

2012 HOUSTON AREA ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT CALENDAR

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----- MARCH 2012 -----

Thurs., Mar. 15

1. To Mar. 17 **National Groundwater Awareness Week**
<http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/awarenessweek.cfm>
2. 8 am **Prairie Works** at Indiangrass preserve www.katyprairie.org
3. 9-11:30 am Plants for **Horseshoe Marsh** -Workday at Edith Moore NS www.houstonaudubon.org
4. 1:30- 3:30 pm **H-GAC Parks and Natural Areas** Subcommittee Mtg www.h-gac.org
5. 6:45 pm **Prairie Advocacy** Mtg in the Library at the Houston Arboretum www.npsot.org/houston
6. 7 pm **Native Plant Soc. Mtg. Houston Botanic Garden, Saving Prairies**
www.npsot.org/houston

Fri., Mar. 16

7. **Heirloom Seed Garden Contest**- enter by 7/31 www.yourgardenshow.com/grow-it-forward?a=2
8. 9 am **Bluebirds at Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center**, 3/29 9:30 am **Meet at Alligator Pond w/Al Barr**, 4/14 7:30 am **Birding Walk**, 4/14 10 am **Top Ten Fungi**, 4/24 9:30 am **What do Snakes do All Day?** 5/5 7:30 am **Bird Walk**, 5/5 9 am **Bluebirds are Here!** w/Linda Crum, 5/12 10 am **Top Ten Insects** 6/9 7:30 am **Birding Walk**, 6/9 10 am **Top Ten Reptiles**
teri.macarthur@mctx.org www.springcreekgreenway.org
9. bat chat at 7:10 pm, 4/6 - bat chat at 7:23 pm **Waugh Bat Bridge Bat Chat** <http://community-2.webtv.net/masternaturalist/THEWAUGHBATMONITOR>

Sat., Mar. 17

10. 7 am **Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey** www.houstonaudubon.org
11. 8 am **Willow Waterhole Bird Survey** www.houstonaudubon.org
12. 8 am **Houston Area Trails Meetup - Lone Star Hiking Trail** www.meetup.com/Houston-Area-Trails-More
13. **Project Blazingstar Workday at Hermann Park (3rd Sat)** <http://gcmn.tamu.edu>
14. **Houston Sierra Club Workday at the Lone Star Hiking Trail, 3/17 North Jetty Beach Clean Up**, May 12 Workday at Pine Brook Wetlands www.houston.sierraclub.org
15. Houston Lakes **Butterfly Count** rsvp to hugahabi@swbell.net www.naba.org/chapters/nababest
16. 9 am **Canoe Spring Creek** also 2 pm 3/18 www.hcp4.net/jones
17. St. Patrick's Day **Workday at the Upper Kirby Garden** rsvp to Suzy FSILAND@aol.com
18. 10 am-2 pm **EcoConnections: Stories & Statistics, Pennies & Pioneers** www.katyprairie.org
19. **CCA Texas** Port Mansfield East Cut & Beach Cleanup www.ccatexas.org
20. 8:30 - 10 am **March Mart Volunteer Training** at Mercer rsvp 281-443-8731
www.hcp4.net/mercer
21. **Dos Vacas Muertes Bird Sanctuary** Workday www.houstonaudubon.org
22. **Go Native U** starts at the Wildflower Center in Austin www.wildflower.org

Sun. Mar. 18

23. **Artist Boat Kayak Tours** also 3/23,24,25,30,31 www.artistboat.org
24. **Tour de Houston** to benefit the **Houston Parks Board** www.tourdehouston.org
25. **Canoe Spring Creek** www.hcp4.net/jones
26. **Houston Arboretum** "Build Your Own Rain Barrel" Workshop. Also Mar. 25, Apr. 22 or 29
www.houstonarboretum.org
27. **Do you like Hockey?** Two tickets if you take the Native Plant Society Booth to the Houston Aeros Game- Conservation Night www.npsot.org/houston
28. **Third Sundays in Nature** at **Armand Bayou Nature Center** 3/18 "Hopper Haven" (Insects and Spiders), 4/15 "Earth Day Celebrating ABNC", 5/20 "Art in Nature", 6/17 "Just Fishin" (Fishing derby, fish prints), 7/15 "Radical Reptiles" 8/19 "ABNC Watershed - Our Quality of Life" 9/16 "Venture Outdoors" (Scavenger hunt, photography), 10/21 "Paddles Up" (Paddling 101)11/18 "Ancestral Echoes" (Prairies, bison), 12/16 "Blowing in the Wind" (Wind energy), www.abnc.org

Mon., Mar. 19

29. 8 am Monday Morning **Birding at Jesse Jones Park** www.hcp4.net/jones
30. 4:40 pm The Dark Side of the Moon- **Houston Museum of Natural Science** www.hmns.org

31. Pct. 2 Master Gardener **Open Garden Day** <http://hcmga.tamu.edu>

Tues., Mar. 20

32. 8:30 am **West 11th Street park bird survey** www.houstonaudubon.org

33. 2 pm **Jesse Jones Park Photography Club** www.hcp4.net/jones

34. 7:30 pm **Ken Robinson, PhD** at the Progressive Forum www.progressiveforumhouston.org

35. 6:30 - 9:30 pm Woodlands - **Photoshop for Photographers** w/Kathy Adams Clark www.llu.org

Wed., Mar. 21

36. **Lunch with the Birds** www.naturediscoverycenter.org

37. 6-8 pm **US Green Bldg Council, Select Local - Grow Together**: Green Building Applications from the World Marketplace, 4/4 B2G Professional Network Sunrise Series, 4/22 Houston Renewable Energy Group Quarterly mtg, 5/1 Gulf Coast Green 2012
<http://usgbctexasgulfcoast.org>

38. **Galveston Bay Area Sierra Club** Mtg. "Drowning in Oil" Loren Steffy
www.houston.sierraclub.org

39. 1:30 - 4:30 pm **Sketching in the Galleries** 3/21,28,4/4,11,18,25 www.mfah.org

Thurs. Mar. 22

40. **Night scene** Mar. 22 2010 <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=43196>

41. 6:30 -9:30 pm **CTC Houston** Members and Board Meeting www.ctchouston.org

42. **World Water Day** www.unwater.org/worldwaterday

43. **Houston Recycling: Where are We?** <http://houstongreenscene.org/green-houston-events/houston-recycling-where-are-we>

44. Volunteer for the **Galveston Bay Foundation** at SW International Boat Show 3/22 to 3/25 rsvp to jmintzer@galvbay.org 281-332-3381 x207 Also **Marsh Mania** 8:30- 12:30 May 5 at Baytown Nature Center and **Back the Bay** at **Bay Day at Kemah** 9:30- 5 pm June 9 www.galvbay.org

45. **Urban Harvest Classes** Mar. 22, Apr. 5 & 19, May 3 & 17 6:30 - 9 pm Growing Organic Vegetables, Mar. 24 Hands on: Planting the Vegetable Garden, **Sun., Mar. 18** 2-6 pm Sustainable Living Through Permaculture 1, **Tues., Mar. 20** 4-7 pm Starting a Community/School Garden 2: Implement & Grow, **Sun., Mar. 25** 1-6 pm Sustainable Living Through Permaculture 2, **Sat. Apr. 14** 9-11:30 am Constructing Home Gardens, variable fees, www.urbanharvest.org

Fri., Mar. 23

46. **High Island Kiosk opens**, to May 6 - volunteer! jperkins@houstonaudubon.org

47. March 23-25 Bayou City Art Festival in **Memorial Park** <http://bayoucityartfestival.com>

48. **Prairie Fridays**- Armand Bayou Nature Club www.abnc.org and Katy Prairie Conservancy www.katyprairie.org

Sat., Mar. 24

49. **8 am Audubon** field trip to **Lake Anahuac** www.houstonaudubon.org

50. **Jesse Jones Park Adopt a Trail Workday** www.hcp4.net/jones

51. 9 am - 1 pm **Friends of Mandell Park Plant Sale** www.friendsofmandellpark.org

52. 9 am - 3 pm **Ocean Discovery Day 2012** at the **NOAA Galveston Lab**
<http://flowergarden.noaa.gov/newsevents/oddarticle.html>

53. Workday at **Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary** www.houstonaudubon.org

54. **Japhet Creek Cleanup** www.bayoupreservation.org

55. 9:30 am- 3:30 pm **Basics of Photography One Day Workshop** with Kathy Adams Clark Leisure Learning V0910B plus many other classes at www.llu.org

56. 9 am- 4 pm **Wildlife and Woodland Expo & Spring Fling** <http://expo.tamu.edu/>

57. 9 am to 4 pm **Leopold Education Project Educator Workshop & Facilitator Training** **Welder Wildlife Foundation, Sinton, TX** www.welderwildlife.org

58. 10 am - 1 pm **Unplugged Adventures at Katy Prairie** www.katyprairie.org

59. **30th Annual Bellaire Home Tour** benefiting the **Nature Discovery Center**- also Sunday
www.naturediscoverycenter.org

60. **Mar. 24 & 25 March Mart** at Mercer Arboretum www.hcp4.net/mercer

61. Mar. 24 & 25 **Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary** Dally Days What's Blooming? Wildflower ID, highway trash pickup www.outdoornatureclub.org

Sun. Mar. 25

62. 8:30 am- 9:15 am at UHCL, **Native Plant Society Field Trip to the University of Houston Clear Lake Campus** www.npsot.org/houston

- 63. **Houston Area Trails Meetup - Sugarland Memorial Park** www.meetup.com/Houston-Area-Trails-More
- 64. 2 pm **Guided Trail Hike at Armand Bayou** www.abnc.org
- 65. **Canoe/Kayak Double Bayou, Sierra Club Tree ID** www.houston.sierraclub.org
- 66. **Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop** www.houstonarboretum.org
- 67. **March Mart** at Mercer Arboretum www.hpc4.net/mercer

Mon., Mar. 26

- 68. 12 - 1 pm **Native Plant Webinar** w/Damon Waitt \$25, members \$15 www.wildflower.org

Tues., Mar. 27

- 69. **Greens Bayou Coalition Annual Meeting** Hyatt N. Houston www.greensbayou.org
- 70. 5:30 - 7:30 pm at The Pearl Bar **Green Networking Event** www.forgreen.com
- 71. **Swift Count** at Whole Foods/Pershing www.houstonaudubon.org

Wed. Mar. 28

- 72. **Spring Bird Walks** begin at Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary www.houstonaudubon.org
- 73. **Native Prairies Association of Texas** Meeting at Bayland Community Center www.texasprairie.org
- 74. 6- 7:30 pm **Green Book Club** <http://houstongreenscene.org/houston-green-book-club>

Thurs., Mar. 29

- 75. **Trees for Houston Root Ball** <http://treesforhouston.org>

Fri., Mar. 30

- 76. 7:30 am - 5:30 pm **Mercer Spring Garden Tour** to Nacogdoches www.hpc4.net/mercer
- 77. 8:30 pm **Earth Hour**- turn off lights 1 hr - find out why at www.earthhour.org

Sat., Mar. 31

- 78. **Trashbash** Help Clean Rivers, Bays and Bayous! <http://www.trashbash.org>
- 79. 9 am -12 noon **Houston Museum of Natural Science** non native Plant Sale www.hmns.org
- 80. **Katy Prairie Conservancy Ranch Roundup** www.katyprairie.org
- 81. 10 am **Jesse Jones Park Flowering Trails** www.hpc4.net/jones
- 82. 10 am **Guided Trail Hike at Armand Bayou** also 6 pm **Sunset Pontoon Cruise** www.abnc.org
- 83. **Free Daily birding** begins at High Island incl. Smith Oaks & shorebirds www.houstonaudubon.org
- 84. **Flying Wild Workshop** www.houstonaudubon.org
- 85. 3 pm **Texas Parks and Wildlife TV** (Saturdays) KUHT
- 86. **Japhet Creek Cleanup** www.bayoupreservation.org
- 87. **Urban Harvest Spring Fling** www.urbanharvest.org
- 88. March 31 to April 1 **Houston Children's Festival** downtown www.houstonchildrensfestival.com

----- APRIL -----

Sun., Apr. 1

- 89. **Plant Sale** at Boy Scout Woods, High Island www.houstonaudubon.org
- 90. **Design Your Own Rain Garden or Nature Pond** www.houstonarboretum.org

Mon., Apr. 2

- 91. **Hogg Bird Sanctuary Bird Survey** (1st Monday) www.houstonaudubon.org
- 92. Deadline to apply for **TogetherGreen** grant <http://foundationcenter.org>
- 93. 6:30 pm **Outdoor Nature Club OG** Tropical Birding "Spring Migration," May 7 Dan Brooks, HMNS with Fred Collins "Patterns and Trends of Introduced Birds in Texas" www.outdoornatureclub.org

Tues. Apr. 3

- 94. CCA- **Coastal Conservation Association**- TX meeting www.ccatexas.org
- 95. 7 pm, 7:30 pm program on Moths, **NABA BEST** at HMNS www.naba.org/chapters/nababest

Wed., Apr. 4

- 96. Stakeholder Group **TMDL's -PCB's and Dioxin** in Fish, Houston & Galveston waters www.h-gac.org
- 97. noon **Lunch w/the Birds** Wednesdays to May 9 at the **Nature Discovery Center** www.naturediscoverycenter.org

Thurs. Apr. 5

- 98. **Gulf Coast Master Naturalist Meeting** <http://gcmn.tamu.edu>

Fri., Apr. 6

99. **Prairie Fridays-** Armand Bayou Nature Club www.abnc.org and Katy Prairie Conservancy www.katyprairie.org

Sat., Apr. 7

100. **Project Blazingstar Workday** in Hermann park (1st Sat.) <http://gcmn.tamu.edu>
101. 9-11 am **Wildflowers & Prairie Habitat** w/Thomas Adams - Gulf Coast Bird Obs. www.gcbo.org
102. **Woodland Park Bird Survey** www.houstonaudubon.org
103. **Baytown Nature Center Nurture Nature Series "Insects"** www.baytownnaturecenter.org
104. **Marysee Prairie Workday** www.houston.sierraclub.org
105. 10 am - noon **Easter Games at Jesse Jones Park** www.hcp4.net/jones
106. **Tropical Birding ID Workshops** at High Island to May 6 www.houstonaudubon.org
107. **Hike Big Woods** Section of the Lone Star Hiking Trail www.houston.sierraclub.org
108. **Memorial Park Conservancy For the Park Fun Run** www.memorialparkconservancy.org
109. 10 am - 4 pm Discovery Green **Earth Day Houston Festival** www.earthdayhouston.org

Sun., Apr. 8

110. **Bicycling at Jesse Jones Park & Nature Center** www.hcp4.net/jones

Mon., Apr. 9

111. 8:30 am **Hermann Park bird survey** www.houstonaudubon.org
112. Visit **Lake Houston Park** <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/ourparks/lakehoustonpark.html>
113. **Houston Urban Gardeners** at the Garden Center in Hermann Park (2nd Monday) www.houstonurbangardeners.org

Tues., Apr. 10

114. 2 - 6 pm **Free Tuesdays** (every Tues.) **Houston Museum of Natural Science** www.hmns.org

Wed., Apr. 11

115. 8:30 am- 3 pm **Rain Garden Lecture** and Hands On Installation - in League City rsvp to Chris LaChance c-lachance@tamu.edu
116. 8:30 am **Kleb Woods Birdwalk** <http://www.pct3.hctx.net/CCMonthlyCalendar.aspx?cc=klebwoods>
117. 9 am **Sheldon Lake Wetland Workday** (Wednesdays) <http://wetlandteam.ning.com>
118. Houston Audubon Meeting - **David Sibley** www.houstonaudubon.org

Thurs., Apr. 12

119. **Thurs., Apr 12 to Sun., Apr. 15 Galveston Featherfest** www.galvestonfeatherfest.com
120. **Plant Propagation committee** <http://gcmn.tamu.edu>
121. **Houston Sierra Club Mtg.** www.houston.sierraclub.org
122. **4-7 pm Drought Survival Symposium II**, Tues., June 19, 8 am- 5 pm Beneficial Insects and Establishing Eco Friendly Landscapes, Thu., Aug. 9 4-7 pm Building Healthy Eco Systems, Mon., Oct. 1 OHBA-Texas Agrilife Organic Pesticide CEU Class, Thu., Nov. 15, 2012, Living the OHBA Organic Lifestyle. <http://ohbaonline.org/events>
123. 6-10 pm **Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Dinner in Bellaire** <http://www.ducks.org/texas/events/26424/bellaire-du-dinner>

Fri., Apr. 13

124. **Regional Plan for Sustainable Development** Workgroup mtg. www.h-gac.org
125. **Prairie Fridays-** Armand Bayou Nature Club www.abnc.org and Katy Prairie Conservancy www.katyprairie.org

Sat., Apr. 14

126. **7 am Armand Bayou Nature Center Bird Survey** www.houstonaudubon.org
127. **Texas Bluebonnet Festival** in Chappell Hill www.texasbob.com/travel/tbt_chappell_hill.html
128. **Texas Outdoor Family Workshop at Brazos Bend State Park** www.tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/texas-outdoor-family
129. **Canoe/Kayak Cypress Creek** www.houston.sierraclub.org
130. 10 am - 3 pm **Earth Day** at the **Nature Discovery Center** www.naturediscoverycenter.org
131. **Earth Day** at the **Houston Arboretum and Nature Center** www.houstonarboretum.org

132. 10 am **Nature Photography Workshop** at Jesse Jones Park www.hcp4.net/jones
133. Sat. & Sun., Apr. 14 & 15 **Houston Bat Fest** Sunset for both days - 7:48 pm, 10am to 3pm - Bat booth at Houston ZOO, Bat seminar at Zoo 11am to 1 pm, 6 to 9pm bat festival at Waugh bridge <http://community-2.webtv.net/masternaturalist/THEWAUGHBATMONITOR>
134. Sat. & Sun., Apr. 14 & 15 **Houston Heights Home and Garden Tours**
<http://www.houstonheights.org/springhometour.htm>
- Sun., Apr. 15**
135. 8:30 am, 9:10 am at preserve Native Plant Society Field Trip **Old Riley Fuzzel Rd /Peckinpaugh Preserves** www.npsot.org/houston
- Mon., Apr. 16**
136. 8 am Monday Morning **Birding at Jesse Jones Park** www.hcp4.net/jones
- Tues., Apr. 17**
137. 2 pm **Jones Park Photography Club** www.hcp4.net/jones
- Wed., Apr. 18**
138. Noon to 2 pm **UH Downtown Earthday** www.facebook.com/UHDenvironmentalclub
- Thurs., Apr. 19**
139. **Native Plant Society Meeting- Jaime Gonzalez, The Great Native Plant Growout**
www.npsot.org
140. **Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Dinner in Rosenberg**
www.ducks.org/texas/events/27847/ft-bend-county-sportsmans-night-out
- Fri., Apr. 20**
141. **Zoo Ball** www.houstonzoo.org
- Sat., Apr. 21**
142. **San Jacinto Day Festival** at San Jacinto State Park www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar
143. **Project Blazingstar Workday** in Hermann park (3rd Sat.) <http://gcmn.tamu.edu>
144. 9- noon **Spring Fling -Green the Prairie Sheldon Lake** State park <http://gcmn.tamu.edu>
145. **Eagle Optics** visits High Island Apr. 21 & 22. profits to Audubon.
www.houstonaudubon.org
146. **Sat. & Sun. Apr. 21 and 22 Migration Celebration** at the amazing MidCoast Preserve also Kickoff Dinner Fri., Apr. 13 @ 6:30 pm <http://migrationcelebration.org/>
147. **Armand Bayou Nature Center** Weekend programs www.abnc.org
148. **Keihl's store Earth Day** www.keihls.com
149. **Houston Arboretum Beetle Ball Gala** www.houstonarboretum.org
- Sun., Apr. 22**
150. **Edible Wild Plants** www.houstonarboretum.org
151. **Bicycling at Jesse Jones Park** www.hcp4.net/jones
- Wed., Apr. 25**
152. 1:30 - 4:30 pm and 6:30- 9:30 pm **Nature Photography Classes** www.llu.org
153. **Hermann Park Evening in the Park Gala** www.hermannpark.org
- Thurs., Apr. 26**
154. **Urban Harvest Gala** www.urbanharvest.org
155. 6-10 pm **Galveston Ducks Unlimited Spring Fundraiser**
www.ducks.org/texas/events/27476/galveston-spring-dinner
156. **Tomball DU Fundraiser** www.ducks.org/texas/events/27373/tomball-du-texas-holdem
- Fri., Apr. 27**
157. **Prairie Fridays-** Armand Bayou Nature Club www.abnc.org and Katy Prairie Conservancy www.katyprairie.org
- Sat., Apr. 28**
158. **Audubon field trip to Quintana** www.houstonaudubon.org
159. **Pontoon Boat Tours** at Jesse Jones Park www.hcp4.net/jones
160. Master Gardener **Bear Creek Park plant sale** <http://hcmga.tamu.edu>
- Sun., Apr. 29**
161. **Native Plant Soc. Field Trip to Russ Pitman Park.** www.npsot.org/houston
- Mon., Apr. 30**
162. 7 pm **Jesse Jones Park volunteers** www.hcp4.net/jones

I. **Save the Date!**

- **Sat., May 5 Mercer Garden Party and Auction** www.hpc4.net/mercer
- **Fri., May 11 11 am- 1 pm Fresh Air Friday - Jones Plaza** www.greenhoustontx.gov/events.html
- **May 18 Lone Star Regional Native Plant Conference** Nacogdoches. sfagardens.sfasu.edu
- **May 18 Endangered Species Day** www.stopextinction.org/esd.html
- **Calloway's Celebrates Native Plant Week** www.calloways.com/native-plant-day