



NATURE NOTES

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

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Tuesday, June 13, 2:30 p.m., SCB

***The Remarkable Animal Life at Lady Bird Johnson
Wildflower Center Presented by Val Bugh***

Tuesday, July 11, 2:30 p.m., SCB

***Pollinators Among Us
Presented by Charles (Charlie Bee) Agar, PBS Host***

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$12 for 2023

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](#) website calendar. E-mails are sent to Club members only.

REPTILES & MAMMALS



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 512-9303592



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

ASTRONOMY SIG



No meeting in **June, July** or **August**. "See you in September!"

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

SIG Chair: Richard Wagoner

BIRDING SIG

No SIG Meeting in **June** or **July**.

BIRD WALKS

Bird walks: Thurs., **June 1** and Wed. and **June 21**.

No July or August walks. Walks resume Sept. 20.

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

Tues., **June 6**, 2:30 p.m., RLSR – "TBD"

No SIG Meeting in **July**.



BUTTERFLY WALKS

Wed., **June 28**, 10:00 a.m. and Wed., **July 28**, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Tranquility trailhead off Lone Star. SIG

Chair: Ed Rozenburg

EARTH SCIENCE SIG

No meeting in **June**.

Thurs., **July 24**, 4:00 p.m., ACA

SIG Chair: Mike Kimball



Living With Wildlife SIG

SPECIAL Meeting: Thurs., **June 19**, 7:00 p.m., CCF, "Snakes of Sun City" Presented by John Leek, Snake Wrangler.

Thurs., **June 22**, 10:00 a.m., ACA, "Impact of Summer on Wildlife" Presented by a TPWD biologist.

Thurs., **July 27**, 10:00 a.m., ACA, "Wild Turkeys" presented by a TPWD Biologist.

SIG Chair: Nancy Wagoner



NATIVE PLANTS SIG

PLANT WALKS

Plant walks TBD, look for announcement via email.

SIG Chair: Pat Garren



Speaker Bio

Val Bugh

Gardens are more than collections of plants; they are dynamic ecosystems. Through a program of weekly surveys initiated in early 2010, a group of nature-loving volunteers have been consistently recording data on the animals found within the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, TX. From its inception to the vast number of identifications and observations accumulated, this program tells the story of the Fauna Project. Photography is an important tool in this study, so there is no dearth of colorful images to highlight the insects, spiders, birds, reptiles, etc. and their behaviors. Take a close look at the biome, glimpse some of the diverse residents in an organically cultivated native plant habitat and see why variety is the spice of life.

Bio:

Val Bugh is a local naturalist specializing in the arthropods of the Austin area, with interests in taxonomy and photography. She runs the Fauna Project at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, leads insect/wildflower discovery walks, teaches entomology and plant classes, provides insect/spider identifications, gives talks to local organizations, and is the author of pocket guides to "Butterflies of Central Texas," "Spiders of Texas" and "Unusual Insects of Texas."

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