



*“The best place to
study nature is
at one’s own home—
on the farm,
in the mountains,
by the sea—
wherever that
may be.”*

—John Burroughs
(1837–1921)
American naturalist and nature writer

To find out how you can become a Texas Master Naturalist volunteer, visit our state program website at txmn.org to locate a chapter near you, or contact the State Program Coordinators:

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The Natural Texas

right here at home

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The natural Texas is home to all of us, no matter where we live. The natural Texas, the real Texas, is still to be found all across our state—from the wilds of rural areas to the squirrels in a city park to a wildflower in our backyard.

But as Texas grows more urban, we hurry to keep up with the hectic pace of urban and even suburban life. And we don't take the time to notice, enjoy, and ultimately conserve the natural resources all around us.

Through the Texas Master Naturalist™ volunteer program, you can help children and adults in your community learn about Texas's natural resources, inspire them to a new appreciation of their

environment, and ensure that others will be able to enjoy the natural Texas for years to come.

In the Master Naturalist program, you will enhance your love of nature with research-based, scientific knowledge. You will receive at least 40 hours of in-depth training in wildlife and natural resource management taught by recognized experts in the field and customized to focus on the native ecosystems of your home. You will also have the opportunity for at least eight hours of advanced training in special subjects that interest you.

In return, through your chapter, you will provide your community with at least 40 hours of volunteer service annually in the form of educational activities, projects, or demonstrations. You might serve on a speakers' bureau to

make presentations to community organizations, or you might introduce children to local plants, insects, and animals through an after-school project. You might serve as a guide at a local nature center, or you might build trails or exhibits at a local park. The possibilities are endless, limited only by your imagination!

As a Texas Master Naturalist, you will help people appreciate the natural environment around their home while you enhance your own knowledge and skills. And perhaps most satisfying of all, you will have a chance to build friendships and working relationships with others who share your love of the natural Texas.

