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TEXAS PRAIRIE

FROM THE NATIVE PRAIRIES ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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SUPPORT TEXAS PRAIRIES! [JOIN US](#) in our mission to conserve native prairies and to educate Texans about their value.

It's prairie time in Texas, September is here and, we hope, cooler weather. Fall prairie activities are gearing up! **Consider supporting NPAT and our chapters with online giving in SEPTEMBER.** Check out Fort Worth's **North Texas Giving Day, Thursday, September 20.** Open the [link](#), click on "Find a Nonprofit", search for Native Prairies Association of Texas, and submit your donation. ALSO, **NPAT's Houston Chapter** is hosting their **"September Fundraising Drive"**, from September 1st through 30th, their month-long online giving campaign to raise funds for **Deer Park Prairie** and other prairie activities.

NPAT's Photo below: Deer Park Prairie's field of Tall Coneflower *Rudbeckia grandiflora*.



SPECIAL EVENTS

THIRD SATURDAY PRAIRIE RESTORATION WORKDAYS at Kirchoff Family Farm Saturday, September 15, 1444 CR 210, Floresville, TX 78114. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) so we'll have your lunch prepared. The day starts at 8 am lunch is provided by the Kirchoff Family in appreciation of your help. For more information check NPAT's [News and Events](#) or contact Brenda Kirchoff: 361.564.0177.

THIRD SATURDAYS AT INDIANGRASS PRAIRIE: Saturday, September 15 at the [City of Austin's Indiangrass Wildlife Sanctuary](#). Nature walk starts at 7:30 am, and work day starts tentatively at 9 am. Meet at the intersection of [Blue Bluff Road and Bloor Road](#).

FIRE ECOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO RAY ROBERTS LAKE STATE PARK Saturday, September 29. [RSVP required.](#) Join our [Fort Worth chapter](#) on a field trip to this North Texas park. [Texas Parks & Wildlife Department](#) staff will lead a behind the scenes tour of fire and prairie ecology, regional history and paleo-history, and their burn units. Afterwards, the group will head to [Valley View, TX](#) for brick-oven pizza and a visit to the distillery or wine. (This is a carpool event, so a designated driver will need to be determined.) Cost: \$10. Proceeds will benefit RRLSP & NPAT.

FALL PRAIRIE DAY, Saturday, September 29, 9:30 am – 2 pm at [Lawther – Deer Park Prairie Preserve](#), 1222 E.

Purdue Lane, Deer Park 77536. It's day of learning on the prairie. Join experts on walks and talks about plants, pollinators, seed collecting, and history. Bring your camera or smart phone to take pictures to post on iNaturalist.org. NOTE: Complimentary lunch included; **REGISTRATION for lunch required.**



Karl Ebel talks about his restoration efforts at the Ebel Ranch during the June prairie bus tour. **Read more.**

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SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETINGS

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER: Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 - 8:30pm at the City of San Antonio's Lions Field Adult & Senior Center, Community Room, 2809 Broadway. "Culture, History, and Issues Surrounding Early Spanish Missions in the San Antonio Area" and "Rancho de las Cabras" presented by Susan Snow, Archeologist, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

CENTEX CHAPTER: Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. 8th Street. Nate Custer with Douglas King Seeds will talk about this San Antonio-based seed company.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER: Monday, September 10, 6:30 - 8pm at our **new meeting location**, TCC's Northwest Campus, 4801 Marine Creek Pkwy, Fort Worth. Karl & Kelli Ebel will present "The Journey of Restoring 645 Acres of Rare Silveus Dropseed Prairie at the Ebel Grassland Ranch".

BLACKLAND CHAPTER: Tuesday, September 11, 6:30pm at The Point and Pavilion Center for Arts and Education, CC Young Retirement Community, 4847 W Lawther Dr., Dallas. Karl & Kelli Ebel of Ebel Ranch will continue our June 16 discussion (from our NE TX bus tour at their ranch): "sustainable beef production on native grasslands".

HOUSTON CHAPTER: Wednesday, September 26, Come at 6:30pm; the featured talk starts at 7:00pm. We meet at the Red Cross Building, 2700 SW Freeway. Amie Treuer-Kuehn of Texas Parks and Wildlife will present the Texas Ecosystem Analytical Mapper ("TEAM") interactive mapping tool.

Find out more about NPAT chapter activities, visit our chapters page.

OF INTEREST

2018 PRAIRIES & POLLINATORS: A REGIONAL CELEBRATION: From September 22- November 10, 2018:

NPAT joins Coastal Prairie Partners during this annual fall event. Greater Houston-Galveston groups showcase prairies and pollinators. September events include:

September 22 - Wildscapes Workshop, Houston Community College, 5601 West Loop S.FRWY, Houston 77081

September 22 - Plant it for the Planet, Sheldon Lake State Park & Environmental Learning Center, Houston.

September 29 - Prairie Plants for Pollinators in the Urban Garden, LaPorte Library, 600 S. Broadway St.,

La Porte.

September 29 - Hobart Taylor Park Prairie Planting, Houston.

TEXAS RIPARIAN & STREAM ECOSYSTEM WORKSHOP, Wednesday, September 19, Corsicana. [REGISTER ONLINE](#).

YANTIS PRAIRIE DAY: Saturday, September 29 at Yantis ISD, 105 W. Oak, [Yantis, TX](#), 75497. Eleven-year-old Kasey Rhodes dreamed of having a prairie day. She moved forward with her plan after having received support from many people, including [NPAT's Michelle Villafranca](#). This day will include various expert speakers; a seed giveaway; a class on tagging, sexing and tracking butterflies; and a native, edible plant walk. For more information, contact debbie_rhodes@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!

[2019 NORTH AMERICAN PRAIRIE CONFERENCE, June 2 - 5, 2019](#) - Clear Lake, TX. American's oldest and most celebrated native grassland conference will be held in the Houston area. It will be co-presented by the [Coastal Prairie Partnership](#), [Katy Prairie Conservancy](#), [The Nature Conservancy of Texas](#) and [Native Prairies Association of Texas](#). Co-hosts are the [University of Houston Clear Lake](#) and [Environmental Institute of Houston](#).

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LANDOWNERS, FOR INFORMATION ON CONVERTING RANCHES TO NATIVE GRASSES you can read about [Texas Parks & Wildlife 's quail programs](#), which are hunting focused.

[OUR BLOG](#) [Remembering John Pickett](#)

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