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Presentation,
“Fire as the Great Renewer”

Experience the amazing botanical richness of East Texas forests that are managed with prescribed fire. The Winston 8 Ranch, a 2014 Leopold Conservation Award recipient, will be featured and boasts a botanical survey including nearly 900 distinct plant species.

Bio

Dawn Stover joined the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in November 2021 as the study leader/agronomist at the East Texas Plant Materials Center in Nacogdoches, TX. She is currently working on germplasm adaptation trails, conservation plant releases and seeding rate studies to benefit landowners and land managers in the Western Coastal Plain.

Prior to her current service, Dawn spent more than 2 decades as a Research Associate at Stephen F. Austin State University where she developed an extensive program to collect, propagate, display, and distribute plants native to the Pineywoods of East Texas. She has extensive greenhouse and nursery experience, and a focus on growing plants that are beneficial to pollinators. She enjoys sharing her knowledge and experiences with the public through talks, tours and in-person demonstrations.

Dawn earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from West Texas A&M University and a Master of Science in Agriculture from Stephen F. Austin State University. She is a member of the Pineywoods Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.