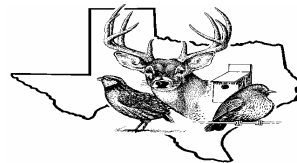


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We Are Having a Program to Learn More About Raptors



Program Presented By
Mary Anne Weber

Mary Anne Weber (Education Coordinator) has been teaching environmental education for over 16 years. After graduation she became a full time educator and rehabilitator for The Raptor Trust in New Jersey. While working and studying at this world renowned facility, Weber cared for over 3000 injured and orphaned birds each year and taught thousands of school children at their education building and through outreach programs in schools across three states.

She moved to Texas in November of 1999 and began working as the Education Coordinator for Houston Audubon Society shortly thereafter. Mrs. Weber travels to schools, libraries, camps and civic organizations to present outreach programs on birds and bird conservation. She travels with six "feathered" friends who are the spokes-birds for the avian world. She gives over 300 programs annually. She is a member of the North American Association for Environmental Education and the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators.

Please join us on **August the 26th** for this interesting and informative program. The program will be held at "Camp for All" in the Burton area (6301 Rehburg rd.) The social will begin at 6 pm with fried fish and all of the trimmings served at 6:30. Cost of the meal will be \$ 5 per person. The Camp for All staff, invites all to come early to view their Nature Center and facilities. **A desert table will be available if you would like to bring your favorite desert.**

Please RSVP to the Washington County Cooperative Extension office by August 18th.
(979 277-6212)

**TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST™
FORMS GIDEON LINCECUM CHAPTER FOR AUSTIN,
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Presidents Remarks,

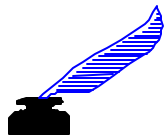
Hello Members,
Looks like Spring has given way to Summer. Most of the Doe deer should have their fawns on the ground by now. You can sure help them and other wild-life survive by providing good food and tall grass shelter on your property.

Most of the local WMA's have held or are in the process of holding their Spring meetings. Most have elected a new co-director which will move into the director position next year. If you don't know your directors a listing of the new leadership can be seen on the front page of this newsletter. If you have any ideas or comments please feel free to pass them along to your directors.

The Society is here to assist you in enhancing the wildlife and it's habitat for all to enjoy. Tell your neighbor about the Society and bring them to the Raptor meeting on Aug. 26th

Hope to see you there !!!

Billie Eckert



Time to I. D. some Deer

Starting August 1st members should begin to log deer sightings within the county. See instructions on reverse side of enclosed form. Please take some time and go out and identify some deer, log them onto the form according to instructions.

The charter class of volunteers of the Gideon Lincecum chapter of Texas Master Naturalist™ is off to a great start. The group of twelve new master naturalists in training began their year-long training with an outdoor lecture on pond ecology at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park April 16. This was the beginning of 40 hours of classroom and field work leading to certification as a Texas Master Naturalist™. Since the initial meeting two other training sessions have been held at Blinn College with distinguished lecturers from Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas A&M University.

The objective of the program is to develop a source of trained volunteers that can assist TPWD and the Texas Agricultural Extension office in their efforts to help private landowners and State agencies to properly manage the natural resources and natural areas of Texas. In addition to the initial 40 hours of training that the volunteers undergo, they are required to donate 40 hours annually to service work in support of approved programs and projects benefiting wildlife and other natural resources. The service work is already underway at the state parks on Lake Somerville.

Nails Creek State Park on Lake Somerville is one area that has been making good use of the new volunteers. The park staff lead a program of guided canoe trips down the Yegua creek that is available for guests each Thursday and Saturday during the summer. The trip begins at 9 AM and lasts until noon. The Gideon Lincecum TMN volunteers have supported this program by leading the trip when needed and freeing up park staff for other duties.

Nails Creek SP was also host to a Kids Fishing Day June 4. Volunteers from Gideon Lincecum TMN assisted the park staff in the program for about 20 young fisher-persons, some of whom had never fished before. The experience of fishing with their families and friends in a safe and rewarding atmosphere seemed to meet the program objectives of getting families back together doing something fun outdoors.

At Birch Creek SP, the Gideon Lincecum TMN group assisted the Brenham ISD 6th grade classes in an outdoor classroom. In cooperation with TPWD and Texas Cooperative Extension personnel, demonstrations and active involvement in science experiments related to water ecology, soil and water interaction, ecological building construction, and scientific means of wildlife observation through tracks and scat were presented.

Instructions

- ★ 1. Observations are made by identifying (not guessing) the sex and age class of a deer or group of deer.
- ★ 2. Identify deer as bucks, doe or fawns. Use binoculars to aid in positive identification. (Five positively identified deer are better information than fifty guesses.) If possible log bucks by antler size, otherwise log as buck (other). If any deer has an ear tag, record color and number if possible.
- ★ 3. If the same group of deer are seen on different occasions, they should be recorded each time.
- ★ 4. If only part of a group can be identified, then none of that group should be recorded. (Example: If you see three deer standing at the edge of the woods and two run off before you can identify all three, then do not log any deer in that group.)
- ★ 5. Log observations from **August 1st** through **September 15th**, then fold, tape and place stamp for mailing.

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**Mr. Robert Lehmann
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