



# BRAZOS BEND BUNCH BUGLE

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## IMPORTANT CHANGES PROPOSED BE SURE TO VOTE



At the March meeting, the By-laws Revision Committee of Offie Walker, Mary Lockwood and Anna Dell Williamson presented some proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). According to the method to amend the by-laws, etc., the changes are submitted to the Executive Committee (done at the March meeting) and to the General Membership

meeting (done at the March meeting), then distributed to the membership. At the next (April) meeting, the members present will vote on the proposals. It requires a 2/3 vote of members present to amend the By-laws and a simple majority of the members present to amend the Standard Operating Procedures.

The proposed changes were emailed to you on March 18 from Sharon Hanzik, and the proposed changes are also posted on the website in the Members section. The current By-laws and SOPs are also posted on the website so you can compare them.

Please read the proposed changes and attend the April 13 meeting to express your opinion and vote. Many of the proposed changes are to bring the current By-laws and SOPs up to date, and some proposals are to improve the organization as we grow. At the meeting, the proposals will be projected for the members to see. If you want a printed copy, please print them out from the email attachment or website, and bring it to the meeting.

Thanks to Anne Shelton for putting the documents on the website. Here are the links to the revised copies. The logon and password are the same as for the volunteer calendar.

[http://www.brazosbend.org/memberonly/SOPs for revision Mar 2013.pdf](http://www.brazosbend.org/memberonly/SOPs%20for%20revision%20Mar%202013.pdf)

[http://www.brazosbend.org/memberonly/Bylaws for revision Mar 2013.pdf](http://www.brazosbend.org/memberonly/Bylaws%20for%20revision%20Mar%202013.pdf)

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# FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

*reported by Anna Dell Williamson*

**President Mary Lockwood** called the February 9, 2013 meeting to order. There were 17 volunteers, 5 VITs, 3 staff members and 1 guest in attendance. **VITs** attending this meeting were Rae Bassett, Diane McCabe, Kayla Scott and Christian Vodnik from February 2013, and Art Olson from September 2012. Art has almost completed his training requirements. Mary thanked the volunteers who brought supper: **Judy Strauss**, Spaghetti; **Nelda Gay**, salad; **Offie Walker**, ice cream; and **Lindsay LaCour**, appetizer.

**Staff reports:** Steve Killian, Jacob Dement and Sharon Hanzik brought their reports, which follow.

**Treasurer Bob Kowalewski** brought the Budget report.

The following requests were presented and approved:

- Fire ring construction project, 6 metal propane tanks. Funding from the Management Budget and 2013 Park Structural Improvements.
- Four 4 x 4 hog traps - Materials. Jeff Orsak will build traps. Funding from General Park Maintenance budget.
- Blood Drive - refreshments (cookies and drinks) to give out to blood donors. Leftover funds will go to GS. Funding from General Funds.
- Bee Boxes - for lumber, tubing and hardware to build new bee boxes. Last year's bee boxes were very popular with the bees. New design will allow for reusing box and cleaning tubes so this will not be an annual expense. Funding from Glen Kilgore's ExxonMobil Restricted Account.
- BBSP weather station proposal - 6162 Davis Instruments Vantage Pro 2 Plus Wireless, WeatherLink IP software and data logger, solar-powered repeater. Funds from Kathryn McGovern Fund.
- New Vertex VX-454 Portable Radios for Park Staff, to allow for better reception and long distance usage during Amber Alerts, communication with fire and rescue and assist in productivity. Funds from Park Maintenance Budget.
- Diesel Pump Rental for Lake Management – Park will pay for diesel fuel. To pump 40-Acre and Creekfield Lakes for habitat and fisheries management purposes. From Lake Restoration Fund.
- 16x16 metal building and 12-yard granite gravel - to store the new John Deere gator and John Deere Tractor. This new equipment is very important to many volunteer projects and we want to ensure that it is covered from the elements to prevent premature wear and tear. Funds to come from Morrison/El Paso Restricted Funds.
- John Deere 2320 Tractor Front End Loader – Current JD 4110 tractor is nearly 11 years old and unreliable. It has been in the shop over a month and is still not working. Most projects the work crew do involves the tractor to assist in heavy lifting. Important projects have been postponed as the tractor is down. Funds from Chevron/Jespersen Grant, Chevron/Reyes Torres Grant, Reliant Energy, Memorial Fund for Warren Jackson, and Kathryn McGovern Restricted Fund.

Bob Kowalewski presented the proposed 2013 budget. It is based on projections from last year. Donations have been going up 10% every year. The presentation of the budget highlighted the changes from 2012.

**Gift Shop, Beth Debenport:** This was the best January for the Gift Shop. The cost of taking credit cards is about 2% of our profit. We have several new items with logos, Brazos Bend, etc.

**Maintenance, Pete Hart:**

- We are always looking for help during the week. The Maintenance Crew meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 in the Nature Center and leave at 8:30 to work.
- The new gator seats 6 with seat belts. We will use it for visitors and groups. We will build a new building to house it.

- We are running pig traps, 4 days a week.
- We need a new tractor, can't move heavy items without one. Old one will stay here for rangers and hosts, we'll have new one for use by us and others.
- There is plenty of wood to split, and we may not have to buy wood.

**BBEEC, Barbara Keller-Willy:** **Chuck Duplant** is in charge of the Building Committee, and we should get the drawings in a couple of weeks. The Legislative sessions opened and TPWD was called to different projects then, but they are back on the job now.

Barbara reported that we are working on a Project Plan – put together milestones in project plan, meet with each committee each Saturday to set milestones, so we will be ready to go when we get approval. We are developing a PowerPoint to present for fund raising. There will be a place for everybody to help.

**Training, Anna Dell Williamson:** 14 VITs attended Orientation today. We appreciate all the help from the volunteers.

**Outreach, Judy Strauss:** Outreach programs need help. We promote the park, take live snakes and alligators. You can sign up on the Special Events calendar. Put the time you can come.

**Texans for State Parks, Offie Walker:**

- BBSP joined this organization as a group, and Offie is our representative. Their objective is to preserve and enhance Texas State Parks. Individuals and volunteer organizations are members.
- The Annual Meeting was January 25-26, at Buescher State Park. Brent Leisure, State Parks director, spoke on funding. He is optimistic that the Legislature will be better for funding this year. The department has asked for additional funding and think that part of the request will be approved. TPWD has given grants to local and municipal county parks, but there was no funding last year. We may get some of this funding back.
- Contact local representatives, tell them you are interested in seeing more funds to state parks.
- There was a Buffalo Soldiers presentation.
- For more information, Google "Texans for State Parks".
- Each quarter they feature a park, and would like to feature BBSP for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
- Membership in TfSP shows we're interested in other parks in the state, and does us good.

**Announcements:**

**Pete Hart** reported that he had received responses to the letters that he sent to legislators.

**Barbara Keller-Willy** announced that Project Wild Aquatic, will be offered on February 21, for those who want to present programs. It is coordinated with TEKS criteria, and participants will be able to present park or outreach programs that coordinate with education requirements. A class to train trainers will be offered March 18-19.

Lindsay Kahn was married last week at BBSP to Joseph LaCour.

**IN SYMPATHY**

**Our sincere sympathy to Jerry and Diane Carpenter on the death of Jerry's father in Corpus Christi on March 28.**

# FEBRUARY STAFF REPORTS

## STEVE KILLIAN, PARK SUPERINTENDENT:

Steve is leaving Monday, Feb.11, to serve as Interim Superintendent at Enchanted Rock SP for 2 months. Jacob Dement will be Acting Superintendent.



### Monthly Report:

- Good January, not record, but very good – second best January. Some rainy and cold weekends, but we finished strong.
- Sign shop coming along from volunteer funding, we will be able to build signs for ourselves.
- Picnic table construction by park hosts, funded by the Volunteer Organization.
- Fire rings have been built, and we will be asking for additional tanks from the Volunteer Organization.
- Maintenance has been working on a clogged water drainage ditch. The effluent from water treatment has been tested and approved, the area has been cleared for over ½ mile, and it drains out well.
- Projects in the works are possible because volunteers fund and help in labor:
  - ✓ Backcountry back-packing camping areas off of River View Trail, 7 numbered sites and 13 primitive.
  - ✓ BBSPVO will construct a shed in the wood yard.
  - ✓ Palmetto Trail, a 3.4 miles spur off of Live Oak Trail is a beautiful area that has been off limits. When completed the trail will go around margins of land and have another trail head at the Observatory. Volunteer work crew, TCJC crew, and staff will build the trail.
- There are now 9 sets of hosts, and next month there will be 10 sets. Jacob and Tina are running the host program.



## JACOB DEMENT, ASSISTANT PARK SUPERINTENDENT:

This is the busiest time, we have a good team and everyone pulls together. Jacob has been at BBSP for 1 year. He reported on activities in law enforcement. There were 111 contacts in January, and no citations or arrests were needed. Warnings were sufficient.

## SHARON HANZIK, INTERPRETIVE RANGER AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

- ◆ The Nature Center today had 1201 visitors.
- ◆ **Doris Mager** presented her programs in the Nature Center today. This is probably the last time she will be here. She lives in North Carolina and makes her rounds through the south every year.
- ◆ **David Heinicke** will be at Big Bend for the Bike Fest through next weekend.
- ◆ The **Keep on Truckin'** race had 215 runners at the end of Jan, and they donated funds for trail improvements
- ◆ The **Blood Drive** is scheduled for March 2, and the publicity is out. It will be at Elm Lake Pavilion.
- ◆ During **Spring Break** we will be open all week March 11-15. It will be like a week of weekends. The Nature Center will be open 8 AM to 5 PM all week, with daily programs!! We will have Creekfield hikes if we have leaders signed up in advance.
- ◆ **School groups** are booking. If you are available weekdays, you can observe to learn how they are done. Sign up (put "Observer" by your name) so we can let you know if the hike is cancelled or changed.
- ◆ We are receiving requests from libraries for **summer programs** in June and July. Contact Sharon if you can help, and she will give you information to contact the library.
- ◆ **Jerry Carpenter** had knee surgery and is in rehab.
- ◆ Thanks for being here in Feb.



# FEBRUARY MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Maintenance Crew reported 226 hours in February 2013. They work Tuesdays and Thursdays and welcome any volunteers who wish to help. The trail trimming crew works Fridays. Meet at the Nature Center at 8:00 AM, head out for work at 8:30.

## Wood Yard:

Split and bundled wood

## Trail Trimming, Maintenance and Building:

Trimmed and chipped wood for new trail at Creekfield

Cleared downed trees by Creekfield Lake

Rebuilt approach to Live Oak Trail bridge

## Equipment Maintenance:

Repaired Lopper

## Construction Projects:

Designed garage at Wood Yard

Prepared ground for new vehicle shed

Unloaded shed material

## Pest Control:

Trimmed and sprayed for invasives



Maintenance Crew at Work  
Photo by Joe Southern

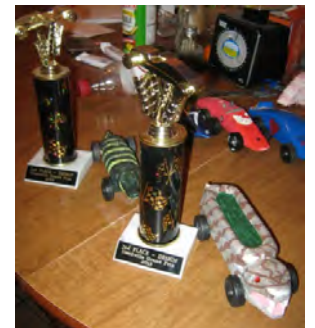
## CONGRATULATIONS

Beverly Lannou, Zachery Guess, Latoya McKelvey, and Adrian Michel completed their training and are now full Volunteers. Be sure to welcome the newest members of our organization.



## VIT Wins Awana Trophy

VIT Kayla Scott won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Needville Grande Prix Competition held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Kayla won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the Best Design category with her "Rattlesnake Roadster". Kayla also won 2<sup>nd</sup> place last year with her "Gator-mobile". Some day she hopes to win in the "speed" competition. Congratulations Kayla.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Willie Anderson (Emeritus)  
Rita Cooper (Emeritus)  
Joan Jackson (Emeritus)  
Herb Mann (Emeritus)  
Jennifer Parent



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Leah Malone  
Richard Taylor (Staff)

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Guzman  
Glen and Maureen Kilgore  
Lara Malone  
Dawn and Oscar Tejero



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Christine (Kovach) and Mark Britain  
Virginia and Charlie Harrison  
Jim and Jacqueline North

### CORRECTION TO SERVICE HOURS REPORT

**Tom Prentiss** was inadvertently left off the service hours report for 2012.  
Tom contributed between 200 and 300 hours to the BBSPVO.  
Thanks, Tom, for your service, and our apologies for the omission.

## THANK YOU

- ☺ to **BBSPVO** for all of their support in the **New Volunteer Training** classroom sessions completed in February and for help in Phase I and Phase II on-hands training. Specific individuals are mentioned for their special contributions, but everyone who participates and helps in training is sincerely appreciated.
- ☺ to **Steve Killian** for his presentation on BBSP at New Volunteer Training Orientation
- ☺ to **Noel Duncan, Rick Taylor, Cindy Peterson, Judy Strauss, Ron Morrison** and **Barbara Willy** for their help with the Maintenance/Water Station/Trail Trimming Rotation training
- ☺ to **Glen Kilgore, Mike Sanderson** and **Carl Franke** for leading the VITs on their first Creekfield Hike and for helping with the Creekfield Jigsaw Hike, along with **Diane Welty** and **Nelda Gay**.
- ☺ to **Sharon Hanzik** and **David Heinicke** for their programs and support during training
- ☺ to **Mary Lockwood, Beth Debenport** and **Chuck Duplant** for help with refreshments for training
- ☺ to **Chuck Duplant** for leading the prairie hike for the VITs
- ☺ to **Carl Franke** and **Sharon Hanzik** for the Nature Center Training and Live Animal Handling portion of training
- ☺ to **Barbara Keller-Willy** for presenting the Gift Shop Training for the VITs
- ☺ to **Carol Ramsayer, Glen Kilgore, Joe Southern, and Woody Scott**, for articles and/or photos for the newsletter

# NATURE CENTER REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2013

Below are the totals of the various activities and attendance recorded for the Nature Center, hikes, and programs for February 1-28, 2013. We had 1 holiday, 2/18. Attendance topped all February's since 2007 (since I started keeping records)..

PROGRAMS	TOTALS FEBRUARY
<b>NATURE CENTER ATTENDANCE</b> Feb. 2013 - 6,844 Feb. 2012 - 4,468 Feb. 2011 - 5,340 Feb. 2010 - 4,320 Feb. 2009 - 5,950 Feb. 2008 - 4,827 Feb. 2007 - 2,247	Saturdays (4) - 3,607 High, 1,201 (2/9) Average: 902
	Sundays (4) - 2,026 High, 710 (2/17) Average: 507
	Weekdays (20) - 1,211 High, 157 (2/18) Average: 61
<b>CREEKFIELD HIKES (12)</b>	200
<b>REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS(1)</b>	170
<b>GEO-CACHING (3)</b>	106
<b>SNAKE PROGRAM(4)</b>	203
<b>BIRD HIKES (5)</b>	90
<b>OUTREACH(1)</b>	868
<b>WILDLIFE VIEWING (4)</b>	238
<b>ALLIGATOR PROGRAMS(5)</b>	60
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS (4):</b> Children's Storytime, Photo Hike, Special hikes, Pond Life	53
<b>TOTAL VISITORS SERVED IN HIKES AND PROGRAMS</b>	1988
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	Interpretation = 973 Maintenance/ Other = 226  TOTAL HOURS = 1,199
<b>PARK ATTENDANCE</b> (Percentage reflects the percentage of total visitors in each category.)	Total 18,695 Day use 14,469 (77%) Overnight 4,226 (23%) NC Visitors 6,844 (37%)

## WAY TO HELP TPWD

*from ShawnAlis Cusato, Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation*

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is pleased to announce that H-E-B, in recognition of Earth Day, has selected **EarthShare of Texas** to be the April beneficiary for its in-store coupon promotion. This means that customers can tear off and add check-out coupons worth \$1, \$3, or \$5 to their total bill to support environmental work throughout the State of Texas for the entire month of April.

H-E-B supports many EarthShare of Texas organizations with corporate grants or in-kind contributions. The April tear-pad promotion is a bit different as it enables H-E-B customers to bolster the diverse environmental program work of more than three dozen EarthShare of Texas' organizations, including **Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation**. The customers' dollars go directly to these organizations, benefitting both the Texas environment and economy.

Throughout the month of April and into the first week of May, look for the EarthShare of Texas display and tear-off coupons at the check-out stands in any Texas H-E-B and Central Market stores. Support EarthShare of Texas and the Texas environment!

# A BUSY MONTH FOR THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

*by Woody Scott*

The Outreach Program was busy in February with two separate events, both of which were repeat events for us. On February 23, we returned to the Sea Center for one of our favorite activities. This is a heavily visited event, and lots of presenters participated. We were located next to the Master Naturalists who were exhibiting an alligator we donated to their group last year. Their alligator was 18 months old, so visitors were able to see the amount of growth in one additional year. Quite impressive.

On March 2, Texas Independence Day, we journeyed to Brazoria, for Brazoria Heritage Day. This is always an interesting event with lots to see and enjoy. There was a car show with modern Corvettes and many restored vintage cars. A gun show with many antique firearms was also featured. We entertained many visitors at both these events.

At the Sea Center we had 969 visitors, and we had 632 at the Brazoria Heritage Day event. Thanks to volunteers Jim North, Judy Strauss and Woody Scott.



Brazoria Heritage Day



Comparing alligators at Sea Center Texas



Learning is fun at BBSP Outreach

## OTTERS ON THE TRAIL

*by Joe Southern*

I was hiking on February 14 and snapped a bunch of photos. The otters were crossing the trail at 40 Acre Lake. I shot the picture from a long distance and was surprised to even get them. It's the first time I've seen otters there (or in the wild!). Several people told me later that they saw one of them running down the trail.



## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST IN TEXAS STATE PARKS

Texas Parks and Wildlife's Outdoor Activity of the Month for March is Photography. To generate excitement about photography in Texas State Parks, TPWD is having a contest on Flickr that will run from March 1 - April 30. Prizes include a GoPro camera, camping weekend, and TOF workshop. The rules state that all photo submissions must taken in a state park or natural area. For more information, go to <https://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/photography-in-state-parks>.



# A COSTA RICAN FIELD TRIP

by Carol Ramsayer



*An iguana ruling from the treetops*

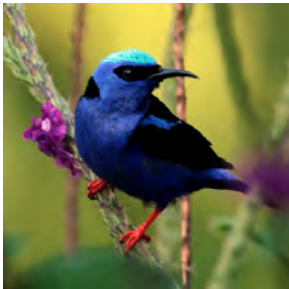
Mid January 2013 – just the right time to escape Houston's winter chill (and Vermont's icy grip!) to spend a week amid Costa Rica's lush beauty. Six travelers from Brazos Bend State Park joined a fantastic guide and a steely-nerved driver for the eight-day adventure. We began in a central highlands nature reserve, in awe of brilliantly colored tanagers and hummingbirds. Over the next seven days, we hiked the trails of a tropical research station, came upon an anteater in a national park forest, marveled at baby Spectacled Caimans being watched over by their mama (no 2-finger touches here!), saw 6 different kingfisher species on a morning riverboat ride, overnighted on the flanks of a steaming volcano, and bounced our way over "hanging bridges" as we explored the rainforest canopy. Plus, we ate enough delicious tropical fruit to last a long while!



*A Montezuma Oropendola enjoys papaya*

The surprise for me was how taken I was with the warblers we saw – the Yellow, the Black and White, the Chestnut-sided. They were familiar birds, not exotic like others. Yet here on their winter territories they looked so odd - out of place in their tropical surroundings. I thought of the long journey they would soon have, back to their North American nesting grounds - perhaps one might even be headed for 40-Acre Lake. Suddenly, watching the warblers here in their winter homes made the concept of migration very real.

Our thanks go out to Carrie for being the terrific organizer. The trip was a wonderful opportunity to immerse ourselves in Costa Rica's rich diversity. And with a total of 11 cameras documenting the 311 bird species seen, we just dare anyone to ask to see our pictures!



*A Red-Legged Honeycreeper*



*The intrepid travelers in front of a cloudy Arenal Volcano. Diane and Jerry Carpenter, Linda and Davie Heinicke, Carol Ramsayer and Carrie Sample, with guide and driver.*

## SAFETY REMINDER

by Richard Taylor, Lead Ranger

Please everyone, **wear your seatbelt** when you are operating an ATV- JD Gator, a tractor, a mower, or any motorized vehicle that has a safety belt. Remember safe practices such as chainsaw chaps are required when using a chainsaw along with the necessary PPE (personal protective equipment- a hardhat, safety glasses, earplugs, and gloves). Look after your fellow co-worker and let them know when they need to put on something. It just might save a limb, an eye, or a life. Always remember, we want to go home the same way we came, and we want all our visitors to remain safe to enjoy BBSP and all it has to offer.

It is essential that all staff members in the Park, TPWD, BBSPVO, and BBSP Park Hosts adhere to safety rules set forth by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Each person working in the park should read the safety manual and follow the rules and regulations in it. One can access the TPWD Safety Manual by going to the BBSPVO website, Members section, TPWD Safety Program Manual.

## INTRODUCTION: FEBRUARY 2013 VIT CLASS

Thirteen VITs completed the February classroom training sessions and entered Phase I. Several of them have already moved on to Phase II, and one has finished as of March 20. Here is a brief introduction to the class, along with a couple of photos so you can identify them as you meet them completing their requirements. Some of them shared information about themselves for the newsletter.

**Rae Bassett** sees the park as an outdoor classroom that's fun.

**Melanie Jahn** is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher in Needville who loves the outdoors and can't wait to volunteer at the park!

**Enyu Li** is a transportation student who came from China and loves nature and outdoor activity.

**Diane McCabe** is a Respiratory Therapist at Ben Taub Hospital, mother of 6 kids, photographer (esp. wild life and nature), artist and crafter.

**Butch Nawara**

**Kayla Scott** is Woody's granddaughter  
**The Smith Family: Dawn Smith** (mother) is a Music Ed teacher of all instruments and has been hunting and outdoors since she was young. She earned the Girl Scout Silver Award.

**Cristenee'** is 14 and ready to work. She loves the outdoors, especially hunting; plays the fiddle and other instruments; and loves teaching.

**Trinity**, age 12, is shy, but is working on overcoming the shyness.

**Donovan**, age 9, loves outside and plays guitar, drums and other instruments.

**Natalie Thorsland**

**Christian Vodnik**

**Calvin Walker** was born in Corpus Christi, TX.



*Left to Right: Cristenee, Trinity, Donovan (in front of Dawn) and Dawn Smith; Diane McCabe, Rae Bassett, Kayla Scott (in front of Rae), Kayla's Mom, Christian Vodnik, Natalie Thorsland, Calvin Walker, Enyu Lo, Butch Nawara, and Melanie Jahn.*

## SEEN AT THE PARK

Glen Kilgore met a lady with a Coati Mundi at the park and shared this photo with us. Coati Mundi are diurnal mammals native to South America, Central America, and southwestern North America. They are members of the raccoon family.



# TEXAS BIRDING CLASSIC SPREADING ITS WINGS

Rob McCorkle, TPWD, (830) 866-3533 or [robert.mccorkle@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:robert.mccorkle@tpwd.state.tx.us)  
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AUSTIN – The 17th annual [Great Texas Birding Classic](#) has undergone some changes. The Texas birding tournament, which has been a week-long event for 16 years along the Texas Gulf Coast, is going statewide and will last an entire month – from April 15 to May 15. The new format will allow participants to compete in more than one of the 42 categories and choose what days they wish to participate based on weather and personal schedules.

“You’ll now be able to participate from anywhere in Texas, including your own backyard,” says Shelly Plante, tournament director. “Any birdwatcher from the backyard birder to those who may be more competitive is welcome to join the event. There’s a tournament category for everyone.”

Plante manages the nature tourism program for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which oversees this friendly annual birding competition that raises funds for Texas conservation projects. Since the inception of the Great Texas Birding Classic in 1997, adult teams that recorded the most bird species in various categories have directed \$789,500 in grants to avian habitat conservation.

Habitat conservation grants, which this year will be awarded to projects anywhere in Texas, are funded through event sponsorship and registration fees. This year’s event sponsors include Toyota, as well as a new awards ceremony sponsor, Audubon Texas. To learn more about the tournament, visit: [www.birdingclassic.org](http://www.birdingclassic.org), or call (512) 389-4500.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 5	Guided Bird Watching Hikes, 8:00 AM, meet at 40-Acre Lake restrooms, followed by optional “Migration Madness” trip to Quintana Nature Sanctuary, finish after lunch
April 6	Plant photography Photo-walk, 5:00 PM, meet at Nature Center Brazos River Pickers, 5:00 PM
April 12	Guided Bird Watching Hikes, 8:00 AM, meet at 40-Acre Lake restrooms
April 13	Budget and Executive Meetings, 3:00 PM Regular Business Meeting, 5:30 PM (Supper, 5:00 PM)
April 19	Guided Bird Watching Hikes, 8:00 AM, meet at 40-Acre Lake restrooms, followed by optional “Migration Madness” trip to Quintana Nature Sanctuary, finish after lunch
April 26	Guided Bird Watching Hikes, 8:00 AM, meet at 40-Acre Lake restrooms
May 3	Guided Bird Watching Hikes, 8:00 AM, meet at 40-Acre Lake restrooms, followed by optional “Migration Madness” trip to Quintana Nature Sanctuary, finish after lunch
May 4	Sweeny Pride Day, 10 AM - 5 PM Bird photography Photo-walk, 5:00 PM, meet at Nature Center
May 11	Budget and Executive Meetings, 3:00 PM Regular Business Meeting, 5:30 PM (Supper, 5:00 PM)
June 1	Amphibian and reptile photography Photo-walk, 5:00 PM, meet at NC
June 8	Budget and Executive Meetings, 3:00 PM Regular Business Meeting, 5:30 PM (Supper, 5:00 PM)

## Brazos Bend State Park

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013**  
**5:30 PM, NATURE CENTER**

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**



### 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, supper at 5:00 PM
Bird Hikes	See schedule in calendar

### BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

#### VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

President:	Mary Lockwood
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**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.**

**BABA DIOUM, SENEGAL  
AFRICAN CONSERVATIONIST**