

Resources & Links to Nature

Provided by the Texas Master Naturalist Program



Learn about our Local Texas Master Naturalist Chapters & Programs:

South Texas Border Chapter TMN www.stbctmn.org
Rio Grande Valley Chapter TMN <https://rgvctmn.org/>
Texas Master Naturalist Program www.txmn.org

Texas Master Naturalist Partners, LRGV Nature Centers & Sites:

Arroyo Colorado: <http://theworldbirdingcenter.com/harlingen.html>

Arroyo Colorado Audubon Society: <http://arroyocoloradoaudubon.org/>

Bentsen-RGV State Park: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/bentsen-rio-grande-valley>

Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and World Birding Center: <http://www.edinburgwbc.org/>

Estero Llano Grande State Park: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/estero-llano-grande>

Frontera Audubon: <http://fronteraaudubon.org/>

Gladys Porter Zoo: <http://gpz.org/>

Hugh Ramsey Nature Park: <http://www.myharlingen.us/page/parksandrec.parks>

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/laguna_atascosa/

Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge: www.fws.gov/refuge/Lower_Rio_Grande_Valley/

McAllen Nature Center: <http://www.mcallen.net/departments/parks/mcallen-nature-center>

Native Plant Project: <https://nativeplantproject.com/>

North American Butterfly Association: <http://www.naba.org/>

Old Hidalgo Pumphouse: <http://cityofhidalgo.net/pumphouse-museumworld-birding-center/>

Oleander Acres Butterfly Garden: <http://www.oleanderacres.com/>

Quinta Mazatlan: <http://www.quintamazatlan.com/>

Resaca de la Palma State Park <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/resaca-de-la-palma>

RGV Nature Coalition: <http://www.rgvnaturecoalition.org/>

Roma Bluffs World Birding Center: <http://www.theworldbirdingcenter.com/Roma.html>

Sabal Palm Sanctuary: <http://sabalpalmsanctuary.org/>

Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/santa_ana/

Sea Turtle Inc.: <http://www.seaturtleinc.org/>
South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center: <http://www.spibirding.com/>
Texas Tropical Trail <http://texastropicaltrail.com/>
UTRGV Coastal Studies Laboratory: <http://www.utrgv.edu/csl/>
Valley Nature Center: <https://www.valleynaturecenter.org/>

Native Plants:

Native Plant Project (RGV): <https://npsot.org/wp/>
Native Plant Project's RGV Handbook Series (Native Shrubs, Native Trees, Native Cacti, Ground Covers & Vines, Native Pond & Wetland Plants, Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants):
<http://www.nativeplantproject.com/handbooks.htm>
The Dauphin's Native Plant ID (RGV): http://www.thedauphins.net/rgv_native_plants.html
Robert Runyon-Names-RGV Plants: www.nativeplantproject.com/Robert%20Runyon%20book.pdf
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (Statewide): <https://www.wildflower.org/>
Native Plant Society of Texas (Statewide): <https://npsot.org/wp/>
Texas Wildscapes (Statewide): tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_w7000_0538.pdf
Landscaping Plants-Hidalgo Co. AgriLife Ext. Service: hidalgo.agrilife.org/files/2012/05/Landscape-Plant-List-20101.pdf
USDA Plant Database (Nationwide/Regional & State Maps): <https://plants.usda.gov/java/>

Birds:

All About Birds (Cornell University Ornithology Dept.) <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/>
Birds of Texas: [https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0642.pdf](http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0642.pdf)
Birds South Texas Brushlands: tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_p4000_0000m.pdf
The Dauphin's (RGV) Birds: http://www.thedauphins.net/rgv_birds_and_birding_links.html
Checklist of Texas Birds: tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_p4000_0000m.pdf
Providing for Texas Backyard Wildlife (Guide for Bird Feeders, Houses & Plants):
http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0950.pdf

Butterflies, Monarchs, Milkweed, Other Butterfly Host & Nectar Plants:

Berry Nall's Butterflies & Host Plants (RGV): <http://leps.thenalls.net/>
NABA South Texas: <http://www.naba.org/chapters/nabast/index.html>
Butterfly Host Plants of LRGV: http://naba.org/chapters/nabast/plants_info.pdf
Identification of Milkweeds in Texas (TPWD): www.tinyurl.com/TexasMilkweedID
Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants (LRGV): www.nativeplantproject.com/butterflygardening.pdf
The Dauphin's, (RGV) Butterflies: http://www.thedauphins.net/rgv_butterfly_links.html
Texan by Nature/Monarch Wrangler (State): <http://texanbynature.org/>
Monarch Conservation: https://xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2017-001_MonarchConservation_XercesSociety.pdf
Texas Milkweed Photos (State): www.homestead.com/Asclepias
Introduction to Texas Butterfly Watching:
tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0752.pdf
Texas Dragonfly & Damselfly: tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0892.pdf

National Butterfly Center (RGV): <https://www.nationalbutterflycenter.org/butterflies/butterfly-garden-guide/9-national-butterfly-center/120-trees-shrubs-and-vines-of-the-irgv>

National Butterfly Center (RGV): <https://www.nationalbutterflycenter.org/butterflies/butterfly-garden-guide/9-national-butterfly-center/121-annual-and-perennial-plants-of-the-irgv>

National Butterfly Association of America: <http://nababutterfly.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Tropical-Milkweed.pdf> (nationwide)

Butterflies & Moths of North America: <https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/>
<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Environment/NHR/lepidoptera.html>

Garden Treasures: Where Do Butterflies Come From? <https://www.proflowers.com/blog/garden-treasures-where-do-butterflies-come-from>

Monarch joint Venture www.monarchjointventure.org/

Teachers/Educational Resources: <https://www.gardenbuildingsdirect.co.uk/blog/butterflies-come/>

Butterflies of America: <http://www.butterfliesofamerica.com>

Monarch Lab: www.monarchlab.org/

Monarch Gateway: <http://www.monarchgateway.org/>

Monarch Larval Monitoring Project: www.mlmp.org

Texas Monarch Watch (State): www.texasento.net/Rolex.htm

Monarch Watch (National): www.monarchwatch.org

Journey North: www.learner.org/jnorth/

Monarch Health: www.monarchparasites.org/

North America Butterfly Association: www.naba.org

Monarch Butterfly in N.A: www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/monarchbutterfly/

Monarch Butterfly Fund: www.monarchconservation.org/home/

Monarch Conservation: https://xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2017-001_MonarchConservation_XercesSociety.pdf

Monarch Net: www.monarchnet.org/

Butterfly Facts: <https://butterfly-fun-facts.com/>

The Xerces Society: Conservation & Resources for Pollinators & other Invertebrates: www.xerces.org

Conserving Forests in Mexico for Monarchs: <http://www.forestsformonarchs.org/>

Bees, Bugs, Arachnids & Entomology:

Entomologist ‘Bug Guide’ (National): <https://bugguide.net/node/view/15740>

Bumblebee Conservation: <http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/BumbleBeeConservationBrochure.pdf>

Native Bee Needs (Texas): https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/nongame/native-pollinators/native-bee-needs.phtml

Insects in the City, Texas A&M: <https://citybugs.tamu.edu/>

26 Spiders in Texas: <https://spiderid.com/locations/united-states/texas/>

Water Conservation, Freshwater & Saltwater Fish, Turtles & Sea Life:

Texas Parks & Wildlife Aquatic Species: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/aquaticspecies/>

TPWD Water Conservation: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/conservation/>

Sea Turtles: <http://www.seaturtleinc.org/education/about-sea-turtles/>

Mammals & Bats:

The Dauphin's, Bats & Other Mammals of the RGV: http://www.thedauphins.net/rgv_mammals.html
Frankie Free-Tail Bat (State): tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_1423.pdf
Bat Watching in Texas (State): tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_1411.pdf
Ocelots: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0013_ocelot.pdf
Ocelots in Texas: www.fws.gov/refuge/Lower_Rio_Grande_Valley/multimedia/video/ocelot.html

Herps: Lizards, Frogs, Snakes & More!

The Dauphins Herps of RGV: http://www.thedauphins.net/rgv_reptiles_and_amphibians.html
Herps of Texas: <http://www.herpsotexas.org/>
Introduction to Texas Turtles: tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_1672.pdf
Texas Horned Lizard Conservation:
tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0038.pdf
Texas Amphibian Watch: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_w7000_0492.pdf
Texas Venomous Snakes: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_w7000_0693.pdf

Wildlife, Endangered Species, Other:

Endangered & Threatened Animals in Texas (State):
https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0013.pdf
Creating Shelter for Wildlife: tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_lf_w7000_1774.pdf
South Texas Nature (RGV): <http://southtexasnature.org/>
Endangered Species: www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/publications/category/endangered-species/
The Coastal Current (RGV) - (articles include WOWE): www.valleymorningstar.com/coastal_current/

Texas Weather, Astronomy & Geology:

Drought Watch: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?TX>
National Weather Service, RGV: <https://www.weather.gov/bro/>
Texas Geology Maps – Free Downloads: <https://store.beg.utexas.edu/content/6-free-downloads>
Texas Dark Skies Project: https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/programs/dark_skies/
Clear Sky Astronomy Site: <http://www.cleardarksky.com/csk/>
Space Weather: <http://spaceweather.com/>

Citizen Science Resources & Apps:

Texas Trackers: https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/texas_nature_trackers/
Journey North (Citizen Science - Tracking Monarch Migration): <http://journeynorth.org/monarch/>
Journey North (Citizen Science - Hummingbird Migration): www.learner.org/jnorth/hummingbirds
eBird (Citizen Science Project Tracking Birds): <https://ebird.org/>
iNaturalist (Worldwide, with LRGV Projects): <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/lower-rio-grande-valley-wildlife>
National Weather Service - Citizen Science Tracking/CoCoRaHS: <https://www.cocorahs.org/>