

TPWD Herps of Texas Workshop

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Beverly S. Sheffield Education Center (aka, the Splash! Exhibit next to Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park, <https://austintexas.gov/splash>), Austin

Learn how to identify frog and toad species in Texas and participate in scientific research. This Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) workshop is sponsored by the Capital Area Master Naturalists (<http://camn.org/>). This workshop is approved advanced training for Texas Master Naturalists, and State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee (TEEAC) credit is available for educators.

The workshop is free, and a CD of Texas frog and toad calls will be available for purchase for \$5. More information on Texas frogs and toads and this TPWD Texas Nature Trackers program can be found at <http://tpwd.texas.gov/trackers>. Participants may wish to practice their newfound skills at the Commons Ford Bioblitz on the following weekend (<http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bioblitz-at-commons-ford>).

Things you should bring to the workshop:

- A headlamp or flashlight if you have one, but some flashlights will also be on hand;
- Shoes or boots that can get wet if you want to chase frogs, but this is not required;
- A digital camera and/or digital recorder, if you have one that you like to use;
- Your smart phone, if you have one; and,
- Pen and paper for notes.

Things you can do before the workshop:

- Set up an iNaturalist account (<http://www.inaturalist.org/>) and join the Herps of Texas project:
 - Select “Sign up” in the scrolling banner or in the top right corner of the webpage;
 - Set up your user name and password;
 - Hover your mouse over “Projects” in the top gray menu line, type “herps” in the Search box, and hit Enter;
 - Select “Herps of Texas” from the list;
 - Select the blue “Join this project” link in the top right corner of the webpage; and,
 - Scroll to the bottom of the webpage and select “Yes, I want to join”.

Later, you’ll be able to go directly to iNaturalist Herps of Texas

(<http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/herps-of-texas>), log in, and select “Add Observations” in the top banner.

- Set up a SoundCloud (<https://soundcloud.com/>) account.
- Optional: If you have a smart phone, download a recording app, for example:
 - AudioCopy from Retronyms (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/audiocopy/id719137307?mt=8>) for iPhones; or,
 - Voice Recorder from Skyro/Triveous (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.triveous.recorder>) for Android phones.
- Optional: If you have a smart phone, download the iNaturalist app:

- <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/inaturalist/id421397028?mt=8> for iPhones; or,
- <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.inaturalist.android&hl=en> for Android phones.

Registration is required. To register for the workshop or for questions, please contact Kathy McCormack at 512-698-9880 or VEFL21 at yahoo dot com.