

		Native Plant Society of Texas Annual Chapter Activity Report (CAR) This report is based on activities from: 1 Sept 2021 to 31 Aug 2022	Mission: to promote conservation, research, and utilization of native plants and native habitats of Texas through education, outreach, and example.	Not all chapters will have activities in all categories. Some answers may overlap; information does not need to be repeated.
		Data from the Chapter Activity Report is used to complete the Society's annual report, to create email permissions and to update State website content. Reports will be available to chapter leaders so they can share ideas and inspiration to improve their own chapter's activities. CARs become historical records of our Society and chapters.	<i>The CAR is used by the President of the Society in choosing the Chapter of the Year!</i> Many thanks to all the chapter volunteers whose work is invaluable in fulfilling our mission.	Completed forms should be returned to the State Office via email CAR@npsot.org by September 1. Use the consistent convention when saving the CAR: chapter name.CAR.year e.g. Amarillo.CAR.2022 or Houston.CAR.2022 or NorthCentral.CAR.2022
	*Denotes Required	Column 1 (C1) Categories and Question <i>Some questions are answered in this column.</i> You may add additional rows if necessary in any category.	Column 2 (C2) Answer	Column 3 (C3) Additional information or explanation
	*	<i>Report based on activities from:</i> 1 Sept 2021 to 31 Aug 2022	Date of Submission: (day/month/year)	
	*	Chapter Name	Pines and Prairies	
		Does your chapter identify with any specific plant or plants? (on your logo or otherwise)	no	
	*	What ecoregion(s) does your chapter serve? (C2) Major near-by city or cities? (C3)	Piney Woods, South Post Oak Savannah, Blackland Prairies	Montgomery County, Conroe
1.	*	CHAPTER LEADERSHIP Please fill in all that apply	Name	Email
A		Chapter President	Gail McConnell	gail.mccconnell315@gmail.com
B		Chapter Treasurer	David Lemons	david_lemons@icloud.com
		Chapter Secretary	Carolyn Worsham	cmworsham@yahoo.com
C		Chapter Representative to State Board (in place of president if frequent)	none	
D		Chapter Membership coordinator/chair/contact		
		Chapter Outreach coordinator/chair/contact	Patti Thompson	pt42@comcast.net
F		Chapter Field Trip coordinator/chair/contact		
G		Chapter Plant Sale coordinator/chair/contact	Amy Birdwell	abirdwell6@gmail.com

H		Chapter Program coordinator/chair/contact	Martin Simonton	martin.simonton@gmail.com
		Chapter Hybrid meetings	Mike McGee	mmcgee@sbcglobal.net
I		Chapter Invasive Species coordinator/chair/contact	Kathie Herrick	kjherrick@gmail.com
		Chapter NLCP coordinator/chair/contact	Kathie Herrick	kjherrick@gmail.com
J		Chapter NICE coordinator/chair/contact		
2.		MEMBERSHIP		
A		Please describe or list any activities intended to <i>specifically increase</i> membership.	Outreach tables at nature festivals, First Anniversary Celebration, plant sales	
B		Please describe or list any activities intended to <i>specifically retain</i> membership.	Holiday seed mailing	Gulf coast penstemon seeds were sent mid-November to thank them for their membership
C		Explain how the leadership communicates with members.	President sends mass email with upcoming events and information. Board input is always welcomed and email includes "partner" organization notification requests.	Bylaws require 72 hours notice of Chapter Board Meetings to all members. Notice is sent with the agenda for the meeting and an invitation to join discussions
D		Describe any efforts to increase diversity. (e.g. youth photo contests, or outreach to minority communities)	No intentional activity	Plants bring people together in peace. We did plant a school pollinator in seven existing raised beds that had been overtaken with weeds. The school is
E	*	Number of chapter members at beginning of report year. C2-total # C3-#of affiliates	77	Eventually, this information should be input for the Chapter from Neon. Neon does not produce a report for number of affiliates, which means we manually have to count them up.
F	*	Number of chapter members at end of report year. C2-total # C3-#of affiliates	139	Please send me a description of the rights of an affiliate, as I have not seen one and we are treating affiliates (secondary memberships?) as members.
3.		CHAPTER GOVERNANCE		
A		How many board members does your chapter have? (C2)	7	
B		How many board meetings per year (C2). If you have a recurring date - what is it? (C3)	8-10	As needed
C		When are your chapter elections?	February	
D		Does your chapter have bylaws and standing rules? (C2) If yes, are they up-to-date? (C3)	Bylaws	What does up-to-date mean?
E		Does your chapter offer any kind of leadership onboarding?	No, just what's provided by the State	
F		Please list the names of chapter committees in C2 and offer a brief description in C3. (Remember you may add more rows.)	inserted in list of chairs/coordinators above	

4.		CHAPTER MEETINGS		
A		When are meetings held? (day of month, for example)	None	We are boots on the ground—field trips, plant walks, seed-collecting, propagation stations
B		Where are meetings held if in-person?	nature centers	Yes, Chapter has a State Zoom license
C		Are your meetings/programs live online? If yes, what platform are you using? C2 Does your chapter take advantage of the State Zoom licensing? C3		
D		Are your meetings a hybrid (in-person and online)?	yes	
E		Are your meetings/programs recorded for viewing later? If yes, are they available to the public? Please put the URL for your viewing platform in C3.	yes	
F		Does your chapter ever use Facebook live for meetings or any other events?	no	
5.		MEETING PROGRAMS: Fill in “none” if no meeting was held in the month.		
		Date in this column	Speaker(s) name(s) and program subject	Speaker’s email(s) if they allow sharing
A	*	September		
B	*	October		
C	*	November	Adam Black	decatropis@gmail.com
D	*	December		
E	*	January	Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, David Lemons, Don Dubois, Cherie Colburn	abbie.ince15@gmail.com , david_lemons@icloud.com , donandchrisdubois@att.net , c@cheriecolburn.com
F	*	February		
G	*	March		
H	*	April		
I	*	May		
J	*	June		
K	*	July		
L	*	August		
Total	Last row please	Total number of meetings. (answer in C2)	2	
6.		FIELD TRIPS: Date	Location	Number of participants

A		April 3, 2022	Little Thicket Nature Preserve	30
B		May 21, 2022	St. Julian's Crossing, Lawndale Art Center	14
		June 12, 2022	Roy Larsons Sandyland Conservancy	6 members
		July 4, 2022	Joe Anders's Frog Bottom Preserve	7
Total	Last row please	Total number of field trips. (answer in C2)	4	
7.		PLANT SALES: Dates in C1 (Note: each Chapter is allowed two 24-hour continuous sales-tax-free events per year.)	Location and number of volunteers participating	Approximate net amount raised
A		Spring	New World Botanical, 2701 Lone Star Parkway; 20 volunteers	\$4000
B		Please briefly explain how your sale was organized.	Members-only Friday evening, public sale Saturday 9a-2pm	plants arranged by family, inventory was refilled from the nursery on site
C		Fall	Rob Fleming Park, 6055 Creekside Forest Dr., The Woodlands, TX, 12 volunteers	\$1370
D		Please briefly explain how your sale was organized if different from the spring.	Sale was held at The Woodlands Landscape Solutions Event. Plants needed to be transported from New World Botanical over an hour a way.	
E		Does your chapter purchase plants?	yes	
F		Do your members grow plants for sale?	yes	
8.		Other Fundraising Efforts		
A		None		
B				
9.	*	NICE NATIVE PLANT PARTNERS Program		
A		Does your chapter participate? (Yes/No)	Not yet.	Developing a relationship with the nursery at Ace Hardware
B		How many nurseries or professional growers do you work with?		
C		Please list all nursery partners. Write name in C1, email address in C2 and website link in C3		
		1		
		2		
Total	Last row please	Total number of NICE nurseries. (answer in C2)		
10.	*	BRING BACK THE MONARCHS TO TEXAS Program (BBMT)		

A		Did your chapter receive any BBMT grants? (Yes/No)	No.	Just read an article on dated 2016 on the NPSOT website saying Chapters cannot ask for BBMT grants. https://npsot.org/wp/story/2016/8555/ I agree. Chapters should be contributing funds!
B		Does your chapter work with the BBMT committee and/or act as mentors to grantees in your community? (Yes/No)	No, we would be glad to, but were not notified of any grantees in our community	
C		Please list all BBMT gardens you work with.	Garden Location	
	1			
	2			
Total	Last row please	Total number of BBMT gardens. (answer in C2)		
11.		NATIVE LANDSCAPE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NLCP) Did your chapter sponsor any NLCP classes? If yes, please list. Class name in this column	Date of class, location	Number of chapter volunteers/ Number of students
		Level 1	Oct 30 via Zoom; Oct 31 plant walk at Mercer Botanic Gardens	In the future, it would be nice to have this information pre-filled. The State Office knows or has this information.
		Level 1	Mar 12 via Zoom; Mar 13 plant walk at Mercer Botanic Gardens	
Total	Last row please	Total number of NLCP classes. (answer in C2)	2	
12.		DEMONSTRATION GARDENS Please list all gardens you maintain.		
		Name and location of garden	Frequency of maintenance	Typical number of volunteers
A		Celebration Garden at Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center, 1300 Riley Fuzzle Rd.	Watering 2x per week due to drought, 2 volunteers per week	3 major work days—area prep, installation, weed and add more mulch total of
B		Sam Houston Elementary School, 1000 N. Thompson Street, Conroe TX	Watering 2x per week due to drought	2+ volunteers per week
		Prairie garden at W.G. Jones State Forest	Started in December. And is being worked on now	
Total	Last row please	Total number of demonstration gardens. (answer in C2)	3	
13.		TEXAS NATIVE PLANT WEEK (TNPW) Does your chapter participate in the state-wide iNaturalists Bioblitz? Yes/No C2 Please list any activities your chapter sponsors or members participate in that promote TNPW (publicity, advocacy etc.).	Notice was forwarded to all members, participation unknown. No special activities	
A				
B				

14.	PLANT RESCUE: Please list any plant rescue activities.	Date	Location
A	Individual member efforts		
B			
15.	INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL: Please list locations of any invasive plant eradication efforts or targeted education campaigns.	Date	Plants targeted
A	via The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N. invasive task force in our area	many	air potato vine, Chinese Tallow
B			
16.	COMMUNITY RECOGNITION: Please list any community recognition, published success stories in local, regional papers, magazines, catalogues or online sources.	Date	Please describe
A			
B			
17.	COMMUNITY ADVOCACY: Does your chapter participate in community events that advocate conservation or any other aspect of our mission? (Advocacy can include programs such as the Pollinator Garden Assistance and Recognition Program.) Please list any published articles or letters to the editor. Has your chapter worked with state and local authorities on legislation, ordinances and development or landscaping practices that protect native plant communities and habitats, and advocate the use of native plants in public landscapes.	Date	Describe advocacy and/or indicate outcome
A			
B			
18.	EDUCATIONAL EVENTS: Please describe any educational or outreach events or projects your chapter undertook that are not listed above.	Date	
A	Work and learn propagation	Most Thursday mornings	Educational for members
B	Seed collecting Edgewater Park	June 24, 2022	Educational for members
	Kleb Woods Hummingbird Festival	September 11, 2021	Outreach Event
	Ace Hardware (The Woodlands) Garden Event	September 11, 2021	Outreach Event
	Mercer Botanic Gardens Pollinator Festival	October 2, 2021	Outreach Event
	Jesse Jones Park Nature Fest	March 5, 2022	Outreach Event
	Woodforest Blooms for Great Garden Festival	April 9, 2022	Outreach Event
	Conroe Home and Garden Show	August 20-21, 2022	Outreach Event
	Ace Hardware (The Woodlands) Garden Event	August 27, 2022	Outreach Event

Total	Last row please	Total number of educational event. (answer in C2)	'About 50	
19.		COLLABORATIONS and CONTACTS: Please list organizations with whom you have had or are having ongoing collaborations or partnerships. Include NPSOT chapters, academic departments, civic institutions, home owner associations, environmental groups etc.	Date(s)	Description of work
A		Heartwood Chapter Texas Master Naturalists	various and ongoing	Tree nursery care, inclusion in many of our activities, Level 1 NLCP counts for AT credit
B		Precint 3, Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center	ongoing	Celebration pollinator garden, rain catchment station
		W.G. Jones State Forest	ongoing	Propagation station, prairie garden
		Sam Houston Elementary School, 1000 N. Thompson Street, Conroe TX	ongoing	Pollinator garden
		Sam Houston State University Field Station, Huntsville	ongoing	Planned propagation station, plant contributions
20.	*	GRANTS AND DONATIONS: Did your chapter make any grants, donations or gifts to any organizations or individuals? (Including NPSOT state programs)	Amount of grant or donation	Purpose
A		Kate Hill Scholarship Fund	\$250	Chapter contribution in lieu of selling raffle tickets
B		Ann Miller Gonzalez Reserach Grant Fund	\$250	Chapter contribution in lieu of selling raffle tickets
		San Antonio Rare and Endangered Plants	\$250	In honor of Michael Easton
	Last row please	Total number of grants & donations. (answer in C2)	\$750	
21.	*	NEWSLETTER Editors' names	Monthly or weekly	Link to online archive and/or source
A		None. Gail McConnell, President, emails learning and activity opportunities about 2x a month		
B				
22.	*	WEBSITE Editors' names	Independent or connected to state	URL
A		Carolyn Worsham	Connected to State	https://npsot.org/wp/pinesandprairies/
B				
23.	*	SOCIAL MEDIA - list all and give number of members or followers	Names of administrators (A) and moderators (M)	URL

A		Facebook, including plant of the week	Susan Beckemeier	In the future, it would be nice to have this information pre-filled. The State Office knows or has this information. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063981707925&ref=page_internal
B		Facebook group, Texas Native Plant Swap	David Lemons	https://www.facebook.com/groups/450820126608069
24.		STATE ONBOARDING: did any of your chapter leaders participate in the State Board or Treasurers State Level onboarding?	Names	Chapter Position
		President and Treasurer attended last year. Both officers hold 2-year terms		
25.	*	Name of person(s) completing this form	Chapter leadership role	
A		Gail McConnell	President	
B				
26.		Conservation		
A		Did your chapter engage in any conservation work e.g. preserving habitats like native ones found in untended cemeteries. Please explain.	With Martin Simonton's help, we are seed-collecting and propagating rare natives.	
27.		Additional information, questions or comments.		
A				
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