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TEXAS' FLORA AND FAUNA: Do you smell what the rock is cookin'?



Hedeoma drummondii

Do you smell what the rock is cookin'? What's cookin' on rocky soil that is. I have always been interested in those native plants that fly under our radar. In this case, by radar I mean your nose! Some plants live relatively free of detection because they are small, and have rather inconspicuous flowers. But what this particular little plant lacks in terms of eye appeal, it definitely makes up for in fragrance.

As a child, my grandfather would pick me up almost every weekend and we would visit his property in Three Rivers, Texas. We would work leisurely and drive around all weekend. Every time there was enough moisture to promote vegetative growth, a lemon-peppermint fragrance would grace our nasal cavities. We tried for years to discover the source, smelling various brush species, flowers, ect... all the while, our little culprit lied literally under our noses.

Flash forward to ten years later... I was sampling vegetation for a research project in south Texas during the summer. With over three million Daubenmire frames (or at least it seemed like it), I had seen enough vegetation close and personal to last me a lifetime. That's when I noticed a peculiar little guy with hairy leaves; something I had never recognized before. I reached down, snagged the little plant for my plant press, and instantly recognized its' familiar lemon-peppermint like aroma. I was then on a mission to unveil the identity of this little fascination which had eluded me for years.

A few books and plant geniuses later, the mystery was solved. My little plant was called mock pennyroyal or *Hedeoma drummondii*. Mock pennyroyal is a small perennial herb with a semi-woody stem in the Lamiaceae or mint family. The genus name "Hedeoma" is derived from the Greek words "hedus" which means "sweet" and "osme" which means "odor". The species name "drummondii" was named by botanist George Bentham, in honor of Thomas Drummond, another botanist who made the first collections of many North American plants.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was great seeing everyone in Lubbock! I hope you enjoyed our annual meeting as much as I did. Another year – another outstanding meeting. Congratulations to Past President **Ruben Cantu** and his team of committee chairs for their hard work towards putting together a successful event. I heard many positive comments about the meeting. The timely and relevant plenary topic and suite of great student presentations provided an educational experience for many. I had several first-time attendees approach me to mention how impressed they were on the professionalism, great suite of presentations, impressive student presenters, and the top notch itinerary at our meeting. It made me realize how much I take for granted the important role that the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society annual meeting serves our membership – as a great avenue for our students and professionals to share the fruits of their hard work and a venue for us to recognize student and professional achievement. In fact, it serves as one of the few venues that provide us an opportunity to honor our peers for their contribution to the pursuit of wildlife ecology and management.



I am honored to take the reigns as president of our organization for the next year. I am comforted in knowing that I am surrounded by great folks serving on the Executive Board and chairing the committees. I welcome **Alan Cain**, **Scott Summers**, and **Jeff Breeden** as new Executive Board members and look forward to a productive year! In fact, your 2009–2010 TCTWS Executive Board and committees have already been busy dealing with current conservation issues, representing the TCTWS at different functions, organizing the 2009 TCTWS Wildlife Conservation Camp, and preparing for the 2010 annual meeting. One new strategy that I am implementing this year is to challenge the student chapters to help the Finance Committee with raising money. Each year we are challenged with keeping registration costs of our annual meeting to a minimum (particularly student registration) while trying to cover the growing costs associated with the meeting. One way we accomplish this is through our Finance Committee, which raises funds through our silent auction and raffle items. The money acquired through silent auction bids and raffle ticket sales helps mitigate meeting costs not met through registration fees. This year, I am challenging each university chapter to contribute to the TCTWS by soliciting quality donations to help our Finance Committee (actually, you will be part of our Finance Committee) attain our goal of covering all meeting costs. Given the current state of our economy, this should help by dispersing the effort across the state and among the 9 university chapters. According to our student chapter faculty representatives, we have about 400 active students among the university chapters. That should provide plenty of added assistance to solicit donations and help stay in the black for this year's meeting. Additionally, this will give the university chapters an opportunity to contribute back to the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Finance Committee chair **Jena Moon** will be contacting the university chapters soon to coordinate this cooperative effort.

In the next newsletter, I look forward to updating you on some of our accomplishments, including our 2009 Wildlife Conservation Camp. Until then, have a great spring!

TEXAS' FLORA AND FAUNA

Mock pennyroyal is distributed across most of the western United States, southern Canada, and in arid regions of Mexico. It prefers well drained loamy flats, in addition to gravel, caliche, and limestone embankments. This plant is typically associated with short grasses and other arid land forbs. Mock pennyroyal's affinity for dry, poor soils makes it an excellent subtle addition to native gardens. Modest literature exists on pennyroyal's use by wildlife and livestock; however, it is probably somewhat unpalatable to native and domestic herbivores, as most species in the genus *Hedeoma* are.

Similar to other *Hedeoma* species, mock pennyroyal has several medicinal uses such as: insect repellants, a diaphoretic, stimulant, and possibly to induce abortion. Ironically, the same plant that could be used to in-

duce abortion is also used to concoct antioxidant rich teas and food spices. *Hedeoma*'s are served in Mexico and South America as teas, medicines, and meat flavoring, in addition to sometimes being sold as oregano.

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Hopefully you will be lucky enough to enjoy "what the rock is cookin'" when sufficient amounts of moisture are available to produce vegetation growth on our native lands, and realize that huge fascinations and robust fragrances can come in small pack-

ages. Don't be afraid to research little wonders because the knowledge gained from miniature marvels of the natural world can be enormous.

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CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This year's **Wildlife Conservation Camp** will be held **July 12-18, 2009** at the IBC Lease on King Ranch, Kingsville, TX. We will be selecting 20 campers and 4 returning campers to join us for a week filled with conservation-related activities. If you would like to help during the week of camp or contribute in some way, please send us an email asap (Megan03@AggieNetwork.com). Also, if you know of any interested campers who will be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school next fall, please send us their contact information so we can get them an application!

Thanks!

Camp Chairs: Megan Dominguez-Brazil, Liz Bates, and Amy Potts

SOUTHWEST SECTION OF TWS

The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society (SWTWS) is proud to announce a new program to foster professional development:

“Wildlife Certification Scholarship Program” (WCSP)

The goal of WCSP is to promote professional development among members of SWTWS and to recruit new members in The Wildlife Society (TWS). The SWTWS has set aside \$3,000 (~30 scholarships) for SWTWS members to offset fees associated with applying for Associate Wildlife Biologist or Certified Wildlife Biologist through TWS Certification Program.

The SWTWS has set up the following guidelines for applying for a scholarship in the WCSP:

- Applicant must be a current member of SWTWS (retroactive membership is permissible).
- Applicant must be a current member of their state chapter of TWS (e.g., Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Costa Rica, Mexico; retroactive membership is permissible).
- Applications must adhere strictly to the guidelines set by TWS. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Certification applications will be prescreened by the SWTWS Certification Screening Committee (mail to address below).
- Once applications have cleared the SWTWS Certification Screening Committee, they will be forwarded to TWS for review by the Certification Review Board (SWTWS will pay for application fees). Note: Applications forwarded to the Certification Review Board does not imply certification, only that they have met the minimum standards as set by SWTWS.
- Preference will be given to student applicants.
- Preference will also be given to first-time applicants.
- Applications and subsequent funding will be reviewed on a first-come, first serve basis starting 1 January 2009.

Please forward a cover letter and a complete application to:

Louis A. Harveson, Chair
SWTWS Wildlife Certification Scholarship Program
Department of Natural Resource Management
P.O. Box C-16
Sul Ross State University
Alpine, TX 79832

Any inquiries about this program should be directed to Louis Harveson (harveson@sulross.edu).

SOUTHWEST SECTION OF TWS

NEWS FROM TWS COUNCIL

Since my last communication through state chapter newsletters in the Southwest Section, I have attended Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas state chapter meetings in February 2009. I also participated when TWS Council met in Arlington/Crystal City, Virginia on 20-21 March 2009. I am pleased to say that all of the state chapters are active and vital. Economic times produced lower attendance at the joint annual meeting of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters with the AZ/NM Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. However, the Texas Chapter meeting in Lubbock was very well attended despite any economic limitations. While in Lubbock, I was able to meet with quite a number of student chapter members to get their ideas about TWS services.

Highlights of the TWS Council meeting include:

- Renewed efforts for the Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage (COWCH) program to capture perceptions of leaders in the wildlife discipline
- Approved revisions to 21 TWS position statements to be distributed to TWS membership for further comment
- Approved an approach for incorporating a Student Liaison position on TWS Council
- Approved strategic adjustments to planning for future TWS

Annual Conferences to improve timing, costs, and member services provided

- Agreed to focus more attention on helping TWS members and others to be fully aware of how material previously in the Wildlife Society Bulletin is now incorporated into JWM and The Wildlife Professional
- Reviewed progress of The Wildlife Professional, especially in regard to work of the Editorial Advisory Board established for TWS
- Approved a newly revised and expanded MOU between TWS and NRCS to promote greater interaction and joint services
- Agreed to partner with the Wildlife Management Institute in their efforts with a Hunting Heritage Action Plan
- Met with Dr. Frank Thompson, the new Editor in Chief of the Journal of Wildlife Management who will begin 1 July 2009
- Selected new TWS Fellows and a Group Achievement Award winner (to be announced in TWS publications)
- Agreed on prospective Bylaws revisions to be developed for TWS membership deliberation later in 2009
- Approved development of a TWS edited book series to be developed

under the MOA between TWS and Johns Hopkins University Press

- Approved approaches to move forward with recommendations from the Ethics Subcommittee and the Science and Policy Ad Hoc Committee
- Identified numerous additional topics to be reviewed during a TWS Council Strategic Planning Retreat in July 2009
- Reviewed TWS finances and determined that past fiscal planning and accounting has placed us in a very solvent position for TWS operations, especially with respect to recent global economic difficulties

There is much happening with continuing development of The Wildlife Professional, especially with the additional TWS staff who can work with authors to get manuscripts of various types into form. I encourage any TWS member who has information they believe should be in TWS publications to contact Philippa Benson or Lisa Moore at TWS headquarters to discuss the topic(s) and what assistance may be needed from TWS staff to convert ideas into publishable material.

Dr. Bruce Thompson is the Southwest Section Representative to the TWS Council and is also the Land Conservation, Habitat Corridors, & Wildlife Adaptation Coordinator with the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department in Santa Fe.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

CONSERVATION REVIEW UPDATE

In case you didn't know, 2009 IS A LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN TEXAS!

Legislation affecting wildlife has been ongoing since March, and is slated to all but end next month (May). Therefore, wildlife in Texas needs you to take action now!

First, I encourage you to visit Texas Outdoor Partners (TOPS) <http://texasoutdoorpartners.org> to review updates on bills. TOPS is a coalition working to distill a few wildlife-related bills out of the thousands of

total bills going through the Capitol so you don't have to! By going through TOPS, you can do sign-on letters, i.e. a tool that folks can use to help us pass or kill bills that are expected to gain traction.

Second, one of the most powerful things you can do to help wildlife is to call your Texas Senators and House of Representatives and tell them what you think! Your elected lawmakers work for you. Visit <http://www.legis.state.tx.us>. The Senator, and House Representative's office

logs your phone call and address, and when enough people call, they will listen!

Finally, see if there are more bills beyond those reviewed in TOPS that interest you. If you have questions please contact Scott Summers at 254-288-2028.

Scott Summers is a field biologist for The Nature Conservancy in Fort Hood, Texas.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009

Officers for 2009 are **Bart Ballard**, President; **Louis Harveson**, President-Elect, **Alan Cain**, Vice President; **Ruben Cantu**, Past-President; **Jeff Breeden**, Secretary, **Scott Summers**, Board Member at Large; **Terry Blankenship**, Treasurer, and **Alan Fedynich**, Archivist.

Prospective board members' biographies are posted in the TCTWS fall newsletter prior to the

membership receiving their ballots by mail in the spring. If you are not receiving your TCTWS newsletter, or did not receive a ballot this year, please contact Terry Blankenship (tblankenship@welderwildlife.org) to update your correct contact information.

The Committee chairs and their email addresses have been posted to the website (<http://www.tctws.org>).

If any of these committees interests you, please consider contacting the committee chair and volunteering your time.

Congratulations to all new officers and committee chairs!

CHAPTER BUSINESS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TCTWS 44TH ANNUAL MEETING IN LUBBOCK, TX “How Green? The Complex World of Wind Power Development and Wildlife”

The 2009 TCTWS Annual Meeting was held on February 26-28, in Lubbock. Conference attendance included 482 conference registrants and guests and an additional 16 exhibitors. A pre-conference workshop on Occupancy Modeling was presented by Darryl MacKenzie author of the book “Occupancy Estimation and Modeling” and was very well attended. Special thanks to the local arrangements committee chaired by Brad Dabbert for hosting a great meeting!

The Plenary session was titled “*How Green? The Complex World of Wind Power Development and Wildlife.*” Plenary speakers included Glenn Webb from McMahon Law Firm, Mike Morrison from Texas A&M University, Matthew Butler from Texas Tech University, Ed Arnett from Bat Conservation International, and Kathy Boydston from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Professional and Student Awards

The contributions to wildlife conservation by both professionals and non-professionals alike were recognized by the Texas Chapter – The Wildlife Society at its 44th Annual Meeting in Lubbock.

Publication Awards - The **Outstanding Book** award went to Fred Guthery from Oklahoma State University for “*A Primer on Natural Resource Science.*” The **Outstanding Technical Publication** went to Calvin Richardson, Jim Lionberger, and Gene Miller for “*White-tailed Deer Management in the Rolling Plains of Texas*” (TPWD 6/08). **Outstanding Scientific Review Publication** went to William Kuvlesky, Jr., Lenny Brennan, Michael Morrison, Kathy Boydston, Bart Ballard, and Fred Bryant for “*Wind Energy Development and Wildlife Conservation: Challenges and Opportunities*” (JWM 71:2487-2498). **Outstanding Scientific Publication** went to Galon Hall, Mark Wallace, Warren Ballard, Chip Ruthven III, Matthew Butler, Rachael Houchin, Ross Huffman, Richard Phillips, and Roger Applegate for “*Rio Grande wild turkey habitat selection in the Southern Great Plains*” (JWM 71: 2583–2591).

Conservation Camp Awards - This year’s Conservation Camp was hosted by TPWD biologist Misty Sumner at the Davis Mountains Preserve near Fort Davis, Texas. For the first time, the Outstanding Camper Award went to two exceptional participants. Heather Shimek from Port Lavaca and Roy Herrmann from Caldwell, Texas both received scholarships for \$250. Special thanks go to the Bureson County Farm Bureau for funding Roy’s attendance, and to the Calhoun County Farm Bureau for paying for Heather as well as 3 additional kids!



EXCELLENCE IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARDS

Among those recognized at the meeting were recipients of the prestigious Excellence in Wildlife Conservation Awards, recognizing the wildlife conservation efforts of individuals and/or groups in three categories and promoting conservation efforts through public promotion of these efforts and the Texas Chapter.

Educator of the Year Award - Ricky Linex

Educator of the Year - Ricky Linex has worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for the past 27 years and is currently the Wildlife Biologist for north central Texas, working out of Weatherford.

In his role as an educator, Ricky works primarily with landowners in a 50-county area in all aspects of wildlife conservation, including game species, endangered species, wetlands, and riparian conservation. As an NRCS Zone Biologist, Ricky also trains NRCS employees how to integrate wildlife habitat management into farm and ranch conservation planning. In addition to these responsibilities, Ricky has a passion for youth education and has been active as an instructor and leader in Bobwhite Brigade and Buckskin Brigade for many years. Ricky has developed excellent plant identification and plant ecology skills and is always anxious to pass that expertise on to others. Like all good wildlife ecologists, Ricky has a passion for the land and for promoting the responsible stewardship of natural resources.



To complement his skills as an educator, Ricky is known to be absolutely trustworthy with the highest degree of professional and personal integrity. He is a team player, and does not seem to care who gets the credit for successful team efforts. His work ethic is unsurpassed, and when he is not working on the job, he is often volunteering on his own time.

His educational contributions to the field of wildlife conservation have touched thousands, including landowners, land managers, fellow professionals, and young people. You won't find a more dedicated wildlife professional anywhere in Texas.

Land Stewardship Award - Rod and Mary Hench, Wild Wings Ranch

Rod and Mary Hench, Wild Wings Ranch in Scurry County in the Rolling Plains Ecological Region were selected for the Land Stewardship Award. The ranch is 6,087 acres in size and is located near Hermleigh, Texas. Mr. Hench has worked with most of the state and federal agencies since 2002 when the ranch was acquired. The land had been improperly grazed by the previous owner and Mr. Hench wished to restore the land and improve it for wildlife with a particular interest in bobwhite quail.

Improvements to the ranch have been substantial. An extensive brush sculpting program concentrating on mesquite, juniper and prickly pear combined with a planned rotational grazing system and reseeding to native vegetation have resulted in increased diversity of vegetation and available water. In 2004, Mr. Hench began participation in the EQIP Rolling Plains Grassland Bird Bobwhite Quail Special Emphasis Area, in cooperation with the USDA. Under this program he conducted much of the brush sculpting and his prescribed grazing and range reseeding regimens.



Results of the work on the ranch have been impressive. In addition to the increase in quantity and quality of ground vegetation, an increase in the flow of springs on the property has been observed. In addition to the springs, there are 26 dependable deep dirt tanks on the property. Seven windmills that will be converted to solar pumps provide water to concrete storage tanks that in turn feed concrete cattle troughs and dirt tanks. Mr. Hench has determined that water is available on the ranch at a rate of a water source every ½ mile. There is also a system of spreader dams throughout the property.

Rod and Mary Hench have also been active in research and demonstration on Wild Wings Ranch. Rod has been involved in the Texas Quail Index and has offered his ranch as an educational site for various field days. He has offered his property as a site for range management training for the NRCS. He has also provided his property for field days with Texas A&M Research Center and Quail Masters training from 2003 through 2008.

There are six wildlife openings on the property with wheat in the center surrounded by native sunflowers, and a quail/turkey seed mix is planted around the native sunflowers. Quail hunters are limited to 20 gauge shotguns with restrictive harvest in place. The property is not leased, so all visiting quail hunters are accompanied. Although the property has seen substantial improvements, Rod and Mary Hench continue to work on their property and are excellent examples of land stewardship.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Outstanding Achievement Award - Michael Hobson

The Outstanding Achievement award went to Michael D. “Mike” Hobson. Mike is a native South Texan born in the community of Edinburg and reared with two brothers by a loving mother on their family farm in the Lower Rio Grand Valley. His mother, an elementary school teacher, instilled the ageless values of love for God, family, and country; self-discipline, hard work, and attainment of a higher education in her young sons. These values are the hallmarks of Mike’s persona to this day.

Mike’s chance meeting with a legendary game warden during his teens provided a strong catalyst for the notion that he wanted to make wildlife conservation his life’s work. Mike began collegiate studies at Pan American College (Edinburg) and later graduated from Texas A&M University/College Station with a B.S. in Wildlife Management (1971). Mike married his high school sweetheart, Hamila, in 1970 (now happily married for 38 years) and together they have raised two strong and successful sons – Michael Jr. and Joshua.



Mike began his professional career as a Fish and Wildlife Technician with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in April 1973. Soon after he was promoted to Biologist I as the regulatory wildlife biologist for Webb and Zapata counties and then to Biologist II with the added responsibilities of Duval and Jim Hogg counties. This was a rare pace of advancement for a young professional employee and obvious testament to his management abilities.

Mike served the Wildlife Division in South Texas until 1986 when he was promoted to District Leader of the Trans-Pecos region. From 1989-1995, he also supervised the management of Black Gap and Sierra Diablo wildlife management areas. Major wildlife programs under Mike’s direction included population monitoring and regulatory harvest management of pronghorn antelope, mule deer, doves, and desert quails as well as management of the State’s fledgling desert bighorn sheep population.

Mike regarded his employees as being part of his family and thoughtfully nurtured their professional needs and development. He was deeply respected by anyone who ever worked for him. He was, for lack of a better term, “old-cut” – he always led by example and expected no less of his staff than of himself. No job was too low, too dirty, or too toilsome for him to pitch in shoulder-to-shoulder with his troops.

Mike retired from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in August 2005 after 32 years of dedicated service. We will not remember Mike Hobson for the number professional of journal articles or books that he authored or for the wisdom and eloquence of papers delivered. To the contrary, Mike lived and worked his entire professional career in the “trenches” of our profession as a highly skilled practitioner. Rather for posterity - his mark is left in indelible ways in the wildlife resources and wild landscapes of the South Texas brushlands and Trans-Pecos prairies and mountains. We remember him also for the human qualities he shared and imparted to us. Too often the story of such professionals is not given its due.

SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATION AWARDS

CARL SHOEMAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Brian Dickerson, TAMU

COLIN CARUTHERS MEMORIAL & DALLAS ECOL. FOUND.



Mark Tyson, SRSU

OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION



Matthew Butler (pictured), Galon Hall, Mark Wallace, Warren Ballard, Chip Ruthven III, Rachael Houchin, Ross Huffman, Richard Phillips, and Roger Applegate

CHARLY MCTEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Patricia O'Neil, TAMU

OUTSTANDING BOOK



Fred Guthery, OSU

OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



Bart Ballard and Lenny Brennan (pictured), William Kuvlesky, Jr., Michael Morrison, Kathy Boydstron, and Fred Bryant, TAMUK

SCHOLARSHIPS

CARL SHOEMAKER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Brian Dickerson, TAMU

CHARLY MCTEE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Patricia O'Neil, TAMU

COLIN CARUTHERS
MEMORIAL &
DALLAS ECOLOGICAL
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:
Mark Tyson, SRSU

TCTWS CONSERVATION
CAMP - OUTSTANDING
CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS:
Heather Shimek, Port Lavaca, TX
Roy Herrmann, Caldwell, TX

COTTAM AWARDS

CLARANCE COTTAM
STUDENT PRESENTATION
AWARD:
1. Rogelio Carrera, TTU
2. Eric Grahmann, TAMUK
3. Johanna Delgado-Acevedo,
TAMUK

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL PUBLICATION



Calvin Richardson (pictured), Jim Lionberger, and Gene Miller, TPWD

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

STUDENT AWARDS

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS:

Jerry Staton, SFA
Kody Kubala, SRSU
Daniel Price, Tarelton
Patricia O'Neal, TAMU
Wade Gurley, TAMUC
Ashleigh Green, TAMUK
Dana Spontak, TSU
Clinton Kveton, TTU

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE POSTERS:

1. Leigh Stuemke, SFA
2. Cody Zabransky, TAMUK
3. Erin Wehland, TAMUK

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE POSTERS:

1. Drew Garrison, TAMUK
2. Kandace London, TAMUK
3. Carlos Gonzalez, TAMUK

STUDENT CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Sul Ross State University
2. Tarleton State University
3. Texas State University

PLANT ID CONTESTS

COLLEGE STUDENT:

1. Ashleigh Green, TAMUK
2. Reagan Gage, SRSU

COLLEGE TEAM:

1. Texas A&M-College Station

PROFESSIONAL, STATE:

1. Eric Grahmann, TAMUK
2. Robert Knight, TAMU
3. Philip Dickerson, TPWD

PROFESSIONAL, REGIONAL:

1. Ricky Linex, NRCS
2. Dale Rollins, TAMU
3. Chip Ruthven, TPWD

STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR



Texas A&M University-Kingsville

QUIZ BOWL TEAM



Tarleton State University

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE POSTER



Drew Garrison, TAMUK
*"Assessing Lead Shot Ingestion
in Green-winged Teal"*

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE POSTER



Leigh Stuemke, SFA
*"Occupancy Determination and Evaluation
of Survey Methodologies for the Rafinesque's
Big-eared Bat and Southeastern Myotis
in East Texas"*

PLANT ID COLLEGE STUDENT



Ashleigh Green, TAMUK

PLANT ID COLLEGE TEAM



Texas A&M University
Andy Jones, Kelly Haile, Steven Goertz

PHOTO & ART CONTEST WINNERS

ART



John Young

HUMOR



Romey Swanson

CAPTIVE/ CONSERVATION & WORK RELATED



Daren Riedle

PLANTS & SCENERY



Kyle Brazil

WILDLIFE



Arturo Caso

BEST OF SHOW



Blair Casey

ART CONTEST

ART:

1. John Young
2. John Young
3. Andrea Walker

PHOTO CONTESTS

CAPTIVE/CONSERVATION:

1. Daren Riedle
2. Pam Bullard
3. Elizabeth Mungall

HUMOR:

1. Romey Swanson
2. Derrick Wolter
3. Elizabeth Mungall

PLANTS & SCENERY:

1. Kyle Brazil
2. Blair Casey
3. Abel Guevara

WILDLIFE:

1. Arturo Caso
2. Derrick Wolter
3. Dan Walker

WORK RELATED:

1. Daren Riedle
2. Cody Zabransky
3. Blair Casey

BEST OF SHOW:

Blair Casey

UPCOMING MEETINGS



SAVE the DATE

The Wildlife Society 16th Annual Conference
MONTEREY, CA - September 20-24, 2009

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TCTWS 45TH ANNUAL MEETING, 2010

San Luis Resort in Galveston, February 18-20, 2010