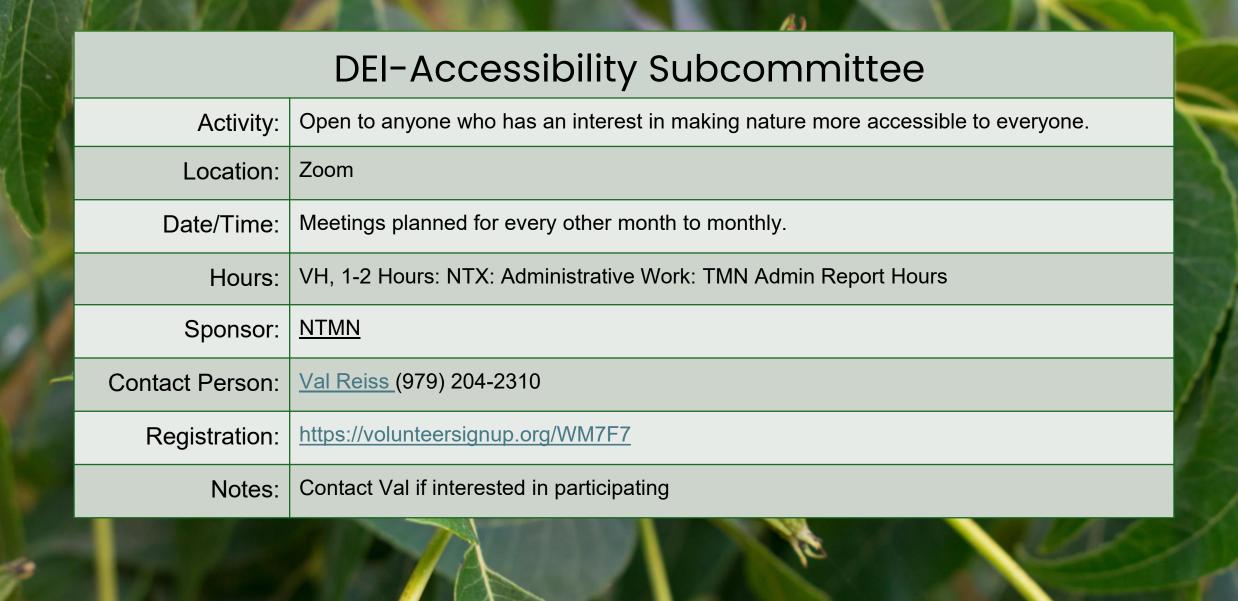
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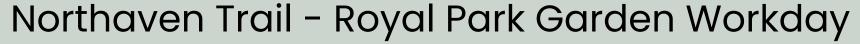


Big Chapter Pro	ect at Dallas Co	llege – October 26th

Activity:	Join us for a morning of service and a presentation by Meghan Peoples, Master Naturalist with the Texas A&M Native Seed Program. We will be doing some weeding and invasive plant removal, planting in the woodland area and gathering seeds.  We will also enjoy a box lunch provided by Dallas College.
Location:	Dallas College: Cedar Valley Campus, 3030 N. Dallas Ave., Lancaster, TX
Date/Time:	Saturday, October 26th, 8:30 am until 1:00 pm
Hours:	VH, 3.5 Hours: Big Chapter Project AT, 1 hour, AT: NTX: Chapter Offered Training
Sponsor:	<u>NTMN</u>
Contact Person:	Brenda Catlett (972) 989-0546
Registration:	https://volunteersignup.org/WM7F7
Notes:	Contact Brenda with questions or additional information.



Fran	kford Prairie Monthly Saturday Workday
Activity:	We will remove invasive non-native plants from the prairie. If time allows we may also collect native grass seeds.  Bring garden tools for weed removal, gloves, water, sun and insect protection. Park in front of the white historic Frankford Church.
Location:	17400 Muirfield Dr, Dallas, TX 75287
Date/Time:	Saturday, September 6 <sup>th,</sup> from 7:30 am until 9:30 am
Hours:	VH, 2 hours, Frankford Prairie: Wildscape and Facility Maintenance
Sponsor:	Frankford Preservation Foundation
Contact Person:	Julia Koch (214) 226-2328
Notes:	Repeats the first Saturday of each month.



Weeding native plant garden. Activity: Let's get our hands dirty at Royal Park (map). Bring your gardening gloves and implements (shovel, clippers, hand trowels). Remember to bring plenty of water and wear sunscreen & insect repellant. We welcome participation at any time between 8:30am and 10:30am. Please be sure to sign this waiver before you arrive. Location: 3433 Townsend Drive, Dallas, TX, 75229 Date/Time: Saturday, September 6<sup>th,</sup> from 8:30 am until 10:30 am VH, 2 hours, Dallas Parks and Open Spaces: Hours: Friends of Northaven Trail Sponsor: Contact Person: Ceci Behgam

### Join the NTMN Members Project on iNaturalist

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Activity:	Combine NTMN member observations within our chapter area to be included in the quest to reach 1 million observations by Texas Master Naturalists within Texas.	
	An umbrella project for all Texas Master Naturalist chapters was created in November 2024. The North Texas iNaturalist project was created to represent NTMN in the statewide umbrella project. Currently, the Texas Master Naturalist umbrella project has 850k+ observations with 14 chapters participating. Currently, NTMN is responsible for roughly 10% of the total observations. Help us get the project to 1 million observations by joining. By joining all past and future observations a member does on iNaturalist within our service area will be included in the umbrella project. It's also a great way to interact with MN from other chapters, see what they	

see, and create friendships through common interests. Like a social network for nature nerds!

**Texas Master Naturalist Project** 

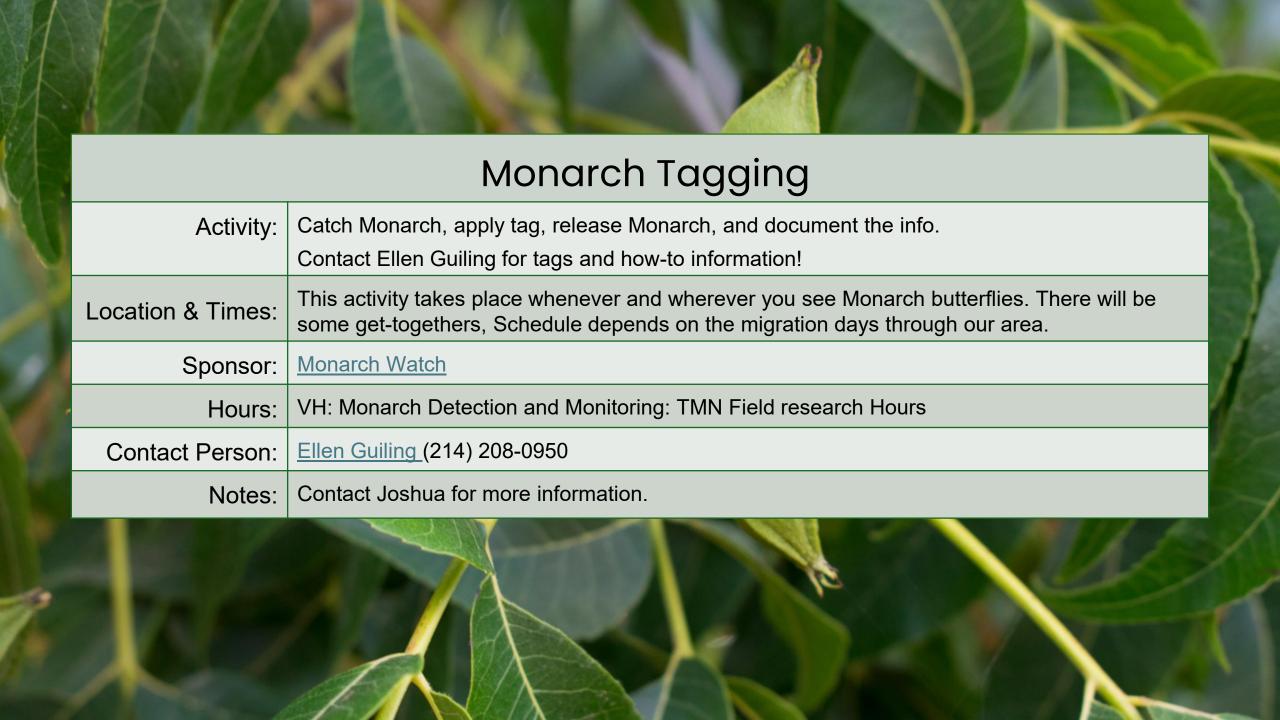
Location & Times: | iNaturalist Observations can be made anytime and any day.

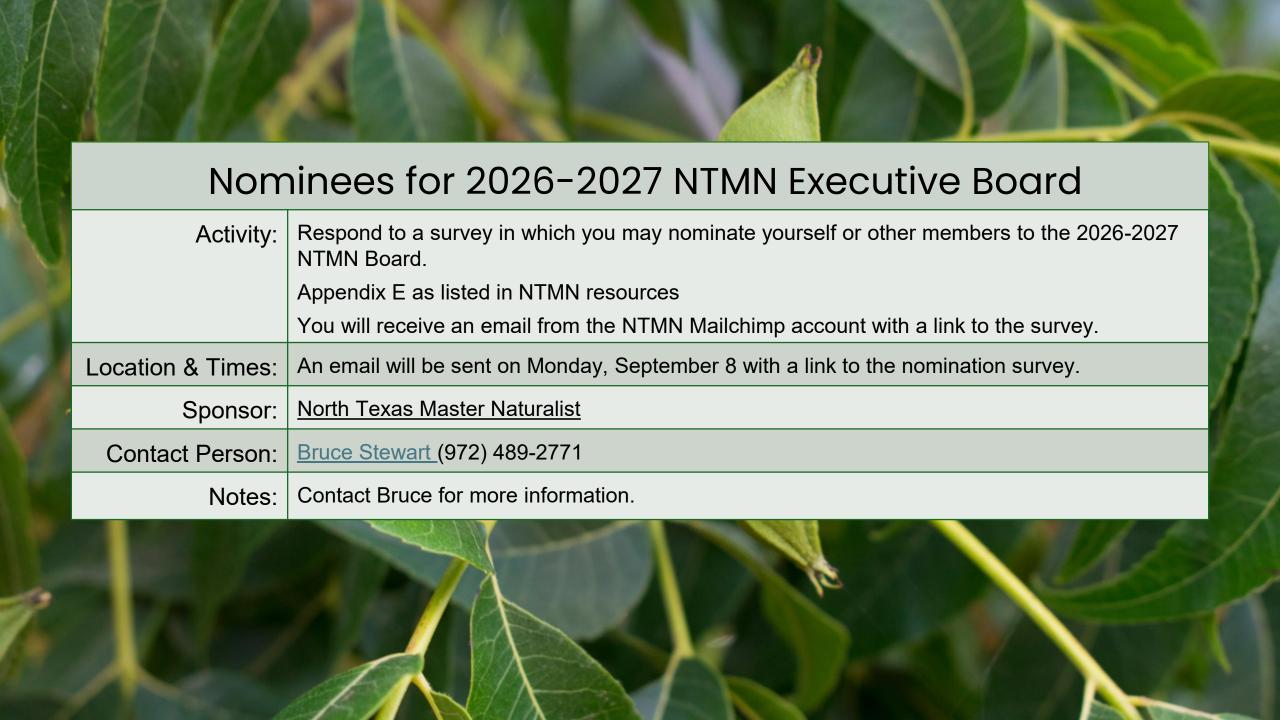
North Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Project

Sponsor: North Texas Master Naturalist

Contact Person: Joshua Ebright (310) 347-7554

Notes: Contact Joshua for more information.





	Community Forester Academy
Activity:	Learn basic tree physiology, tree identification, proper planting and maintenance and more. Both classroom and field training included.  Registration required before August 31, 2025, by email to  CommunityForester@dallas.gov
Location:	Trinity River Audubon Center, 6500 S Great Trinity Forest Way, Dallas, TX 7521
Date/Time:	5 Saturdays, 9/6, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, and 10/25
Hours:	AT, AT: Dallas Citizen Forester Training
Sponsor:	City of Dallas Forestry
Preston Willms	Preston Willms (214) 671-2140

## Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest 1st Tuesday Speaker Series

Activity:	Kimberlie Sasan: Galls - Let's Get Curiously Addicted
	Galls are fascinating structures found on a wide variety of plants. This presentation will explore the diverse range of galls found in nature, from the simple bumps caused by mites to the complex structures induced by wasps. Join us to learn what galls are, how to identify the organisms that make them, and even how you could find the next undescribed species!
	Kimberlie Sasan is a Cross Timbers Texas Master Naturalist from the Fort Worth area. She started out with a wide variety of volunteer activities, mostly bluebird nestbox monitoring and working with the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, both of which she still does today. In 2022 she described a gall new to science, Druon laceyi, and helps Gallformers.org as an Administrator. Kimberlie is also an Herbarium and Research Assistant at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.
Location:	Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2INdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89187002517?pwd=Ujc1UTEyVjNNbDhUUFJYMjFCV2INdz09</a> Meeting ID: 891 8700 2517 Passcode: 212786
Date/Time:	Tuesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 pm
Hours:	AT, 1 hours, AT: NTX: Other Pre-Approved Training
Sponsor:	Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest
Contact Person:	<u>Nancy Boeding (</u> 817) 542-2390
Notes:	Monthly, First Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Sept May

Activity:	Monthly Focus Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM; these meetings are in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife. Each gathering will feature: - Shared best practices, per topic, from each cemetery lead  A walk-through of the nearby cemetery site following indoor discussions.
Location:	Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, 2901 Pennsylvania Ave. Cemetery Walk: Oakland Cemetery
Date/Time:	Wednesday, Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> , from 2 pm
Hours:	AT; 2 hours, NTX: Other Pre-approved Training
Sponsor:	Constellation Of Living Memorials
Contact Person:	<u>Julie Fineman</u> (213) 700-7481
Sign-up:	https://volunteersignup.org/KYPEY
Notes:	Contact Julie with questions

8th Annual	World	Cleanup	Day
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Activity:	Join millions of volunteers for the world's biggest cleanup! Since 2018 we have hosted World Cleanup Day in Dallas! Join us in picking up litter at White Rock Lake: gloves, bag, pickers and water will be provided. Please wear clothes that are okay to get dirty/muddy, sturdy shoes/water boots/waders. Bring a refillable water bottle:)
Location:	Park at 833 Sunset Inn Circle. We will meet at Sunset Bay at WRL
Date/Time:	Saturday, Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> , from 8:00 am until 11:00 am
Hours:	VH, 3 hours, Dallas Parks and Open Spaces: White Rock Lake Cleanup
Sponsor:	We're a rag tag group that just wants our community to enjoy the beautiful outdoors and see animals thriving in their environment!
Contact Person:	<u>Van Nguyen</u>
Sign-up:	https://forms.gle/L42pZa69pdN9c6Wb6
Notes:	Email Van with questions.

## Volunteers needed for the TPWD building during the opening weekend of the State Fair

Activity:	3 days of volunteer opportunities during opening weekend of the State Fair! Texas Parks and Wildlife takes over the poultry building on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to showcase all of their programs and opportunities and to promote agriculture, education and community involvement.
	You will receive a free ticket to the State Fair as well as free parking on the fair grounds while also earning VH.
	4 1/2-hour shifts, morning and/or afternoon
Location:	State Fair of Texas-poultry building
Date/Time:	Friday, Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> through Sunday, Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>
Hours:	VH, 3 hours, NTX Outreach Events
Sponsor:	North Texas Master Naturalist
Contact Person:	Leea Thompson Fudge (214) 448-6598
Sign-up:	https://volunteersignup.org/AXJ84
Notes:	Email Leea with questions.

## NTMN Table at Texas Discovery Gardens during the State Fair

Activity:	Represent the North Texas Master Naturalists at the Texas Discovery Gardens during the State Fair of Texas. Earn VH and receive a free ticket to the fair as well as a parking pass. 4 1/2-hour shifts, morning and/or afternoon
Location:	Texas Discovery Gardens at the State Fair of Texas
Date/Time:	Starting Friday, Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am (See Sign-up sheet)
Hours:	VH, 3 hours, NTX Outreach Events
Sponsor:	North Texas Master Naturalist
Contact Person:	Leea Thompson Fudge (214) 448-6598
Sign-up:	https://volunteersignup.org/WBPBH
Notes:	Email Leea with questions.

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Activity:	Learn about the benefits of native plants, desirable plants for your area and design considerations for your landscape. NLCP is a state-wide program, but classes focus on the characteristics and plants in the region in which they are taught. This class is specific to the DFW area.
	In the class you will:
	- Learn about the importance of birds and Texas' role in bird migration - Identify threats to birds and steps to reduce them - Understand the relationship between birds and native plants
	- Create and maintain bird-friendly native plant landscapes
	- Become familiar with up to 50 native Texas plants that benefit your local birds
	Native Landscapes for Birds is a companion class to the Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP). It doesn't involve a test or a certificate. There is no prerequisite for this class.
Location:	Zoom & Spring Creek Forest Preserve
Date/Time:	Zoom meeting: Saturday Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Plant walk: 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Spring Creek Forest Preserve
Hours:	AT; 8 hours AT: NTX: Other Pre-approved Training
Sponsor:	Native Plant Society of Texas
Contact Person:	<u>Linda Foss</u> (830) 218-7211
Registration:	You must register to attend: https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/

## NPSOT NLCP: Level 1 Intro to Native Landscapes

Activity:	Learn about the benefits of native plants, desirable plants for your area and design considerations for your landscape. NLCP is a state-wide program, but classes focus on the characteristics and plants in the region in which they are taught. This class is specific to the DFW area.
	In the class you will:
	<ul> <li>Learn the value of including and preserving native plants in landscapes</li> <li>Understand the differences between sustainable and conventional development</li> <li>Discover your Texas ecoregion, vegetation, and soil.</li> </ul>
	- Become familiar with 45 native Texas plants recommended for your landscape and 5 plants to avoid
	NLCP Level 1 is a prerequisite for Levels 2 - 3 which may be taken in any order.
Location:	Zoom & Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park
Date/Time:	Zoom meeting: Saturday Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Plant walk: 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Laura W. Bush Native Texas Park
Hours:	AT; 8 hours AT: NTX: Other Pre-approved Training
Sponsor:	Native Plant Society of Texas
Contact Person:	Nancy Wilson (214) 405-0329
Registration:	You must register to attend: <a href="https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/">https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/</a>

## Naturalist Social Camp out

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Activity:	Join us for the Naturalists Social Campout at the Learning Gardens — a relaxed weekend of connection, exploration, and shared learning.	
	This is a chance to gather with fellow naturalists, swap knowledge, and enjoy the outdoors together. With over two miles of trails, a community outdoor kitchen, and both primitive and pull-in campsites, you'll have everything you need for a comfortable and inspiring stay. There won't be a formal schedule — programming will emerge organically based on the interests and skills of those who attend. Come ready to learn, teach, and connect!	
Location:	Learning Gardens: 7380 FM 1861, Athens, Texas 75752	
Date/Time:	Friday, Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> thru 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025, from 3 pm	
Hours:	N/A	
Sponsor:	<u>Learning Gardens</u>	
Contact Person:	<u>Susie Stillwell</u> (469) 818-7322	
Notes:		





#### **NATURALIST SOCIAL CAMPOUT:**

December 5 - 7, 2025 Athens, Texas



Email Susie for more info: susiemstillwell@gmail.com









