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# Texas Master Naturalist Big Country Chapter 2021 Training

## Application

*Application Deadline: August 1, 2021*

Class size is limited to 20 members. Acceptance is based on your willingness to volunteer. A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Naturalist program.

13 training sessions will be held from August 26 to November 18. Most classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Twelve Thursday evening classes and one Saturday class will be conducted.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ Zip/ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Primary) \_\_\_\_\_ (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Natural science and ecology experience and related training: \_\_\_\_\_

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List areas of specialization or hobbies (e.g. wildflowers, gardening for wildlife, bird watching, nature photography, archeology, fossil hunting, reptiles, insects, fishing, hunting, etc.):

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List experience in working with each type of community: (schools, churches, senior citizens, hospitals, parks, scout groups, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list group affiliations (nature clubs, community gardens, plant societies, Audubon, etc.):

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How did you learn of the Master Naturalist Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to become a Master Naturalist? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please choose one option below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to attend any hybrid classes, virtually

- ❖ I understand that if I choose to attend hybrid classes virtually, I will be required to attend any classes not offered as hybrid, in person. (See tentative schedule for list of classes)

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to attend classes in-person


I wish to apply to the Big Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Once accepted, I understand I must pay \$125 training fee for materials and speakers before the start of the first class. I also understand I must attend at least 10 of the 13 training sessions; and complete 40 hours of volunteer work within a twelve-month time-period after completing the course, before officially becoming a Certified Master Naturalist.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application to:** Taylor County Extension  
1982 Lytle Way  
Abilene, TX 79602  
or e-mail to: [dawnyel.luckie@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dawnyel.luckie@ag.tamu.edu)  
**Note:** Applications due by August 1, 2021

**Questions may be directed to:** Phone: 325-672-6048  
Website: <http://txmn.org/bc/>



 Big Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist





## Big Country Chapter Master Naturalist Training Fall 2021

Tentative Training Schedule (subject to change)

| Session | Day/Date                  | Topic  | Location                             |
|---------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1       | Thurs, Aug 26<br>6-9 PM   | Orientation, Introductions<br>Historical Naturalists                       | Taylor Co. Ext / Hybrid              |
| 2       | Thurs, Sept. 2<br>6-9 PM  | Plant Walk<br>Taxonomy<br>Nature of Naming Plants                          | Abilene State Park<br>Group Building |
| 3       | Thurs, Sept. 9<br>6-9 PM  | Rangeland Ecology & Management<br>Aquatic and Wetland Ecology & Management | Taylor Co. Ext / Hybrid              |
| *4*     | Thurs, Sept. 16<br>6-9 PM | Geology 101<br>Soils   | Cisco College<br>(Abilene Campus)    |
| 5       | Thurs, Sept. 23<br>6-9 PM | Game Management<br>Predator/Prey Relationship                              | Taylor Co. Ext / Hybrid              |
| 6       | Thurs, Sept. 30<br>6-9 PM | Ecosystems, Eco Concepts, Eco Regions<br>Forest                            | Taylor Co. Ext / Hybrid              |
| 7       | Thurs, Oct. 7<br>6-9 PM   | Archeology   | Abilene State Park<br>Group Building |
| 8       | Thurs, Oct. 14<br>6-9 PM  | Ichthyology, Ornithology   | Taylor Co. Ext / Hybrid              |
| *9*     | Thurs, Oct. 21<br>6-9 PM  | Herpetology, Mammalogy,<br>Entomology                                      | Taylor Co. Ext / Hybrid              |
| 10      | Thurs. Oct. 28<br>6-9 PM  | Citizen Science/Interpretation<br>Monarch Butterflies/Purple Martins       | Taylor Co. Ext / Hybrid              |
| 11      | Sat. Nov. 6<br>10am – 2pm | Texas Quail Program<br>Native Plant ID                                     | Quail Ranch                          |
| 12      | Thurs. Nov. 11<br>6-9 PM  | Weather & Climate<br>Astronomy   | Abilene State Park<br>Group Building |
| *13*    | Thurs, Nov. 18<br>6-9 PM  | Lab Practical<br>Graduation  | Taylor Co. Ext                       |

\* BCMN Meeting