



NATURE NOTES

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

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Tuesday, September 12, 2:30 p.m., SCB

Tree Selection & Planting in Sun City

Presented by Alison Baylis, Regional Urban Ecologist, TAMFS

Tuesday, October 10, 2:30 p.m., SCB

Managing and Sustaining Wildlife in an HOA Community

Presented by Warren Bluntzer, Sun City Wildlife Consultant

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$6 for 2023

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

CLUB OFFICER & DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

The members of the Nature Club (NC) will elect next year's Board in October 2023. If you are interested in applying for a Board position or wish to nominate another member, please contact the NC Nominating Committee at nominatingcommittee2024@gmail.com.

To better understand what responsibilities, go with each office, [Click Here..](#)

SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT

Saturday, October 14, 10:00, CCAM. Nature Club Members: brunch and solar glasses.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Nature Club activities are posted on the [Nature Club](#) website calendar. E-mails are sent to Club members only.

ASTRONOMY SIG

Monday, **Sept. 18**, 7:00 p.m., CCF, "All Things Eclipse"

Monday, **Oct. 16**, 7:00 p.m., CCF, "Roaming the Winter Sky"

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

SIG Chair: Richard Wagoner



BIRDING SIG

Tues., **Sept. 5**, 2:30 p.m., RLSR, "TBA"
No SIG Meeting in **October**.

BIRD WALKS

Wed., **September 20**, Thurs., **October 5**,
and Wed., **October 18**, 8 a.m., LHPP.

*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 **September**.

Tues., **Oct. 3**, 2:30 p.m., RLSR, "Butterflies Seen in Sun City"



BUTTERFLY WALKS

Wed., **September 27**, and Wed., **October 25** 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Tranquility trailhead off Lone Star. *SIG Chair: Ed Rozenburg*

EARTH SCIENCE SIG

Tues., **Sept. 26**, 4:00 p.m., ACA, "TBD"
SIG Chair: Mike Kimball



Living With Wildlife SIG

Thurs., **September 28**, 10:00 a.m., ACA, "Bats-Our Best Friends" presented by Bat Conservation

Thurs., **October 26**, 10:00 a.m., ACA, "Trees for Williamson County" presented by TBA.

SIG Chair: Nancy Wagoner



NATIVE PLANTS SIG

PLANT WALKS

Plant walks TBD, look for announcement via email.

SIG Chair: Pat Garren



Bamberger Preserve Trip

A Nature Club trip to Bamberger Preserve is planned for Wed., September 13, 2023.

Watch your email August 30th for sign up information and details of our upcoming trip. Be one of the 35 Nature Club members to join us in exploring what David Bamberger has accomplished at this central Texas preserve.

Watch this preview for more information

[----Bamberger Video----](#)

All Things Wild! Special Event

There will be a special event for All Things Wild! On Saturday, **September 23** at 5:00 PM in the Atrium ATW will present on fox rehabilitation.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person on CA Ticket system.

Speaker Bio

September 12

Alison Baylis

Tree Selection & Planting in Sun City

Get ready for the upcoming tree planting season with this presentation! Participants will learn all about selecting the right tree for their yard, what trees do well in the area, how to properly plant a tree, and how to care for a newly planted tree.

Alison Baylis is the Regional Urban Ecologist for Texas A&M Forest Service. In this role she helps central Texas communities develop sustainable programs that provide Texans with healthy trees and forests.

She received her bachelor's degree in biology, specializing in ecology, evolution, and behavior, from The University of Texas at Austin and is a current graduate student in the Master of Natural Resources program with a concentration in urban forestry at Oregon State University. She is also an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, Texas Oak Wilt Qualified, Texas Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualified, and a certified Project Learning Tree educator and facilitator.

Room Location Acronyms

ACA – Activities Center Atrium

CCAM – Cowan Creek Amphitheater

CCF – Cowan Creek Florence Room

LHPP – Legacy Hills Park Pavilion

SCB - Sun City Ballroom

RLSR – Retreat Loan Star Room