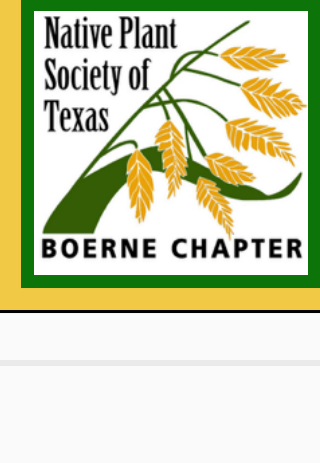


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April 2024
Boerne Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas
Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, April 2
Cibolo Nature Center Auditorium
6 - 6:45 pm - Check-in/Hospitality/Announcements
7 - 8:00 pm - Presentation
8 pm - Clean up*

**Please bring a dish to share. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean up of the auditorium.*

PRESENTATION

“Soils of Kendall County”
Presented by: Stephen Zoeller

Mr. Zoeller earned a Bachelor and Masters Degrees from Tarleton State University. His Agrilife career has included service in Atascosa, Medina, Blanco, and Kendall Counties. Including his children, five generations of Zoeller's have called Kendall County home; so, the presentation will include a blend of academic knowledge and local-sourced information.

Letter from President

Hello Everyone!

As you may have heard, there is a once in a lifetime event taking place on Monday, April 8.

This once in a lifetime event is the amazing phenomena of a total solar eclipse and the City of Boerne happens to be in the path! Although the eclipse will surely be a sight of awe and wonder in the Texas Hill Country, it also means that it is expected to attract hundreds of curious fans from all over the world. And since, Boerne is in the path of totality for the solar eclipse, it means to expect Boerne (stores, restaurants, I-10 and streets) to be very crowded for a few days.

If you want to know more about what the City of Boerne has to say about the eclipse, you can visit the city's website at <http://ci.boerne.tx.us>.

The following is the predicted timing for the eclipse: The moon will completely block out the sun for 4 minutes and 23 seconds starting at 1:32 pm.,

**Partial Eclipse Begins: 12:14 pm.*
**Totality Begins: 1:32 - 1:36 pm.*
**Partial Eclipse: 2:55 pm.*

Please be safe and take the time to witness this amazing event.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Chapter meeting on Tuesday, April 2.

Felicia Zbrank-Zeitman

Welcome New Members!

Please take the time to welcome our new members at our next meeting.

Brigit and Kirby Clark, Lucy Cruz, Holly Delaney, Connie A. Fellows, Gloria Gamboa-Cardenas, Monica Herreros, Ronald Hudson, Arlene Levy, Diana Lopo, Dan Remmers, Mary Ann Simmons, Robert Thompson, Maryellen Tria, and Helen Watson.

Plant Sale Details and Instructions for Growers
by Kathy Webster

The Spring Plant Sale is coming up fast! Saturday, April 20 is just around the corner! Theresa Butler has graciously offered to make the labels for the potted plants once again. She is going to be especially busy with out of town guests, so to help her out, please try to have your list of plants to her by the first week of April. The sooner the better!

You can email your list directly to Theresa at theresabutler722@gmail.com or you can email your list to either Kathy Webster at katweb59@gmail.com or Gary Fest at garyfest@gmail.com.

Your plant labels will be ready for pickup at Cibolo Nature Center by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 15.

Growers will need to deliver their donated plants (with labels attached) to Herff Farm on Friday, April 19 between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., so we will have time to get the plants organized and ready for the sale.

The “Members Only” presale will take place from 3:00 - 6:00 pm., on the Friday, April 19. The sale will be open to the public from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 20.

Gary Fest will organize and schedule volunteers to work on Friday and Saturday. LOTS of volunteers are needed! Please email Gary and let him know if you can work 9 am -12 pm., on Friday to set-up and/or 3 pm -6 pm on Friday for the pre-sale, or on Saturday for the public sale.

If you need help with picking up labels or delivering your plants to Herff Farm, call Kathy Webster at 210-867-4656 to make arrangements.

Thank You to All the Growers and Volunteers!!!

Field Trip Friday

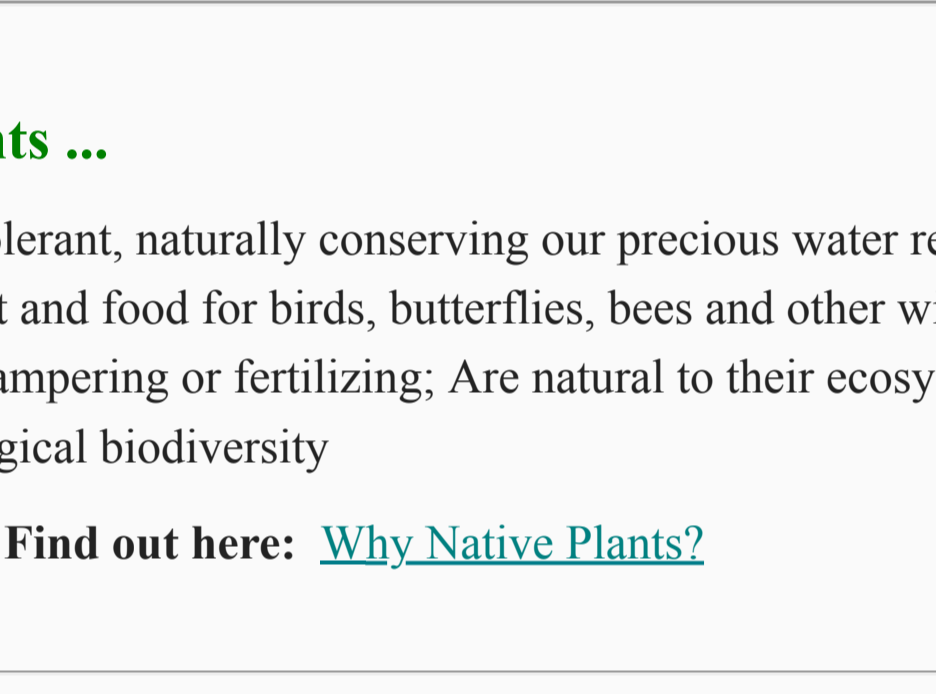
Please join the Boerne Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas on **Friday, April 12** at the Bauer Unit of the Guadalupe River State Natural Area.

To get there, take Hwy. 46 and turn north on FM 3351. Go about 3.5 miles and turn right on Edge Falls Road. Continue for 2.4 miles and turn right on Acker Road. Go 2.2 miles to the entrance. We will meet at 8:00 am this time. Entry fees are \$7/person and a state park pass will cover those in the car. Save money and car pool!

The Bauer Unit consists of rugged back country trails. There are no rest rooms or garbage cans, so pack in, pack out. Remember to bring water, hat, sun screen, binoculars and cameras.

We will take the Bamberger Trail and the Curry Creek Overlook trail for about 3 miles. The Golden Cheeked Warbler trail to the Little Bluestem Loop should add another hour to the hike. Contact veronica.hawk@gmail.com with questions.

Guadalupe River State Natural Area



Native Plants ...

Are drought-tolerant, naturally conserving our precious water resources; Provide habitat and food for birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife; Don't need special pampering or fertilizing; Are natural to their ecosystem; Help us maintain biological biodiversity

Find out here: [Why Native Plants?](#)

Native Landscape Certification Program

NLCP Level 4 – Stewardship of Native Plant Communities

On Saturday, May 4, the chapter will offer **Level 4** of the Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP) with instructors, Kathy Ward and Veronica Hawk. This workshop will focus on land stewardship and why it matters. As more land is developed, good examples of healthy, natural habitats are disappearing.

This is an opportunity to learn how to create an effective land stewardship plan and how to restore/rehabilitate wildlife habitats in green spaces, backyards and parks around our community. Learn how to assess what is present, set and prioritize goals and monitor the effectiveness of your effort. We will tour the Cibolo Nature Center and learn to recognize habitats and how this beautiful property is maintained as an example to emulate.

The Level 4 class does **not** have a pre-requisite. The purpose of this class is to learn how to care for a public or private property, to contribute to a healthy environment and to add to our homegrown national park. Check out the website (<https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/>) and register today!

Level 1 will be held Saturday, April 6 and your instructors are Brenda Fest, Ed Noack, Gary Fest and Terry Lashley. This class is full but a waiting list is maintained in registration. If you have taken any of the NLCP classes and would like to instruct, please contact Veronica at veronica.hawk@gmail.com for details.

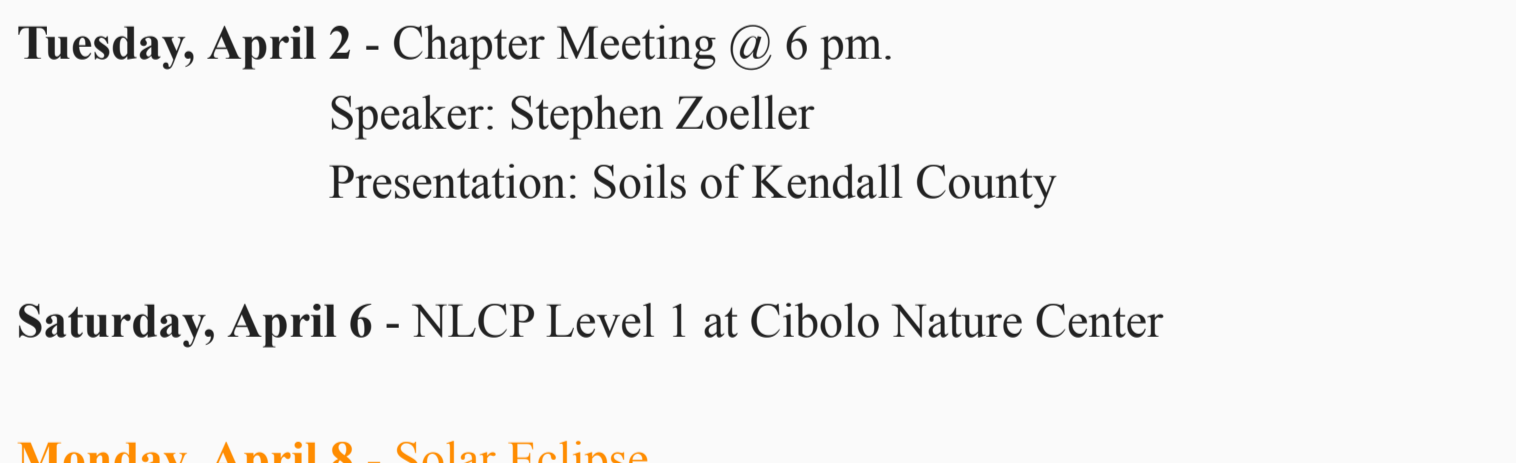
City Nature Challenge

City Nature Challenge (CNC) is an annual, global event that takes place over a four-day weekend (April 26-29, 2024). Participants in defined metro areas compete with other metro areas in a friendly competition to see which location can document (using a free app called iNaturalist) the most species in their local area. CNC promotes citizen science, environmental education, and awareness of urban biodiversity, fostering a greater connection to the natural world. The San Antonio Metro Area CNC comprises Bexar and eleven surrounding counties; Kendall is one of them. Last year, the Houston area ranked first in Texas, and the San Antonio Area just squeaked by the Austin area to grab third. Training on the iNaturalist app will be provided.

To learn more about the City Nature Challenge 2024 in the San Antonio Area, please visit CNC-SA.org. Follow City Nature Challenge on Facebook or Instagram.

1. Please download iNaturalist on your phone and create a user profile before arriving.
2. Park in the parking lot at NW Military Entrance.
3. Meet at the Urban Ecology Center.
4. Please wear closed-toed shoes and dress for the weather.
5. Please leave your pets at home.
6. Easy to moderate hiking.

Follow us on Facebook at “City Nature Challenge Team: San Antonio Metro Area”, and visit us at www.CNC-SA.org.



Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, April 2** - Chapter Meeting @ 6 pm.
Speaker: Stephen Zoeller
Presentation: Soils of Kendall County
- Saturday, April 6** - NLCP Level 1 at Cibolo Nature Center
- Monday, April 8** - Solar Eclipse
- Friday, April 12** - Field Trip Friday, 8 am - Noon
Bauer Unit of the Guadalupe River State Natural Area
- Saturday, Apr. 20** - Spring Plant Sale, 9 - 1 pm
Herff Farmers Market Teaching Barn
- Saturday, May 4** - NLCP Level 4 at Cibolo Nature Center
- Tuesday, May 7** - Chapter Meeting, Leslie Bush, PhD., at 6 pm.
“The Role Meeting Plants and Landscapes
Played in Past People's Lives.”

Contacts for Media Postings

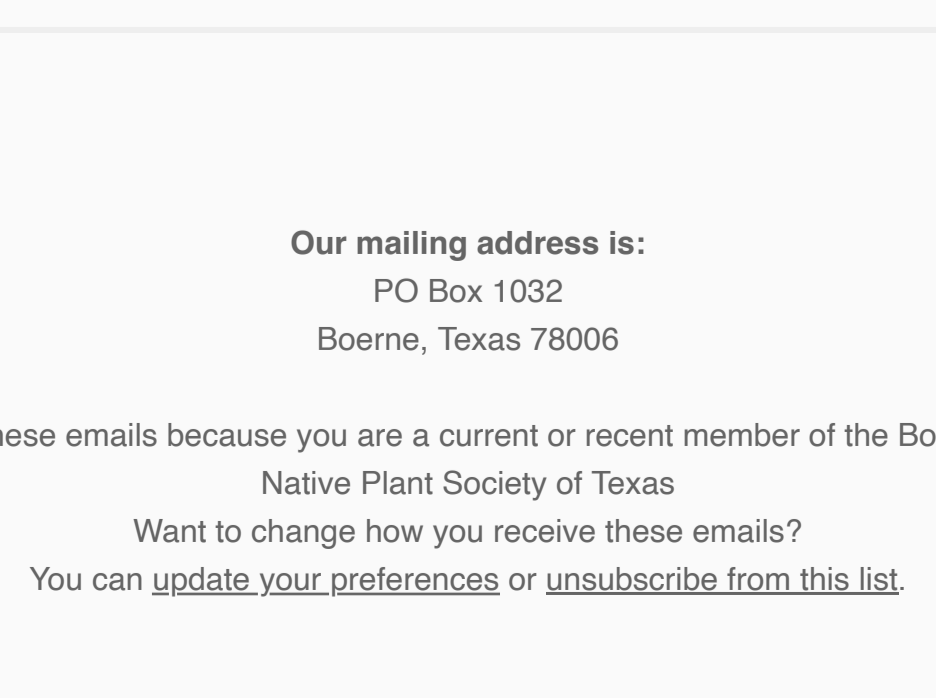
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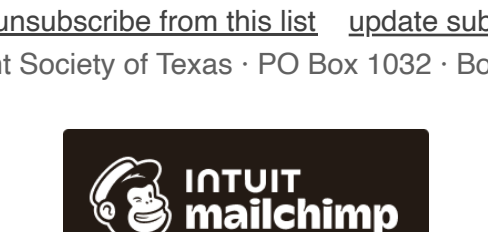
NICE! Plant of the Month - April

Desert Willow
(Chilopsis linearis)



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For more information about April NICE! plant of the Month, [click here](#)



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