



40th Anniversary Virtual Celebration



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Stay home. Stay safe. Save lives.

All sessions are free, open to the public and virtual over Zoom. Some sessions will be recorded for later viewing on [our YouTube channel](#).

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our Society

The Society was founded in 1981 in Denton, following organizational efforts begun by Carroll Abbott and others. The late Ann Miller Gonzalez [wrote about the founding of the Society](#).

To learn more about Carroll Abbott and the early native plant advocacy in Texas, see [Mr. Texas Bluebonnet – the Carroll Abbott Story](#).

Held during Texas Native Plant Week October 18-24 – mark your calendar!

Texas Native Plant Week started in 2009 as the result of advocacy by two members of our Highland Lakes Chapter. [Read more](#).

Our second weeklong Texas-wide bioblitz

The point is to see how many plants can be observed using the iNaturalist app during the week of October 18 – October 24. If you haven't used iNaturalist it is easy to get started. Just visit [iNaturalist.org](#), sign up and download the app. Then start making observations. The app will help you identify observations by making suggestions.



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The Native Plant Society will host multiple sessions for seven days during Texas Native Plant Week, October 18-24, 2020. Each session requires its own separate free registration. All the sessions will be via Zoom and last about 1 hour. Click on the event link for details. Unless otherwise noted each event may be viewed on our [YouTube Live channel](#).

Click on any of the titles below for details.

October 18 @ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm [40th Anniversary Celebration Kick Off with Kim Conrow & Origins of Texas Native Plant Week with The Honorable Donna Howard](#)

October 18 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm [Participate in the iNaturalist Native Plant BioBlitz with Sam Kieschnick](#)

October 19 @ 9:00 am – 10:00 am [The Benny J. Simpson Ecopark: A Tribute to an Extraordinary Pioneer for Texas Flora with Daniel Cunningham](#)

October 19 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm [Bringing Texas Native Plants to Texas Discovery Gardens with Kerry Gray-Harrison](#)

October 20 @ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm [Historical Uses of Texas Plants with Carol Clark](#)

October 20 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm [Conserving the Rare Asclepias prostrata – Plant Conservation at San Antonio Botanical Gardens with Michael Eason](#)

October 21 @ 9:00 am – 10:00 am [Virtual Tour of Kathy Lyles' Gardens and Tips for Managing Hill Country Landscapes](#)

October 21 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm [Carroll Abbott Garden at Riverside Nature Center](#)

October 22 @ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm [Frankford Church and Prairie: An Awakening with Kathy Wells Power](#)

October 22 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm [Native Grassland Restoration, How Plants Grow and How to Improve Them with Ricky Linex](#)

October 23 @ 9:00 am – 10:00 am [Coffee Time With Some Plant Friends at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center with Andrea DeLong-Amaya](#)

October 23 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm [History of our Society and a Tour of TWU Butterfly Gardens with Dr. Camelia Maier](#)

October 24 @ 9:00 am – 10:00 am [Chapter Development: Native Landscape Certification Program Panel Discussion with Meg Inglis](#)

October 24 @ 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm [Annual State Meeting of Members](#)

October 24 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm [Contests & Awards Presentation](#)

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