



The Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston Chapter

Fall 2008 Field Trips

Three field trips are scheduled for Fall 2008. All three trips will be on Sundays and led by Dr. Larry Brown. Field trips originate at the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center in Memorial Park, 4501 Woodway.

On **Sunday September 28**, we will **visit Little Thicket Park** and surrounding areas in Houston. The park is located about 5 miles north of the arboretum at 1831 West 23rd Street near the intersection of Ella Boulevard and the North Loop. It is a 10.6 acre city park that was acquired in 1957. A touch of the wilderness that was once White Oak Bayou, which backs the park, is retained.

Sunday October 12, the **Stephen F. Austin State Park** will be our destination. This park of 663 acres is located in Austin County north of San Felipe just off Interstate-10, about 45 miles west of the Houston Arboretum. The park is bordered on the east and north by the Brazos River. Ecosystems in the park include floodplains, mesic slopes and uplands, all with numerous plant communities. Here mistletoe can be seen in trees near eye level. The entrance fee is \$4 per person for this state park.

Sunday November 2, will see us somewhere on the **Spring Creek Greenway near Jesse Jones Park**. The exact site is still being worked out at this time. The Greenway is a 12,000 acre flood plain that runs along Spring Creek, the north border of Harris County, all the way from Jesse Jones Park on the east, into The Woodlands, and on west through the Tomball area. The 300+ acre Jesse Jones Park has yielded some 800 species of plants. What else will be found in the rest of the Greenway?

E-Mail Field Trip Reminders: An E-mail reminder is sent out about a week before each trip. If you want to be added to the NPSOT field trip e-mail list, send an e-mail to PVRoling@att.net requesting to be added to the list.

Field Trip Details: Please wear appropriate footwear for walking through wet or dry fields, bring drinking water, bug spray, and a packed lunch. Field trips normally end after the picnic lunch. If the weather is drizzling rain, we proceed, but if it is a gully-washer, we still gather at the Arboretum and then cancel.

Meeting Place and Time: We meet at the Arboretum between 8 and 8:30 AM, and depart promptly at 8:30 AM. Please contact Paul Roling for any additional inquiries: 281-353-7413 or PVRoling@att.net.