



NATURE NOTES

Dedicated to the Enjoyment and Conservation of the Natural Beauty of Sun City Texas at Georgetown

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Tuesday, May 17, 2:30 p.m., SCB

Crowded Skies Presented by Rick Wagoner and
Common Butterflies in Sun City Presented by Ed Rozenburg

Tuesday, June 21, 2:30 p.m., SCB

Rare Earths and Other Metals Presented by Dave Weinberg

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now and save the date.

December 5 – Nature Club Holiday Party

More information coming as we approach the date!

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$12 for 2022

Dues include our monthly programs and all Special Interest Group programs and activities.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Nature Club activities are posted on the [Nature Club](http://www.sctexas.org) website calendar. E-mails are sent to Club members only.

REPTILES & MAMMALS

SIG Chair: Open

REPTILE ID, RELOCATION & MAPPING

FREE service, call:

- Jim Christiansen 512-868-3504
- Steve Kelley 512-639-0539
- John Leek 713-825-0145
- Joe Plunkett 774-226-0810
- City of Georgetown Animal Control 512-930-3592

We encourage residents to leave harmless, beneficial reptiles in their landscapes, but call us so we can identify and map all reptiles.

ASTRONOMY SIG

Mon., **May 23**, 7:00 p.m., CCF, program TBA

Mon., **June 27**, 7:00 p.m., CCF, program TBA

Check the Calendar for up-to-date info and watch for Special Viewing announcements.

SIG Chairs: Richard Wagoner & David Lingo



BIRDING SIG

Tues., **May 3**, 2:30 p.m., ACA – “Birding and Citizen Science in Williamson County” presented by Rich Kostecke

No SIG meeting in June



BIRD WALKS

Thurs., **May 5**, Wed., **May 18**, Thurs., **June 2** & Wed., **June 15**. All walks 8:00 a.m., meet at LHPP parking lot near the lake. Any changes will be emailed.

SIG Chairs: Ed Rozenburg & Martin Byhower

BUTTERFLY/MOTH SIG

No SIG Meeting in May

Tues., **June 7**, 2:30 p.m., ACA – Topic TBA



BUTTERFLY WALKS

Wed., **May 25**, 10 a.m., & Tues., **June 7**, 2:30 p.m. Meet at the Tranquility trailhead off Lone Star.

SIG Chair: Ed Rozenburg

GEOLOGY SIG

Tues., **May 24**, 4 p.m., ACA. “Texas Geology Rocks!” presented by Paul Swetland.

Tues., **June 28**, 4 p.m., ACA. “What makes Denver the Mile High City?” presented by Michael Starch

SIG Chair: Paul Swetland



Living With Wildlife SIG

Fri., **May 20**, 1:00 p.m., ACA, “Gardening for Wildlife” with Martin Byhower, Master Naturalist

Thur., **June 23**, 10 a.m., ACA, “Coyotes in an Urban Environment” with Kelly Simon, TPWD Urban Biologist

SIG Chairs: Nancy Wagoner and Barbara Meisner

NATIVE PLANTS SIG

Plant Walks Mon., **May 2**, Wed., **May 4**, Mon., **June 6**, and Wed., **June 8**. All plant walks start at 8:00 at the Softball Field Parking Lot.

SIG Chair: Pat Garren



Recommended Central Texas Deer Resistant Plants

From Martin Byhower

Sun City residents are continually looking for deer resistant plants. There are few 100% deer resistant plants especially in times of stress. However, wildlife generally leave the following plants alone.

**asterisked plants are non-native but not considered invasive.*

American Beauty Berry
Anacacho Orchid
Bee Balm
Blackfoot Daisy
Bluebonnets
Burford Holly*
Carolina Jessamine
Chile Pequin
Copper Canyon Daisy*
Crossvine
Damianita
Datura, Jimson Weed, Angel trumpet
Dwarf Palmetto
Elbow Bush
Esperanza, (Yellow Bells)
Esperanza, Sangria
Flame Acanthus
Frostweed
Garlic Chives*
Gaura, most types
Golden Groundsel
Honeysuckle, Coral
Indian Blanket
Inland Sea Oats
Lantana, Texas
Maximilian Sunflower
Mexican Feathergrass*
Mexican Hat (Ratibida)
Mexican Mint Marigold*
Milkweed: Antelope Horns
Milkweed: Butterflyweed and others
Mistflower, Blue
Mistflower, Fragrant
Mistflower, Gregg's
Muhly Gulf Coast
Muhly, Bamboo, Bamboo Muhly*
Muhly, Big
Nolina (all species)
Palmetto, Texas Dwarf
Prairie Verbena
Prickly Pear, Old Mexico*
Prickly Pear, Spineless
Red Bird of Paradise, Pride of Barbados*
Red Buckeye
Red Yucca
Sabal Palm, dwarf
Sage, "Lipstick" Salvia greggii, Lipstick
Sage, Cedar
Sage, Indigo Spires, Salvia, Indigo Spires*
Sage, Mealy Blue 'Henry Duelberg'
Sage, Pink Autumn, Salvia greggii 'Pink'
Sage, Red Autumn, Salvia greggii, Red
Sage, Tropical
Sage, White Autumn, Salvia greggii, White
Santolina, Gray*

Sedge, Webberville
Sedge, Woodland
Skeletonleaf Goldeneye
Skullcap, Heartleaf
Skullcap, Pink*
Sotol (all species)
Sumac, Flameleaf
Texas Betony
Texas Persimmon
Texas Sage, Compact
Texas Sage, Convent
Texas Sage, Green (Cenizo)
Tree Senna
Turk's Cap
Twistleaf Yucca
Whale's Tongue Agave
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Woolly Stemodia
Yarrow, Moonshine
Yaupon Holly
Zexmenia, Orange

The following is a photo from the last "Big Birding Weekend" on April 22 and 23.



Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*)

A small New World warbler that breeds in the Eastern United States and migrates to southern Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central America for the winter. Spotting this warbler is a rare event in Central Texas.

Photo by Martin Byhower.