



Habitat Stewards Training Agenda



Day 1

- 6:00-7:00 Welcome – Alice Nance, City of Austin PARD & Jane Tillman, Habitat Steward Host
Icebreaker Introductions
National Wildlife Federation/PARD Vision and Programs
NWF Habitat Stewards Program – Roles and Expectations
- 7:15-8:45 Reading the Land - Kelly Bender, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Urban Biologist

Day 2

- 8:45-9:00 Arrivals, Sign In, Housekeeping
- 9:00-11:30 Landscape Design Fundamentals and Site Inventory – Cathy Nordstrom, Landscape Designer, Owner Sans Souci Gardens & Habitat Steward
- 11:30-12:00 Lunch (bring your own)
- 12:00-1:30 Understanding Butterflies and How to Attract Them – Mike Quinn, Texas Parks and Wildlife Invertebrate Biologist
- 1:30-2:00 Travel to NWF certified wildlife habitat yards
- 2:00-3:30 Tour of Certified Habitats:

Day 3

- 6:00-6:15 Arrivals, Sign In, Housekeeping
- 6:15-7:45 Grow Green with Native Plants for Wildlife – Denise Delaney, COA Watershed Protection
- 7:45-7:55 Break
- 8:00-8:45 Care and Feeding of Backyard Birds – Charles Stephens, Wild Birds Unlimited & Travis Audubon Society

Day 4

- 9:00-11:00 Ecology From the Ground Up - Kevin Anderson, Coordinator CER, Hornsby Bend
- 11:00-12:00 Ponds for Wildlife – Janet Christian, Austin Pond Society & Owner, Mermaid Waterscapes
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-1:30 Proper Tree Care: Maintenance & Planting – Guy LeBlanc, ISA Certified Arborist & Owner, Arbor Vitae Tree Care
- 1:30-3:00 How to Talk to the Public – James Rice, TPWD Interpretive Specialist, Wildlife Division

Day 5

- 6:00-7:15 Backyard Birds of Austin, Jane Tillman, Travis Audubon Society & NWF Habitat Stewards Host
- 7:15-8:15 Water – The Big Picture, Jennifer Ellis, National Wildlife Federation
- 8:15-8:45 Plans for Habitat Work Day

Day 6

- 8:30-9:30 Orientation
- 9:30-11:30 Habitat Planting
- 11:30-12:00 Ceremony
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)

Day 7

Invasive Plant Species Field Workshop & Work Day with Rene Barrera, COA Preserves Manager

Day 8

Habitat Stewards Graduation Celebration Potluck
Brainstorming Habitat Projects