



Preliminary 2024 Training Class Schedule

As of 04/05/2024

Most classes will be held at Global Spheres, 7801 S I-35E, Corinth, TX 76208.
Sessions begin at 9:00 am and end around 3:00 pm.

August 20, 2024 – Session 1

Morning	<p>Welcome to the Class of 2024 – Elise Spain, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter, Training Director</p> <p>Welcome to Texas Master Naturalist - Elm Fork Chapter – Kathryn Wells, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter, President</p> <p>North Texas Growth and Water Resource Challenges – Dean Minchillo, Program Specialist, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Dallas Research and Extension Center</p>
Afternoon	<p>Chapter Projects Overview – Larry Duncan, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter, Interim Projects Manager</p> <p>iNaturalist Training – Wendy Anderson, Nature Tracker Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife</p>

August 27, 2024 – Session 2

Morning	<p>ECOLOGICAL CONCEPTS – Kelly Albus, PhD, Research Scientist, Texas A&M AgriLife and the Texas Water Resources Institute</p>
Afternoon	<p>HERPETOLOGY – Taylor J Willis, DVM, Worldwide Wildlife</p> <p>VMS Training – Gale Bacon, TMN – Elm Fork Chapter</p>

September 3, 2024 – Session 3

Morning	<p>FOREST ECOLOGY – Rick & Lisa Travis, TMN - Blackland Prairie Chapter</p>
Afternoon	<p>Leaf and Tree Identification – Rick & Lisa Travis, TMN - Blackland Prairie Chapter</p>

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September 10, 2024 – Session 4

Morning	MAMMALOGY - Karin and Robert Saucedo , TMN – Blackland Prairie Chapter WildRescue Inc. - Diana Leggett
Afternoon	ORNITHOLOGY – Blackland Prairie Raptor Center Birding Opportunities - Andrea Dixon , TMN – Elm Fork Chapter

September 17, 2024 – Session 5

Morning	FIELD TRIP – Ray Roberts Lake State Park , Isle du Bois Unit
Afternoon	FIELD TRIP – Lake Ray Roberts Water Treatment Plant

September 24, 2024 – Session 6

Morning	AQUATIC SYSTEMS – Tom La Point, PhD
Afternoon	ICHTHYOLOGY – Tom La Point, PhD

October 1, 2024 – Session 7

Morning	NATIVE PLANTS AND POLLINATORS – Camelia Maier, PhD , Texas Woman’s University
Afternoon	ENTOMOLOGY – Jaime Baxter-Slye, PhD , University of North Texas

October 8, 2024 – Session 8

Morning	FIELD TRIP – City of Denton Facilities (Landfill, Home Chemical Collection, Pratt Recycling Center)
Afternoon	FIELD TRIP – Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center Interpretation – Sharon Betty , TMN – Elm Fork Chapter

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October 15, 2024 – Session 9

Morning	GEOLOGY – Reid Ferring, PhD
Afternoon	CLIMATE AND WEATHER – Michael Slattery, PhD , Texas Christian University

October 22, 2024 – Session 10

Morning	URBAN ECOLOGY – Sam Kieschnick , Texas Parks & Wildlife
Afternoon	LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND ETHICS – Sam Kieschnick , Texas Parks & Wildlife

October 29, 2024 – Session 11

Morning and Afternoon	FIELD TRIP – Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA) Nature Preserve
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November 5, 2024 – Session 12

Morning	BIRD MIGRATION PATTERNS AND TRENDS IN NORTH TEXAS – Karen DeVinney , TMN – Elm Fork Chapter PROTECTING DARK SKIES FOR HUMANS AND WILDLIFE - Karen McGraw , TMN – Elm Fork Chapter
Afternoon	BEYOND TMN TRAINING - Jan Deatherage , TMN – Elm Fork Chapter GRADUATION