



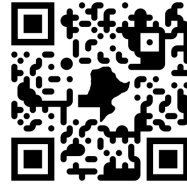
South Texas Border Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes.

We are a trained, knowledgeable group of volunteers dedicated to the study and conservation of natural resources and natural areas within the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

We provide education, outreach, and service regarding our unique ecological environment. Master Naturalists love to learn new things and are not afraid to get dirty!

South Texas Border Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

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We are volunteers learning and educating about the unique Rio Grande Valley ecosystem and doing our part to sustain it for the native wildlife that depend on it.

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Volunteer Training
January 8, 2026
to
March 26, 2026

**Become
A
Certified
Texas
Master
Naturalist**



Curriculum

Major Naturalists of Texas
Ecological Regions of Texas
Ecological Concepts
Citizen Science
Plant Classification
Native & Invasive Plants
Land Stewardship
Geology & Soils
Weather & Climate
Ornithology
Entomology
Ichthyology
Herpetology
Mammalogy
Urban Ecology
Forest Ecology & Management
Aquatic Systems & Management
Wetland Ecology & Management
Rangeland Ecology & Management
Texas Master Naturalist Ethics
Laws & Regulations
Volunteers as Teachers

Classes and Field Trips

Classes are given by local experts on Thursday evenings, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at St. George Orthodox Church Hall, Pharr. Classes will meet in-person.

Field trips will be mainly on Saturdays with some weekdays and nights. They include visits to natural areas, state parks, national wildlife areas, and world birding centers.

Field trip time beyond the required ten hours counts as advanced training toward TMN Certification.

Master Naturalist Certification and Annual Recertification require service hours and additional training.

Class Completion Certificate requires:

- 30 hours of Classroom Instruction
- 10 hours of Field Trips

TMN Certification requires additional:

- 8 hours Advanced Training
- 40 hours Volunteer Work

Annual Recertification requires:

- 8 hours Advanced Training
- 40 hours Volunteer Work

Our Goals

To improve public understanding of natural resource ecology and management.

To enhance existing natural resources education and out-reach activities.

To develop a self sufficient Texas Master Naturalist network serving the local area.

Fee for training and supplies - \$150
Application and scholarship info at www.stbctmn.org

Application deadline: December 15

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

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