



# BRAZOS BEND BUNCH BUGLE

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## JULY MEETING NOTES

by Nicole Olsen

President James Blankenship called the July 12 meeting to order. There were 25 in attendance: nineteen members, three staff members, two visitors and one VIT. The June 2008 meeting minutes were approved as posted. Steve Killian, David Heinicke and Sharon Hanzik brought their reports, which are included elsewhere in the newsletter.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

#### Treasurer's Report:

**Diane Carpenter** brought the budget report for June 2008. The following budget requests were approved:

- Fiberglass sign – The new design now includes the Nature Center and tent camping. **Glen Kilgore** has approved use of the Exxon grant for this project.
- Road base materials - Funds to rent equipment to move materials located outside of Kraft's store.
- Crushed limestone for trail maintenance project.
- Speakers for the classroom for programs.
- Texas flag - The BBSP volunteer organization will take over the responsibility of the flagpole and Texas flag. **Warren Jackson** has been responsible for the care and maintenance of the flagpole and Texas flag for the past 15 years. The pole is dedicated to Warren's father.

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**David Heinicke** reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> bicycle parade was a great success. There were 97 bikes and vehicles, and approximately 115 people. There are clips on YouTube. Thanks to everybody for their support!

**James Blankenship** mentioned the Bryan Leach Memorial. His wife has asked it to be placed where she can visit it easily. We are open to suggestions for a fitting memorial for Bryan.

September is time to elect new officers. **Bruce Williamson** has volunteered for the nominating committee but we need 2 more people. Positions open are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Training:

**Anna Dell Williamson** stated that your support is important. Training starts in September. We are asking for resource people and mentors.

Gift Shop Report:

**Beth Debenport** stated that we are doing really well. Thanks to all for the help. Sundays are sparse, so please sign up.

Newsletter:

**Anna Dell Williamson** reported that **Jenn Mantei** has taken over doing the layout of the newsletter. We've received nice comments from Austin leadership. We are including more continuing education items in the newsletter now.

Maintenance Report:

The Maintenance Report submitted by Noel Duncan is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

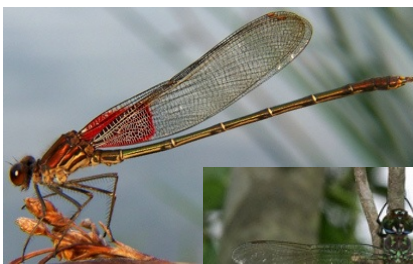
OLD BUSINESS: From **Chuck Duplant** – thanks to **Jennifer & Curtis Parent** and **Judy Strauss** for help on the prairie platform.

NEW BUSINESS: Please welcome **Dave Armstrong**, a new VIT about to finish!

## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE . . .

Dragonflies & Damselflies?

Answers are on page 14



# STAFF REPORTS

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### STEVE KILLIAN



We have had another good month...the best June ever! In June we started the trails grant project with staff and volunteers. It rained a lot. We will purchase trail material with trail grant funds and volunteer funds. We will be asking for money to rent a dump truck.

We installed an overflow structure at Hale Lake.

We continued to control vegetation in lakes and prairies. We pumped water into Elm and Hale Lakes. We conducted a river float trip with **David Heinicke's** help. Articles can be found in the *Houston Chronicle* and Brazoria newspapers. The float trip focused on recreational potential, protection of the river, historical and natural significance.

We worked with Walt Bailey to add the Nature Center to the new sign.

Revenue is great, visitation is up, but fuel and electricity are hurting the budget.

We replaced the AC in the Nature Center, thanks to **Jerry Bartel**.

There was a question concerning the new topping on the Creekfield trail. Hopefully the material will cure and there will be less sticking.

## INTERPRETIVE STAFF REPORTS

### DAVID HEINICKE



Please keep an eye on each other and on visitors due to the high heat. Contact park staff to help if you find anyone with heat problems.

Alligator nesting – there are a few at Creekfield, Hale, and Elm Lakes. Horseshoe Lake nests are low. In August, hopefully we will get some eggs and/or baby alligators.

The deer hunt dates are posted on the calendar: November 4 to 6 and December 1 to 4.

I'll be going to a four-day work week: Mon/Tue/Wed are days off. I will be checking e-mails.

The trail markers were done last month. At least 75% are done, great feedback so far – helpful if people are lost. The trail head maps are still in design, a bit changed, and will be unique to each trailhead.

Camping 101 – BBSP is a pilot park for the Family Outdoor Camping Program. We will teach “how to do” programs to introduce families to camping. Any volunteer, if interested, can help. Contact **Steve Killian**. We want it to be a good, positive experience. It is planned in October and November.

Thanks to all who have helped in the heat and with programs! It's very much appreciated!

## SHARON HANZIK

We are having good visitation at the Nature Center. You are still welcome to do programs on weekdays. We are getting a lot of publicity.

Chris Free, TPWD ranger, is visiting from Lake Tawakoni State Park (Donna Garde's park). He's here to pick our brains for ideas.



A big thanks to all!

# NATURE CENTER REPORT

## July 2008

*by Anna Dell Williamson*

Following are the totals for the various activities and attendance recorded for the Nature Center, hikes, and programs for July 1 -31, 2008:

PROGRAMS	TOTALS
<b>NATURE CENTER ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>Total for July 2008 5272</b>
<b>CREEKFIELD HIKES (11)</b> (One special hike for group)	<b>308</b>
<b>ALLIGATOR PROGRAMS/HIKES (6)</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>ECO-EXPLORERS (5)</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>SNAKE (3)</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (6)</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>BIRD PROGRAMS/HIKES (2)</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>HIKES ON VARIOUS TOPICS (6)</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>BIKE PARADE</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>WASP DEMO</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS (7)</b> Includes photo walk, Creatures of the Night, Animal Intrigue, mammals, butterflies, flowers, skulls, spotting scope (3), bats	<b>211</b>
<b>TOTAL VISITORS SERVED IN HIKES AND PROGRAMS</b>	<b>1323</b>

# JULY MAINTENANCE REPORT

*by Ron Morrison and Noel Duncan*

## **Wood Yard:**

Split wood

## **Mowing and Landscaping:**

Chipped several limbs on Elm and Hale Lake picnic grounds as requested by Rangers  
Cut the grass, edged & trimmed at the wood yard, boy scout and Don's trees

## **Trail Trimming and Trail Maintenance:**

Trimmed a portion of the Bayou Trail at the Bluestem Trail  
Trimmed a service road so the dump trucks can deliver 40 Acre Lake trail topping  
Assisted the rangers with adding topping to Elm Lake trail  
Trimmed a portion of the Bayou Trail

## **Equipment Maintenance:**

Repaired the tailgate on the '07 Gator  
Repaired a flat tire on the wood splitter  
Serviced the wood chipper for 50 hour service - installed a new bar, chain and bar tightener to replace damaged parts  
Greased and oiled the Gators and JD tractor  
Installed replacement coil in 2006 Gator – now running  
Installed CV joint boot which required the complete rebuild of the front end (**Rob Wolfinger**)

## **Pest Control:**

Cleared Chinese Tallow trees at the entrance to Pilant Slough Trail, the 100 and 200 campsite loops, and the road from the wood yard  
Installed hooks on two donated chains to pull Chinese Tallow trees

## **Special Projects:**

Completed the cover on the prairie platform  
Worked on both Riverview windmill sites

## **Bryan Leach Memorial**

We are still working on ideas for a suitable memorial for **Bryan Leach**. If you have any suggestions, contact any member of the Executive Committee or the Maintenance Crew. It needs to be in a location that is easy to access.

## **Deer Hunt Information**

Every year, BBSP closes for an annual deer hunt. This year, we will have TWO hunts scheduled. The first hunt will be November 4 - 6, and the park will be closed beginning Monday, November 3, through noon on Thursday, November 6. The second deer hunt is scheduled December 2 - 4, and the park will be closed Monday, December 1 until Thursday noon, December 4.

# FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

*by David Heinicke*

The Tenth Annual Brazos Bend July Fourth Bike Parade for the public was held on Friday, July 4. We met at the Nature Center to decorate bikes, then had a big parade - complete with patriotic music! - through the camping loops, and returned to the Nature Center for watermelon, lemonade and snacks. There were 96 bikes, bike trailers, strollers, and other vehicles and about 115 participants. Many volunteers came to assist kids with decorating their bikes, ride their bikes in the parade, ride in the lead vehicle in the parade, and to help with refreshments after the parade. Adults and children alike enjoyed this fun activity.



# VOLUNTEER NEWS and NOTES

## Congratulations!

... to Dave Armstrong, who has completed his training and is now a full volunteer

## Birthdays

### July Birthdays:

**Debra Baker  
Diane Carpenter  
Jaci Elliott  
Martin Gay  
Joan Hebert (VIT)  
Susie Taylor  
Carlos Torres  
Barb Tucker  
Ronn Washington**

### August Birthdays:

**Tom Draper  
Eddy Grizzaffi  
Rob Thacker  
Frank Seay**

## Anniversaries

### July Anniversaries:

**James and Joyce Blankenship**

### August Anniversaries:

**Ray and Dana Anderson  
Jim and Lorena Calvert  
Ken and Beth Debenport  
Ron and Margaret Morrison  
Laszlo and Lexi Perlaky  
Frank and Stacey Seay  
Ronn and Mona Washington  
Bruce and Anna Dell Williamson**

## Thank You!

... from **Warren & Joan Jackson**, to the BBSP organization for assuming the responsibility of providing the Texas flags and maintaining the flagpole in front of the Nature Center in the future.

... to **Diane & Jerry Carpenter, Doris Dahse, Suzie Gann, Capt. Gene** (Park Host), **Sharon Hanzik, Linda & David Heinicke, Joan & Warren Jackson, Steve Killian Glen Kilgore, Judy Strauss, Offie Walker, Rochelle, Brian, James, Joseph and Molly Watson, Bruce & Anna Dell Williamson** and **Jerry Zona** for help with the July Fourth Bicycle Parade.

... to **Chuck Duplant, Jennifer & Curtis Parent** and **Judy Strauss** for their help on the prairie platform cover.

... to **Beth Debenport** and **Judy Strauss** for the July meeting supper.

... to **Jeff Orsak** for diagnosing and fixing up the '06 gator.

... to **Rob Wolfinger** for replacing the CV joint on the Kubota.

... to **Jim Calvert** for his ceaseless effort fighting the tallow trees.

... to **Joyce Blankenship, Diane Carpenter, Judy Strauss** and **Anna Dell Williamson** for helping cover the Gift Shop while Beth Debenport was out for surgery. We're glad to have Beth back in our midst. It took four people to do her job!

... to **Marty Gay** for getting the interpretive program information online. Great job Marty!

... to **Carrie Sample** for developing and presenting the Eco-Explorers summer children's program.

... to **Jerry and Diane Carpenter, Suzie Gann, Bill Godley, Eddy Grizzaffi, Patricia Marshall, Tom Prentiss** and **Pam Tatge** for help with the Eco-Explorers summer children's program.

## Upcoming Elections

The nominating committee, headed by **Bruce Williamson**, will be preparing a slate of nominees for the 2008-2009 year. The slate will be announced at the August meeting and additional nominations may be made from the floor. The election is at the September meeting. New officers will take office October 1, 2008. If you are interested in nominating someone or in running for an office, contact Bruce Williamson. Officers that are up for election at this time are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Below is a brief summary of the Standard Operating Procedures, Duties of Officers. The complete By-Laws and SOP's may be found in the Members' section of the BBSPVO website.

The President calls a monthly Executive Committee meeting prior to the General Meeting, appoints chairpersons of special committees or spokespersons for special events, sets the agenda for and presides over the General Meetings and Executive Committee meetings, represents the Volunteer Organization with the TPWD, votes in the case of a tie, has signature authority on checks, and makes every effort to foster a sense of community within the Organization.

The Vice-President assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence, coordinates continuing education, and coordinates new-volunteer training sessions.

The Secretary takes minutes at monthly General Meeting and the Executive Board Meeting, or other meetings as required, coordinates maintenance of an updated membership list, submits a copy of the Meeting notes to be published in the newsletter, collects and preserves documents and reports of interest to the history of the Organization, prepares and presents minutes of the General monthly Meeting at the following meeting for approval, and maintains the official copy of the By Laws and Standard Operating Procedures.

The Treasurer acts as budget committee chairman, files all appropriate tax forms, oversees and records cash flow and inventory of assets, compiles an annual budget report and a monthly financial report, keeps a record of all financial transactions, presents a report of finances at each General Meeting, has signature authority on checks and disburses money as approved by the Volunteers, works with the members of the Budget Committee in preparing a budget for the Organization and presents the budget at the first meeting of the year, nominates to the Executive Committee a Comptroller, and submits to the Budget Committee for approval any Supplemental Budget Requests.

## Trail Trimming Crew

The trail trimming crew meets most Fridays at the Nature Center at 8:30 AM, and on the second Saturday of the month (monthly meeting day). **Ron Morrison** heads up this group of dedicated workers. If you are interested in helping, you need to get on his e-mail list by contacting him at [rcmorri@alltel.net](mailto:rcmorri@alltel.net). It is important that you send him an email each time you plan to work. If he doesn't get any e-mails, he does not come out to the park.

Supplies you will need include work gloves, long sleeve shirt, long pants, well broken-in boots or sturdy shoes, insect repellent and plenty of water. Also bring eye and ear protection for working with the wood chipper. If there is a slight chance of some rain, bring rain gear. The trail to work each week is determined after everyone has responded.



# EXPO 2008

*by Sharon Hanzik*

Volunteer help is requested for EXPO 2008, which will be held at the TPWD Headquarters in Austin, October 4 and 5, 9:00 - 5:00 each day. This is a huge event which has been known to draw crowds as large as 44,000 for the weekend. It's FREE!!

Please visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) for all the details about expo. Our booth is part of a regional booth but it's just like taking a mini version of the Nature Center on the road. We will have static touch table items and a couple of baby gators (another park will bring snakes). You will get to tell visitors all about our park and have time to enjoy the event.

Hotel accommodations can be made from a list I will provide and you will get the State rate. The State will provide one T-shirt per staff/volunteer that signs up.

Please let me know as soon as you can. There should be plenty of time for you to decide but sign-up sheets are already circulating.

## Eco-Explorers Are Exploring Right Along

*by Carrie Sample*

Our Thursday morning Eco-Explorers had 24 children and 14 adults in attendance on July 17. The topic was "alligators" and **Tom Prentiss** started off the class with alligator information. The mother alligator at Creekfield Lake gave us a flopping performance when we went searching for gators! We will be offering this program thru August 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Eco-Explorers program would not be possible without our volunteers. **Eddy Grizzaffi** is our facilitator (picking up the fees and setting out the snacks). **Pam Tatge** led the two classes when I was in Canada. **Jerry Carpenter** has lent a helping hand when needed and **Diane Carpenter** has been opening the volunteer store on Thursdays. **Suzie Gann** will lead the session about armadillos on July 31<sup>st</sup> and has also been lending a helping hand. **Patricia Marshall** has started helping also! **Bill Godley** helped with the birds and **Tom Prentiss** will come again when we do snakes.

On upcoming Thursdays we will cover mammals, armadillos, the food chain, and finally the rest of the reptiles (snakes, lizards, turtles). If any more volunteers would like to come out, we would love to have you join us!

## Help for Interpretive Programs

*by Sharon Hanzik*

You will now be able to access our current catalog of interpretive program outlines. On the web site ([www.brazosbend.org](http://www.brazosbend.org)), click on "Members", then on "Interpretive Programs". Here you will find a list of outlines for current interpretive programs. The list does not include Power Point slide shows. Slide shows are viewable on the laptop computer that is available for use in presenting such programs.

Each outline contains a theme and three sub-themes. It is your responsibility to research these facts and decide how you would like to interpret them. TAKE IT AND MAKE IT YOUR OWN.

There is an outline template for you to use in the event that you would like to develop your own program(s). There are also useful tools and tips for you to reference in developing, preparing for and presenting your program. The interpretive staff is also available to assist you.

*Alligator Programs:*

Crunch 'N Munch.pdf  
Gotta Have Gators.pdf  
Peas in a Pod.pdf  
What's Love Got To Do With It.pdf

*Tools & Guidelines:*

Setting Expectations.pdf  
Presentation Checklist.pdf  
Park Policy.pdf  
Do's and Don'ts.pdf

*Bird Programs:*

Birds of Prey-Indoors.pdf  
Birds of Prey-SH.pdf  
Birds of Prey-Outdoors.pdf  
Owl Program.pdf  
Round the Clock Raptors.pdf  
Vulture Program.pdf

*Turtle Programs:*

Turtles.pdf  
Turtle Program.pdf  
Snapping Turtles Are NOT Mean.pdf

*Insect Programs:*

Insect.pdf  
Monarch.pdf

*Mammal Programs:*

Mammal Program.pdf  
Animal Tracks Hike.pdf  
Tracking Devices.pdf  
Skull Program.pdf  
Scat Program.pdf  
Hunting Animal Tracks.pdf

*Snake Programs:*

Mysterious Lives of Snakes.pdf

*Story Time Programs:*

Story Time Program.pdf  
Story Time Outline.pdf

*Environmental & Hiking Programs:*

Wetlands Hike.pdf  
Water Test.pdf  
Understanding Weather.pdf  
Hiking Outdoor Safety.pdf  
Archeology.pdf

*General Program Outline (make your own program)*

## Snake Bites

by Dennis Jones

Being bitten by a venomous snake is a very serious situation. Unfortunately, Hollywood, superstition, and lack of information muddies the water about what you should do if you or someone you know is bitten by a venomous snake. Here's what you should do if bitten in North America. I refer to North America because our snakes are rather tame, venom-wise, by comparison to snakes in other parts of the world. This is what you do here. **Go to the Emergency Room.**

Don't cut the bite with a knife and suck the venom out (you are not John Wayne and it doesn't really work anyway). ***Don't*** use a tourniquet, pack the bite in ice or use electricity to shock the area. Don't panic and don't try to break land speed records getting to the doctor. You may injure yourself in an auto accident as a result of driving recklessly. **Go to the doctor.**

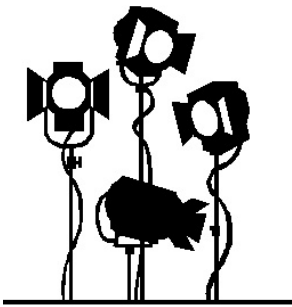
Mark Twain said there are three kinds of lies: Lies, “#\$@%!#” Lies, and Statistics. Here are some facts (statistics) about snake bites. About 6 out of every 10 bites are defensive or “dry” bites. That means that very little venom is injected, if any at all. You are too big for a snake to eat and he does not waste venom unless you *really* tick him off and you don't get the point the first time. Besides the fact that more than half of the venomous bites are dry bites, records show that you are three times more likely to be struck and

killed by a bolt of lightning in Texas than to die of snake bite. So you are at greater risk of death or injury playing golf or certainly riding in a car.

You can take the dead snake to the hospital if you are unsure what kind it is. Never take a live snake with you. Doctors and nurses usually don't like that. After you get to the hospital, medical personnel will probably keep you overnight and treat your symptoms (pain, swelling) and give you a tetanus shot. They will probably NOT give you antivenin (or as most people call it, anti-venom) - the antidote to snake bite. Sometimes that treatment is more dangerous than the bite itself.

That's basically all you do. **Seek medical treatment.** It's certainly not, if you'll pardon the pun, taking a walk in the park, but it is very likely you won't die or be permanently harmed from snake bite in North America.

The best thing you can do is **prevent snakebite.** The easiest way to do that is simply think about where you put your hands, feet, and head. Now, is anyone up for a round of golf?



## Volunteer Spotlight: *Tom Prentiss*

*by Jenn Mantei*

What better to follow an article about treating snakebite than a "Spotlight" on our resident snake guy, **Tom Prentiss**? Tom can often be found in the Nature Center, charming a somewhat tentative group with his wit and enthusiasm while holding one of our corn snakes. Or teaching a program about snakes. Or leading an interpretive hike. Tom loves reptiles in general, and snakes in particular. But did you know that Tom is also a Texas Master Naturalist, Certified Interpretive Guide with the National Association for Interpretation (a distinction he earned recently via a class held at the park), and holds a Wildlife Sciences degree from Texas A & M?

I first met Tom when I attended his snake program, "The Mysterious Lives of Snakes," as part of my volunteer training. I was struck not only by his easygoing manner with the snakes he was demonstrating, but also by the breadth of his knowledge and his ebullience in discussing the subject. Tom believes that snakes are the most misunderstood of animals, and strives to dispel myths. I don't think I was alone in being inspired by Tom, and decided to try and be a little like him where snakes are concerned – a feat that would involve getting past my unfounded fear.

Tom began visiting the park about five years ago, when his neighbors joined him for a bird hike lead by David Heinicke, Bill Godley and Mark Garbutt. He signed up for volunteer training the following year. After all, he was retired now, and having taken herpetology courses in college felt he had something to offer. And he doesn't golf.



Tom's activities at the park include not only programs like "Mysterious Lives of Snakes", but interpretive hikes (including the Creekfield Lake hike and "Gators in the Mist") as well, because, he says, "the park is vital to the people in the surrounding community, especially the kids. John Muir said something about having to get people out into the woods so the trees can talk to them, and I believe that. Leading interpretive hikes is one of my favorite activities at the park; I enjoy helping educate people about the wildlife and plants we have here, especially the kids who live in the concrete jungle." Tom has also been helping Carrie Sample in the Eco-Explorers program this summer.

When he's not busy helping out at the park, he's active in the community as well. Tom is an active member and past-president of the Rosenberg Lions Club, and is an Aggies and Astros fan, too. At home, he tends a vegetable garden and a bluebird trail. A bluebird trail? I ask if that's a specialized hiking trail of some sort, which gets a chuckle (it's not). Tom has established five bluebird nesting boxes on his property, spread out over about 3.5 acres. He monitors the nests during incubation (about 14 days), and helps protect them from predators. Once the eggs hatch, it takes about 17 days for the young birds to fledge.

Tom is also very proud of his four grandkids (the youngest is five) and his two dogs, a soft-coated Wheaten terrier and an Airedale. "They're my 'children' too," he says.

Toward the end of our conversation, Tom mentioned a quotation by Baba Dioum, which sums up his idea of the important role volunteers play in helping visitors understand Brazos Bend. *"In the end we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught."* And I for one couldn't agree more.

## Wildflowers in August

What wildflowers do you see at Brazos Bend State Park? Here is a list of wild flowers that bloom in August. The month after the name is the end of the blooming period. Maybe you can identify some of these flowers as you explore the park:



Black Snakeroot (Nov.)



Blue Waterleaf (Oct.)



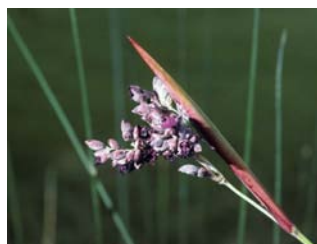
Climbing Hempweed (Nov.)



Goldenrod (Oct.)



Late-Flowering Boneset (Nov.)



Powdery Thalia (Nov.)



Tree Tobacco (Oct.)



### Dragonfly Identification (from page 2):

(A) American Rubyspot; (B) Swamp Darner; (C) Common Baskettail;  
(D) Eastern Pondhawk; (E) Familiar Bluet.

# What's In the Garden?

by Joan Jackson

## Hummingbird Bush (Firebush, Texas Firecracker)

*Hamelia patens*



Hamelia, a showy fast-growing evergreen shrub, may reach a height of 8 to 10 feet in one growing season. Hummingbirds are drawn to nectar from this plant. The reddish-orange or scarlet tubular flowers are found in clusters on the ends of the branches. The fruit, berries turning from green to yellow to red and finally to black, is attractive to birds.

"Firebush", another common name, does best in full sun, but will tolerate partial shade. It is drought tolerant, but in a well-drained soil does better with more water. It is a native of central and southern Florida, the West Indies, Central America and South America to Paraguay and Bolivia. In a hard freeze, it will die back to the root but emerges again in the spring. As noted above, it grows rapidly.

Indigenous people in tropical America use extracts of the leaves and stems to treat all kinds of skin diseases, such as rashes, skin fungus, sores and insect stings. Modern researchers have found that extracts of Hamelia contain several active photochemicals that have antibacterial and antifungal properties.

Two Hummingbird bushes are growing in the garden around the cistern behind the Nature Center. Our plants do not grow too tall.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2008

August 9	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
September 13	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
October 11	Volunteer Annual Picnic, 5:30 PM
October 25	Texian Market Days
November 4-6	Deer Hunt
November 8	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM
November 27	Thanksgiving (open Friday after, 9-5)
November 1-4	Deer Hunt
December 6	Simple Christmas, 3:00 - 7:00 PM
December 13	Regular meeting, 5:30 PM

**Brazos Bend State Park**

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→ **NEXT MEETING DAY AND TIME** ←  
**SATURDAY, August 9, 2008, 5:30 PM**



**REGULAR VOLUNTEER EVENTS**

Creekfield Hikes	Every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM, led by volunteers
Photo Hikes	First Saturday of each month
Volunteer meeting	Second Saturday of each month at 5:30 PM
Bird Hikes	See schedule in calendar

**BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION**

**VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OFFICERS**

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