



# NATURE NOTES

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

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**Tuesday, February 14, 2:30 p.m., RLSR**

***The Wonderful World of Moths***

*Presented by Jack Cochran*

**\*\*NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION\*\***

**Tuesday, March 14, 2:30 p.m., SCB**

***Make Your Yard Come Alive-Garden for Birds with Native Plants***

*Presented by Jane Tillman, Capital Area Master Naturalist*

## MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$12 for 2023

Dues include our monthly programs and all Special Interest Group programs and activities. 2023 fees can be paid starting December 1 online or at the CA office.

## 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 512-930-3592



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., **February 20**, 7:00 p.m., CCF. "TBD"

Mon., **March 20**, 7:00 p.m., CCF. "TBD"

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

*SIG Chair: Richard Wagoner*



## BIRDING SIG

No SIG Meeting in **February**.

Tues., **March 7**, 2:30 p.m., RLSR – *"The Remarkable Tropical Bird Life of Panama"*, by Martin Byhower



## BIRD WALKS

*Bird walks:* Thurs., **February 2** and Wed., **February 15**,

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*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., **February 7**, 2:30 p.m., RLSR – *"Butterflies in the Rio Grande Valley"*

No SIG Meeting in **March**.



## BUTTERFLY WALKS

Tues., **February 22**, 10:00 a.m and Wed.,

**March 29**, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Tranquility trailhead off Lone Star.

*SIG Chair: Ed Rozenburg*

## GEOLOGY SIG

Tues., **February 28**, 4:00 p.m., ACA. *"Petroleum Geology and Production"* by Tim Taylor.

Starting in **March** the SIG will be known as **"Earth Science"** SIG combining the sciences of geology, archeology and paleontology.

*SIG Chair: Paul Swetland*



## Living With Wildlife SIG

Thurs., **February 23**, 10:00 a.m., ACA,

*"Wild Animal Rehab at All Things Wild Rehabilitation"*

Presented by Roger Rucker.

Thurs., **March 23**, 10:00 a.m., ACA, *"Landscaping*

*with Wildlife in Mind"* Presented by Mary Ann Melton.

*SIG Chair: Nancy Wagoner*



## NATIVE PLANTS SIG

Plant Walks

Mon., **February 13**, 9:00 a.m – Meet at the

Cattleman Trailhead (Retreat Center) and Wed., **February 15**,

9:00 a.m. – Meet and the Meadow Trailhead (Softball Field)

No **March** Plant Walks



*SIG Chair: Pat Garren*

## Speaker Bio

### Jack Cochran

Jack presents the *The Attraction of Moths*

People who spend time outdoors have surely noticed butterflies, especially in Texas where there are over 400 species, including Monarchs that migrate by the thousands in spring and fall. Butterflies are not only strikingly beautiful, but are also important pollinators. But even people with keen natural interests often overlook a related winged insect – the moth. This presentation hopes to illustrate the beauty and variety of Texas moths so that more people will be interested in these often-colorful night flyers. Seeing them can be as easy as turning on a light!

Jack Cochran is a retired analytical chemist with a lifelong love of the natural world. His initial interest was viewing birds, but he expanded to butterflies and dragonflies, and finally plunged into the challenge of observing and trying to identify moths. Jack's other hobbies include wildlife photography and citizen science through iNaturalist. He is a Texas Master Naturalist in the Good Water Chapter.