

WINTER AWARDS BANQUET 2026

T E X A S

Master
Naturalist™



NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

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Ashley Steel, Co-President



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Nationally:

- Master Naturalists in 48/50 states

Statewide:

- 6,000 TMNs across 48 chapters
- Serving 213 out of 254 counties in TX
- 7.5 MILLION hours of service
- An estimated \$170 MILLION in value

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NTMN:

- 379 active, dues-paying members (*not including current trainees*)
- 76 Projects

**2025 VH:
27,880 hrs**

**2025 AT:
4,289 hrs**

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Several members contributed *over 500 volunteer hours* in 2025 alone!

- Bruce Leiding
- Judy Meagher
- Lauren Young
- Steve Houser
- Lybo Buchanan

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Several members contributed *over 80 advanced training hours* in 2025 alone!

- Karen Carpenter
- Alex Murray
- Kent Roberts



Overview

161,217
OBSERVATIONS

6,236
SPECIES

5,841
IDENTIFIERS

83
OBSERVERS

[Stats](#)

Recent Observations [→](#)

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Ross's Goose
Anser rossii

1 6 hours ago



Chukar
Alectoris chukar

3 3 5 hours ago



Brown-blotched Amydria Moth
Amydria effrenatella

1 a day ago



Ribbed Cocoon-Making Moths
Family Bucculatricidae

2 19 hours ago



Most Observations

1st vince13 15,488

nathanmayflower 11,891

jcat 11,269

jnemoebright 11,138

sandrahorton 6,483



Most Species

1st jnemoebright 2,343

nathanmayflower 2,013

vince13 1,776

sandrahorton 1,470

inhat83 1,418



Most Observed Species

Mallard 770

Western Honey Bee 756

Monarch 739

Pond Slider 657

Northern Cardinal 611

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More Highlights:

- Dragonflyer is back!
- Nature Ambassadors!
- Affinity Groups!
- Accessibility info for field trips and projects!

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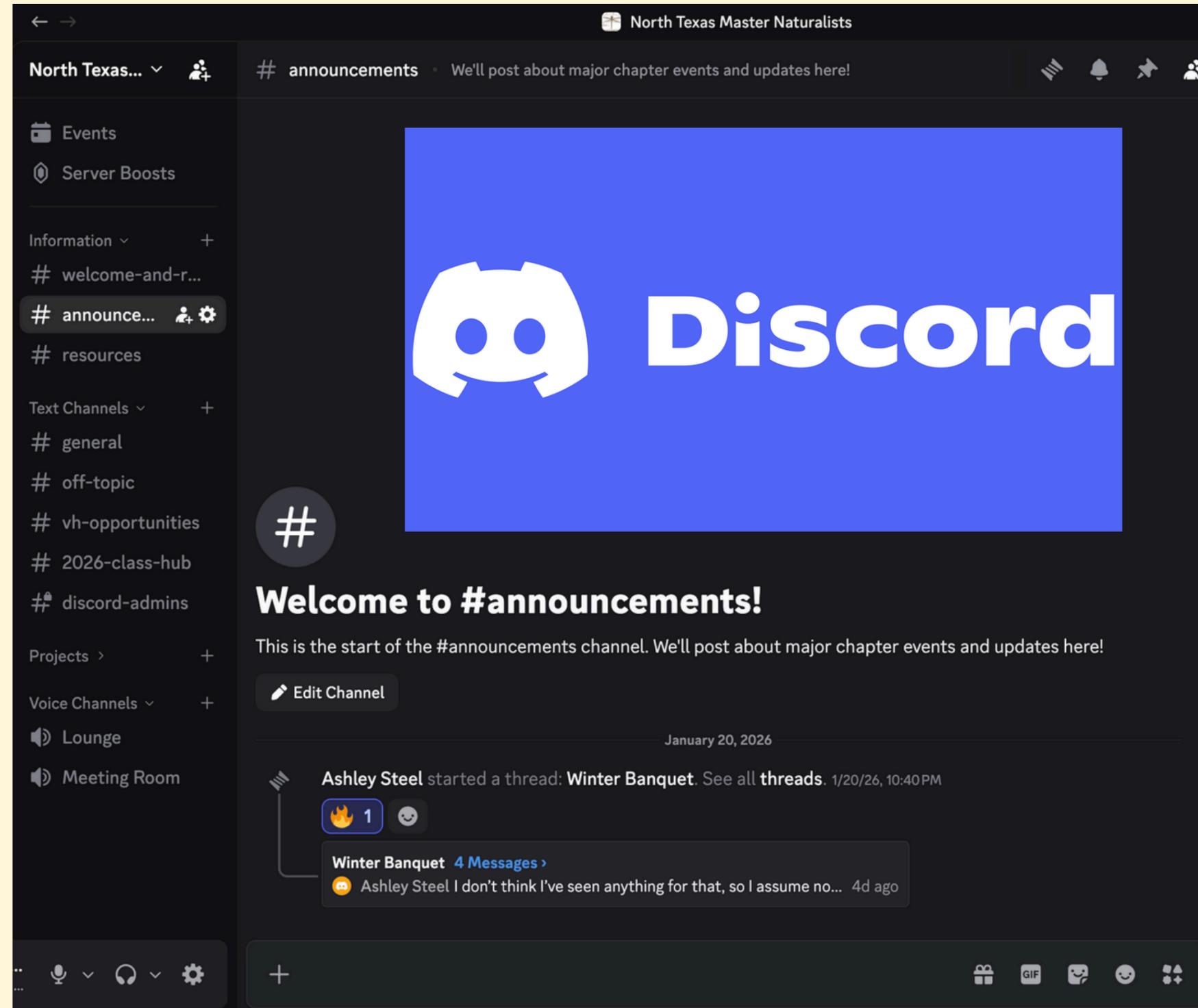
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COMING VERY SOON...

Chapter-wide
Discord
server!

Affinity Groups,
projects, etc can
have their own
channels within
the server!



Discord =
Organized
Group Chat

A tool to make
communication
throughout the
chapter easier

MATTHEW ORWAT

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

LEADERSHIP NEEDED...

NED AND GENIE FRITZ BUCKEYE TRAIL

- A team of 2-4 NTMNS is needed to join Charlie Marshall on leadership for the Buckeye Trail project
- Help needed leading **administration**, **communications**, and **restoration**.

Reach out to activites@ntmn.org

GOOD NEWS FROM TPWD

Sam Kieschnick



PALO PINTO MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

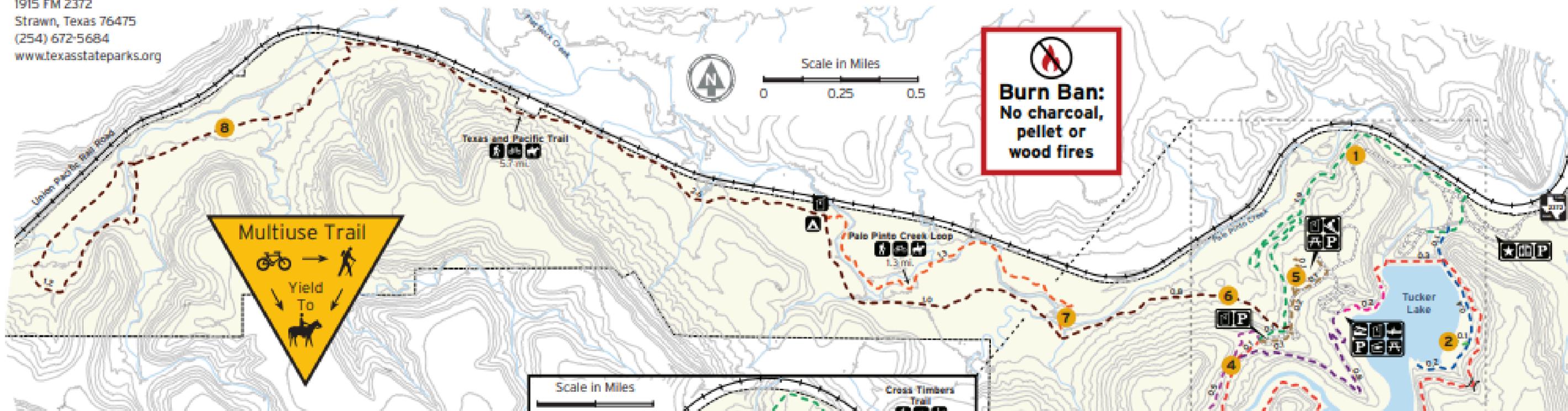
An aerial photograph of a vast, dense green forest. A prominent, winding dirt road snakes through the trees, starting from the bottom left and curving towards the center. In the upper middle of the image, a large, calm lake reflects the sky. The background shows rolling hills under a soft, hazy sky, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is serene and natural.

Opening THIS YEAR!



Palo Pinto Mountains State Park Trails Map

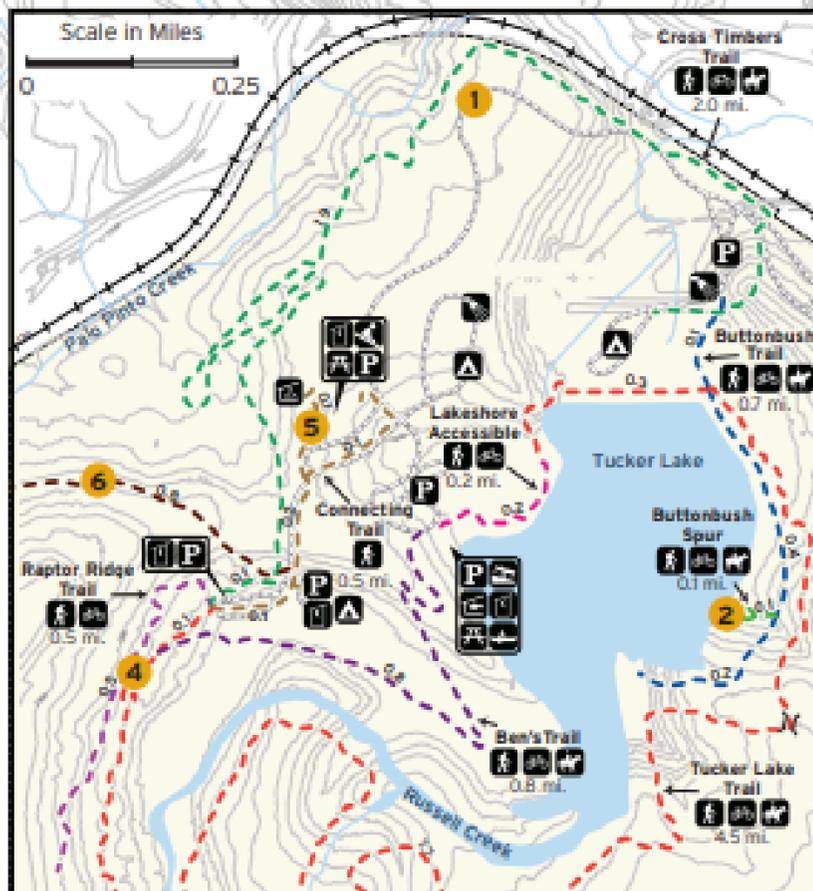
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POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 SUNSET WATCH** 32.5384° -98.5644°
Catch a view of dramatic evening skies or watch the train wander through the hills.
- 2 MESQUITE GROVE** 32.5296° -98.5587°
Relax under the shade of mesquite trees on the banks of Tucker Lake.
- 3 LIMESTONE SINKHOLE** 32.5225° -98.5660°
Look down or you'll miss this hidden limestone bowl next to the Tucker Lake Trail.
- 4 RUSSELL CREEK OVERLOOK** 32.5284° -98.5714°
On the edge of Raptor Ridge Trail, see where Russell Creek meets Lake Tucker.
- 5 CANYON VIEW OVERLOOK** 32.5328° -98.5678°
Gaze at rolling hills, marvel at setting suns, or watch the train come around the bend.
- 6 WILDFLOWER PRAIRIE** 32.5321° -98.5719°
Walk through a sea of changing colors throughout the year.
- 7 ROCKY BOTTOM** 32.5309° -98.5804°
Skip across the shallow limestone pools and look for frogs among the reeds.
- 8 RAGSDALE CABIN** 32.5400° -98.6273°
Far west on our Texas & Pacific Trail, rest on this old hunting cabin's porch.



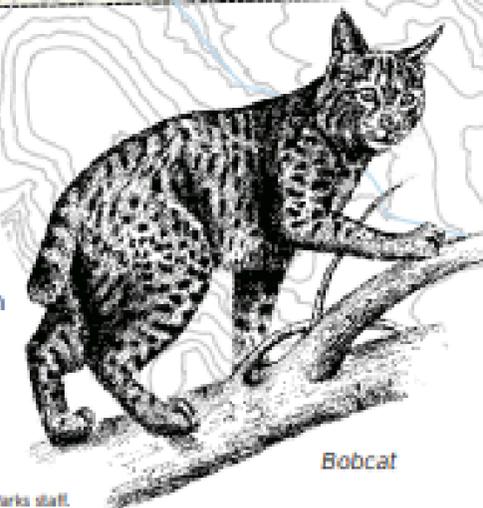
LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restrooms
- Vault Toilet
- Parking
- Showers
- Hiking Trail
- Biking Trail
- Horse Trail
- Day-use Area
- Playground
- Campsites
- Boat Ramp
- Fish Cleaning
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Bridge

All trails are hiking, biking, and Equestrian unless otherwise indicated by icons.
Contour intervals 20 feet. No claims are made as to the accuracy of the data or its suitability to a particular use. Map compiled by Texas State Parks staff.

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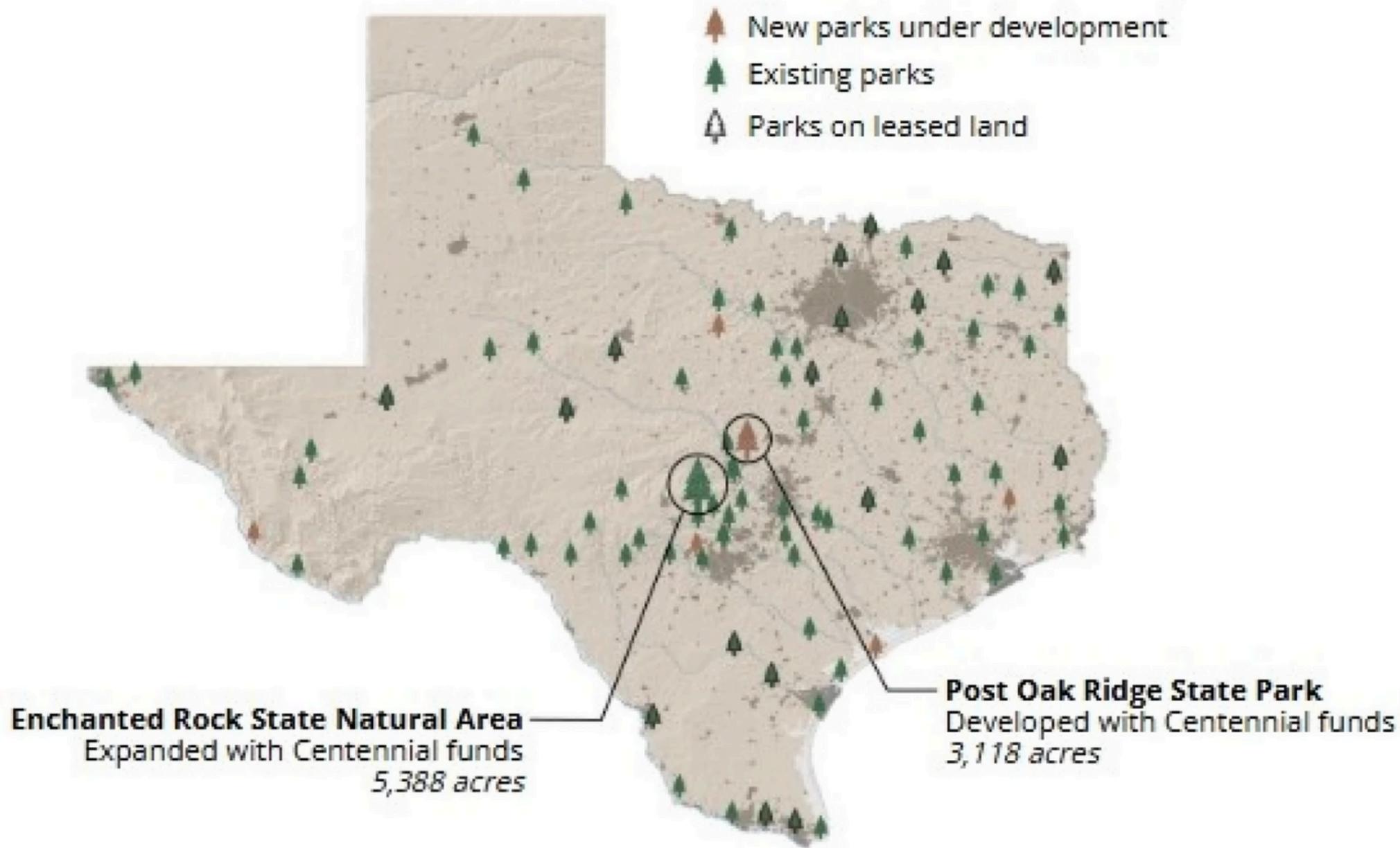


Bobcat

Post Oak Ridge State Park & Enchanted Rock State Natural Area expansions

Texas is developing new state parks

Money from the **\$1 billion** Centennial Parks Conservation Fund approved by voters in 2023 will be used to develop the new Post Oak Ridge State Park and expand Enchanted Rock State Natural Area.



Bear Creek State Park



*New Land Acquisition
near Garner State Park*

**BEAR CREEK
STATE PARK**
1,720 Acres



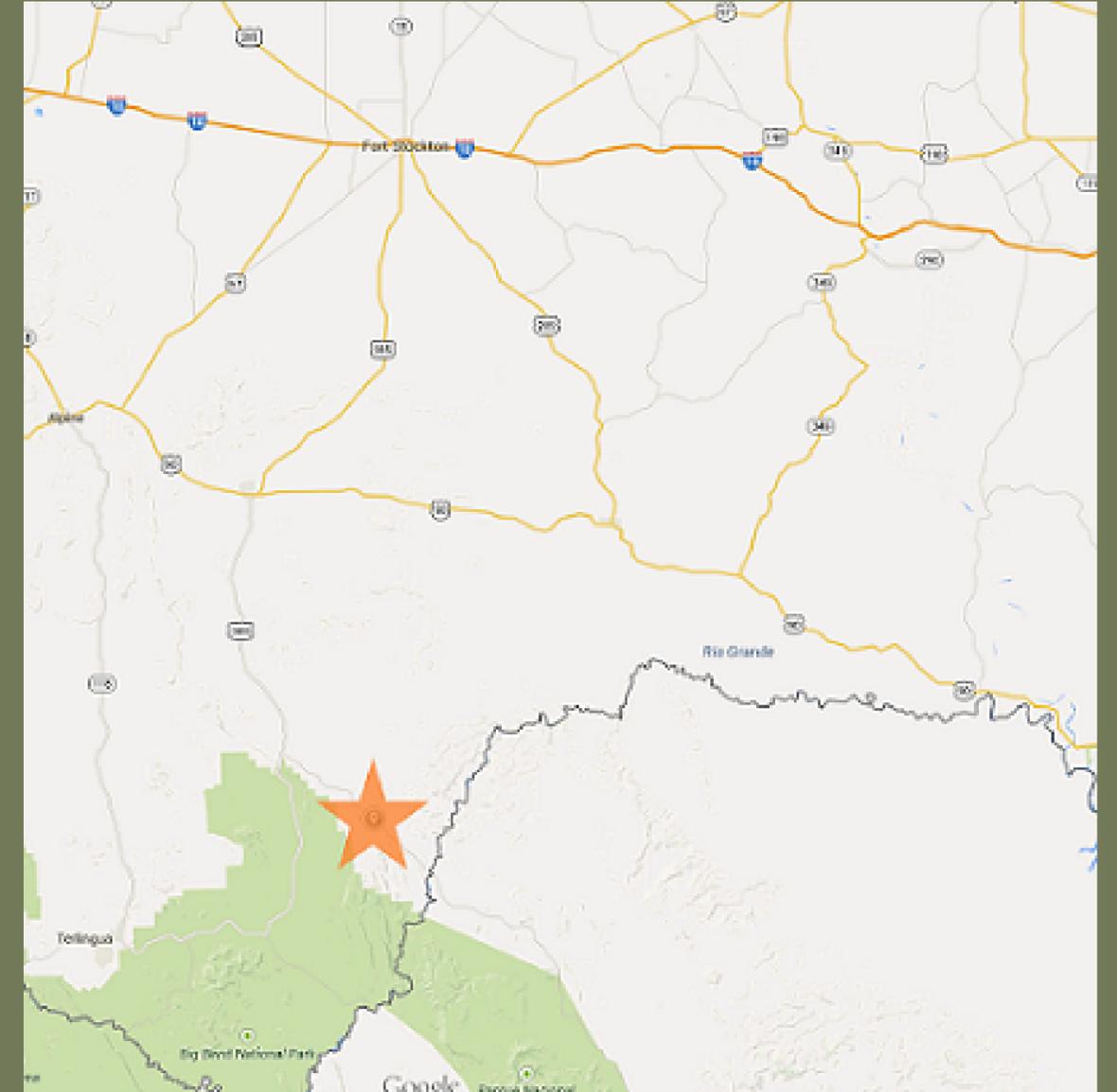


**NEW! Trinity River
Wildlife Management Area**

6,900 Acres

Anderson County, East Texas





**671 acres added to Black Gap WMA
along the Rio Grande**

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center



“All-terrain” track chairs in state parks





*\$22 of every \$30
goes to conservation
research*

25th Anniversary of Horned Lizard License Plate

Habitat Recovery along Kerr County



10th Year Participating in City Nature Challenge

*This year, we will compete
amongst the 6 master
naturalist chapters in
DFW!*



Master Naturalist projects for City Natur...

Overview

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OBSERVATIONS

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SPECIES

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IDENTIFIERS

Leaderboard

Sort By: [Observations](#) | [Species](#) | [Observers](#)



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BPMN - City Nature Challenge 2026: Dallas/Fort Worth



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CTMN - City Nature Challenge 2026: Dallas/Fort Worth



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EFMN - City Nature Challenge 2026: Dallas/Fort Worth



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ITMN - City Nature Challenge 2026: Dallas/Fort Worth



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NTMN - City Nature Challenge 2026: Dallas/Fort Worth



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RBMN - City Nature Challenge 2026: Dallas/Fort Worth

Results From Years Past

- 2025 – 72,102 observations of 4349 species by 1859 observers
- 2024 – 47,006 observations of 3336 species by 1529 observers
- 2023 – 48,654 observations of 3005 species by 1391 observers
- 2022 – 42,167 observations of 3393 species by 1379 observers
- 2021 – 37,981 observations of 3009 species by 1202 observers
- 2020 – 32,890 observations of 2711 species by 1351 observers
- 2019 – 36,540 observations of 2622 species by 1076 observers
- 2018 – 35,078 observations of 2446 species by 860 observers
- 2017 – 23,805 observations of 2397 species by 539 observers

The 2026 CNC takes place in 2 parts

1

April 24 – April 27, 2026

Taking pictures of WILD plants and animals. (Wild means that it wasn't put there, and is not being taken care of by people.)

2

April 28 – May 10, 2026

Uploading observations and identifying what was found.



**Mark your
calendars!**

Results will be announced on Wednesday May 13, 2026.

GOOD NEWS FROM TPWD



NTMN Logo Wear

Order from Threadlogic.com

- Select “logo on file” (required for logo).
- Select your item
- Enter “North Texas Master Naturalist Group Order” in Order Notes.
 - *If you do this, they will remove the small order fee*
- Enter your billing address attached to your credit card.
- Enter your shipping address and select a shipment method.

The Small Batch Processing fee will be listed on your order, but you will only be charged for your item and shipping.

Order by Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Items will ship to your address around March 6 or 7th

If you simply must, you can also order
by phone 952-492-4060.

- *Identify yourself as part of NTMN group order*

Questions? stephanie@threadlogic.com



2025 Certified Members

Anne Edwards
New Class Director
2024 - 2025



North Texas Master Naturalist Initial Certification Completed in 2025

Alexa Gilbert

Amanda Koonce

Annaliza Bittner

Bee Fehse

Cathy Buchanan

Cayden O'Brien

Chuck Snakard

Diana O'Connor

Elaine Simon

Greg White

Hannah Byers

Ilyse Putz

Jane Corley

Jay Bhalerao

Jeff Brown

Jennifer Quinn

Jim Hambleton



Joel Bigley

Johana Gutierrez

Katelyn Miskimins

Kathy Watson

Kelli Sinquefield

Kent Roberts

Kit Myers

Krista Varney

Kruti Kamdar

Lea Andrah Beckworth

Libby Flora

Liz Tindall

Lynn Djahangiri

Mariana Rubio

Mary Rogers

Michael James

Morgan Laughlin

Patti Erickson

Peter Vining

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Sergio Vargas

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Shawna Garrey

Sherrie Taylor

Steve Davies

Steve Pickett

Taylor Weddington

Wendy Kelly

Ying Wang

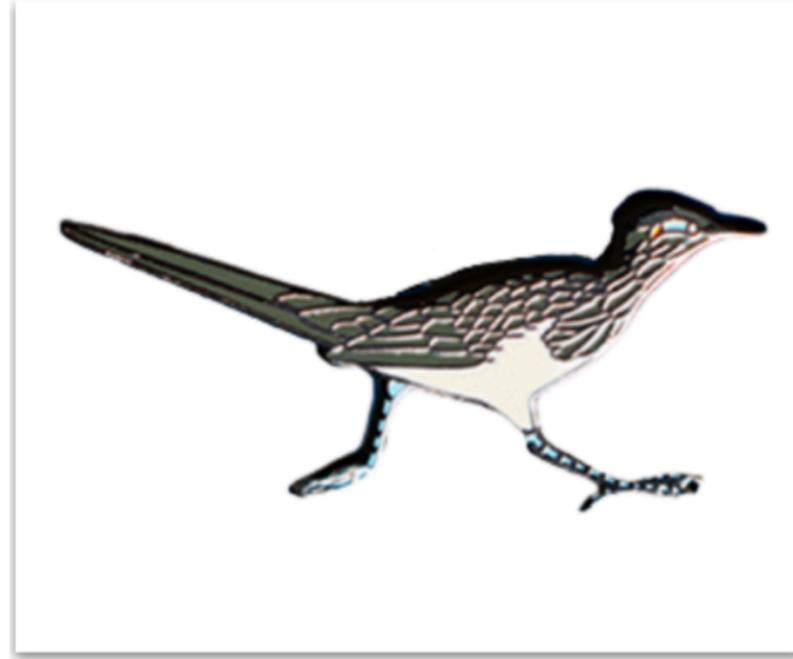
Recertifications & Milestones

Kelly Martin
Membership Director



North Texas Master Naturalist Recertified in 2025

Anthony Adler
Karen Albracht
Jean Allen
Michael Allen
Beth Andresen
Julia Bacak
Bruce Ballengee
Elias Baron
Gary Barton
Lea Andrah Beckworth*
Samantha Behrent
Jay Bhalerao*
Emily Black
Nancy Boeding
Stephen Boeding
Suzanne Braddick
Leah Breitenstine
Sarah Brodbeck



Jeff Brown*
Cathy Buchanan*
Lybo Buchanan
Karen Carpenter
Sierra Carter
Brenda Catlett
Judy Cato

Linda Chance
Cale Chapman
Erika Choffel
Reba Collins
Jane Corley*
Chrissy Cortez-Mathis
Sean Cortez-Mathis

Adrienne Cortez
Pam Daniel
Pamela DeAngelo
Lois Diggs
Linda Donnelly
Suzanna Dooling
Joshua Ebright
Anne Edwards
Gail Elmendorf
Patti Erickson*
Bee Fehse*
Carol Feldman
Aleena Figueroa
Julie Fineman
Jasmine Flores
Timothy Gibson
Alexa Gilbert*
Richard Grayson

North Texas Master Naturalist Recertified in 2025

Ginger Greatens
Patricia Griffin
Melanie Grimes
John Griswold
Nancy Griswold
Doug Guiling
Ellen Guiling
Vera Guillen
Johana Gutierrez*
Vincent Hale
Marcie Haley
Sue Hall
Susan Hamilton
Linda Hampton
Laura Haynes
Ruth Hewes

Caleb Hinojos
Al Hirschler
Kathy Hirschler
Sandra Horton
Steve Houser
Claire Howell
Stephanie Huerta
Sarah Hutchings
Jessamin Jensen
Nicole Jones
Robert Kaaa
Laura Kimberly
Connie Koval
Jeanne Kuehn

Joe LaBay
Justin Langhorst
Bruce Leiding
Marion Lineberry
Chiew Sing Ling
Mary Lobb
Shannon Lunny*
Mary Mamantov
Linda Manduley
Charlie Marshall
Kelly Martin
Nathan May
Judy Meagher
Jordan Michel

Erin Mollet
Monica Morrison
Laura Murphy
Alex Murray
Monica Nagle
Van Nguyen
Roselyn Olds
Miah Oren
Lorry Parker
David Parrish
John Pauley
Angela Perez-Michael
Andrea Perleberg
Alice Anne Perry
Rebecca Posten
Amanda Pounds

Marcus Ramos
Malette Reed
Anne Regan
Val Reiss
Jade Reynolds
Bob Richie
Omar Rivera
Kent Roberts*
Susan Roberts
Elizabeth Rosenauer
Carolyn Rozier
Tina Rust
Matthew Saathoff
Kenneth Saintonge
Christine Salmon
Kim Sanders George
Becky Sans
Ann Sansone

North Texas Master Naturalist Recertified in 2025

Susan Sattell
Carol Silverthorne
Timothy Skipworth
Janet Smith
Shelby Smith
Haley Spencer
Lori Spies
Richard Spies
Ashley Steel
Matthew Stepanek
Elena Stephens
Susie Stillwell
Thomas Strimpel

Jennifer Stuart
Elizabeth Sutherland
Natha Taylor
Leea Thompson Fudge
Liz Tindall*
Holly Toland
Caroline Trotman
Kent Trulsson
Scott Tudor
Stephanie Varnum
Cecilie Wallace
Barry Walters
Susan Walters

Charlie Warnberg
Joshua Watson
Terry White
Tom Willard
Charles Williamson
Bethany Willis
Barbara Wilson
Dana Wilson
Michael Wilson
Nancy Wilson
Steven Wilson
John Wilt
Whitney Wolf
Susey Woodruff
Christine Wordlaw
Meredith Worrell
Lauren Young
Ted Zobeck

North Texas Master Naturalist
250 Hour Milestone 2025

Nancy Boeding
Cathy Buchanan
Denise Costello
Patti Erickson
Vera Guillen
Michael Puttonen
Malette Reed
Anne Regan
Christine Salmon
Sandra Horton
Susan Sattell
Haley Spencer
Lori Spies



Sam Behrent
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Sue Hall
Charlie Marshall
Sean Cortez-Mathis
Alex Murray
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**Brenda Catlett
Anne Edwards**



**Karen Albracht
Dorothy Buechel
Sierra Carter
Suzanna Dooling
Michael Gaffney**

North Texas Master Naturalist
2500 Hour Milestone 2025



Lauren Young

North Texas Master Naturalist
4000 Hour Milestone 2025



Bruce Leiding

North Texas Master Naturalist
5000 Hour Milestone 2025



Jim Shouse
Class of 2009

Pin Pick Up Options

Chapter Meetings at Brookhaven

If you earned and have not picked up your pins, they are also available to be picked up.



North Texas Master Naturalist
Recertify in 2026



** Save the Date *
* Big Chapter Project **

- Join us for a workday:*
- Plant Trees
 - Create a Pollinator Garden
 - Removing invasive plants
 - Planting seeds
 - iNaturalist

Saturday
April 11,
2026



*Dallas College
Cedar Valley
Campus in
Lancaster*

More Details Coming Soon!

THANK YOU, AND GOODNIGHT!

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