# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

**Since 1997** 

There were 718 new members trained in 2022 and more than 16,330 members have been trained to date.

Members contributed 515,454 hours of service to the TMN Program in 2022 and more than 6.38 million hours to date. In 2022, TMN Members contributed more service hours than any other program year!

### MISSION



The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

#### **ABOUT**

What makes the work of a Master Naturalist so important is that they are not only individuals who love nature and offer their time, but are also trained naturalists with specialized knowledge of different ecosystems, species, habitats, and environmental demands. Our skilled volunteers work with communities and organizations across 48 chapters covering 213 counties to implement youth outreach programs, help operate parks, nature centers, natural areas, and lead local natural resource conservation efforts.

#### OTHER PROGRAM IMPACTS

Reached over 289,969 youth, adults, and private landowners in 2022 and more than 6.864 million people to date.

Developed or maintained <u>62</u> NEW miles of trail in 2022 and more than <u>2,296+</u> miles of trail to date.

Commander Kjell
Lindgren, also a
TMN volunteer, took
our patch and pin to
space on the ISS as
part of NASA's
Crew-4.

Service hours in 2022 were valued at \$11.85 million and more than \$146.80 million since the program's inception.

Added 40 acres under TMN stewardship and management projects in 2022 and made an impact on more than 233,943 acres of Texas to date.



## **SPONSORS**

The Texas Master Naturalist program is sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.













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2023 is our State Program's 25th Anniversary Year! Come join us and celebrate your accomplishments during any of these upcoming program activities to contribute even more to our 25th Anniversary Report published next year!





### **25TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT**

Help us share your story and favorite parts of being a Texas Master Naturalist. Join our <u>25th Anniversary Storytelling Project</u> by submitting your videos, stories, or photos. Your contribution to this project will help tell the story of the program with more than just impact numbers and volunteer service hours. It's the people, the heart of our program, that we want to hear from, learn about, and recognize the spirit of in this 25th year and the next 25 years going forward.

### **2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

Get excited for our <u>Texas Master Naturalist 2023 Annual Meeting</u> – to be held Thursday, Oct. 12th through Sunday, Oct. 15th at the southernmost point of Texas' South Plains ecoregion, in McAllen, Texas. The Annual Meeting is a chance to get all of your advanced training in for the year in one weekend, meet other Master Naturalists and learn about replicable TMN projects from around the state.



## HELP US CONTINUE TO BUILD THE TMN PROGRAM



The mission of the <u>Texas Master Naturalist Endowment</u> is to further enhance the Texas Master Naturalist Program, its chapters and volunteers, now and into the future, for the benefit of natural resource education, conservation and stewardship.

## TMN LICENSE PLATE

Show off your support of the Texas Master Naturalist program, your membership, and commitment to conservation education through volunteer service all over Texas, and beyond! By purchasing a <u>Texas Master Naturalist license plate</u>, you will be directly providing financial support back to our program and its conservation and stewardship of Texas' natural resources. ANYONE can purchase this plate and \$22 of each \$30 annual plate fee comes directly back to the Texas Master Naturalist Program for continuing our mission.









