

Watershed Week in Review

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Llano River Watershed Alliance
and
Llano River Field Station

Correction



It's not our first mistake of the year, as we actually made it last year...

Previous *Watershed Week in Reviews* noted that the tagged [Guadalupe Bass Contest](#) ended December 31, 2017.

We didn't read the fine print from Texas Parks and Wildlife – the contest is over at the end of 2018.

FISH ON Folks!

Guadalupe Bass and South Llano coming soon to PBS



Texas' official state fish has been restored to the South Llano River after nearly being wiped out due to habitat loss and hybridization

The Llano River Watershed Alliance and Texas Tech Llano River Field Station have been proud partners with Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Guadalupe Bass Restoration Initiative.

Here is a sneak preview of an upcoming PBS story about restoring the Guadalupe Bass.

Origin of a Species



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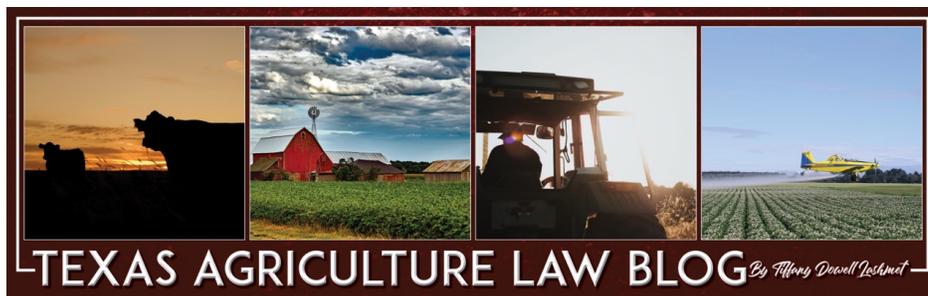
Nearly 160 years ago Charles Darwin published his “On the Origin of Species,” a work that would become the cornerstone of evolutionary

biology. The book's 502 pages outlined the scientific theory of natural selection and species diversity through evolution across successive generations.

In contrast, this article may at best become the cornerstone of someone’s leisure reading for about 5 minutes and 2 seconds. However, if you’ve ever wondered where wild pigs (*Sus scrofa*) came from, why there are so many different names for them and how man has influenced nearly everything about them, well then what follows may be worth your minutes.

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from Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute



TEXAS AGRICULTURE LAW BLOG *By Tiffany Dowell-Lemaster*

2018 Estate Tax Changes

Posted on [January 2, 2018](#) by [tiffany.dowell](#)

With the start of a new year and the passage of the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,” there are important changes to the federal estate tax. Everyone should take time to understand the current and any new estate tax law and to evaluate his or her estate to determine if estate tax liability may be an issue.

The federal estate tax is essentially a tax on a person’s right to transfer property at death. If a person’s taxable estate is valued over the exemption amount set by Congress, the person’s estate is required to pay taxes on that amount within 9 months of death. The exemption is based upon the value of a person’s “taxable estate,” which is essentially the market value of their assets less certain allowable expenses and deductions such as mortgages, funeral expenses, and estate administration costs.

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TTU Outdoor School Volunteer Workshop

Texas Tech University Outdoor School
**** Volunteer Workshop ****
February 3, 2018
10am - 1pm

Texas Tech University Outdoor School (OS) is holding a ** Volunteer Workshop, Saturday, February 3rd, 2018... 10a- 1pm.** We'll tour the campus, discuss classes offered at the Outdoor School, share various ways Volunteers assist with programs, go over the upcoming Calendar Of Events, then have lunch (on us).

As an **OS Volunteer**, you will assist the OS Instructors with educational activities based on STEM curricula. This includes indoor and outside classrooms, field trips, workshops, community outreach, and summer camps. This also includes helping restore and maintaining trails, as well as working in the Native Prairie Garden. By doing this you will be helping hundreds of students learn about plants, birds, trees, wildlife, soil, recycling, geology, energy, rivers, streams, riparian areas, the dark sky, plus much more.

It is going to be a GREAT Spring and Summer at the OS. If you *and/or* your friends are interested in making sure our next generation of kids get to enjoy and respect the Great Outdoors like we do, come on out and help us teach them while having fun! ☺

Location: **Texas Tech University Outdoor School** / 254 Red Raider Lane / Junction, TX. 76849

Date/Time/Room: **February 3, 2018** (Saturday) / **10am - 1pm** / **Academic Bldg.**

RSVP: So that we can prepare correctly, please let us know by February 1, 2018, that you will be joining us. Send an e-mail to outdoorschool.junction@ttu.edu.

Project Code: KM-01-B



Finding Common Ground and Advancing Positive Conservation Outcomes in Environmental Issues: Part

As Master Naturalists, the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics insure the ultimate trust, dignity and integrity of the TMN Program and its members. But do these codes limit or enhance a member's ability to be effective ambassadors for environmental concerns? Craig contends that adherence to those Codes enhance the ability to be effective communicators, and provide an alternative to the toxic nature of political discourse in our society. [Learn more](#)



Monthly Meeting
>> Monday, 22
January

Weekend Programs at South Llano River State Park



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Buck Lake Trail Nature Walk

Sunday, January 14th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at the Acorn Blind

(Down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

On this easy morning hike, we'll walk past beautiful Buck Lake, named for the family who donated the land for the state park, and we'll keep an eye out for deer, birds, and other wildlife! This easy trail is approximately 1.25 miles round-trip. There is one steep but short hill, and the rest of the dirt path is fairly level. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended, and dress for the weather! All ages welcome.

Native Plant Society of
Texas – Fredericksburg
January 23, 2018

Fredericksburg Chapter

Native Plant Society of Texas



Fredericksburg NPSOT Chapter January Meeting Notice

Date: January 23, 6:30p Social – 7pm Presentation

Where: Fellowship Hall, Presbyterian Memorial Church, 601 North Milam Ave, FBG

Speaker: Dr. Hans Landel , Invasive Species Program Coordinator
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Topic: Combating Invasive Species Affecting Your Native Habitats

Program is free and open to the Public.