

The Pine Warbler



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San Jacinto County Butterfly Count

The San Jacinto County Butterfly Count will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2011**. David Henderson invites PWWS members and friends to meet at McDonalds at Cleveland, Texas at 9:30 a.m. The address is 441 West Southline in Cleveland.

Expect to see Satyrs from the little Carolina Satyr to the rare Creole Pearly-eye. David says that "this count never fails to be in the running for national highs among the brown borboletas as we visit Winters Bayou and Big Creek Scenic Areas." The butterfly hunters will also visit the Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary of the Outdoor Nature Club and hope to see Red-spotted Purples and Juniper Hairstreaks!

East Texas Nature An American Native By Diane Cabiness, Texas Master Naturalist

"There is a hue and cry for human rights- human rights, they said, for all people. And the indigenous people said:

What of the rights of the natural world?

Where is the seat for the buffalo or the eagle?

Who is speaking for the waters of the earth?

Who is speaking for the trees and the forests?

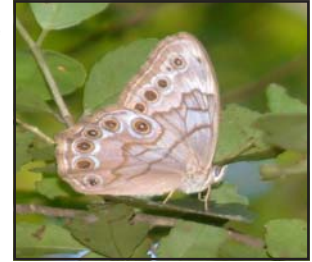
Who is speaking for the fish-for the whales-for the beavers-for our children?

We said: Given this opportunity to speak in this international forum, then it is our duty to say that we must stand for these people, and the natural world and its rights; and also for the generations to come."— Chief Oren Lyons, Chief of the Onondaga Nation and the Iroquois Confederacy, in

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If you like butterflies, and who doesn't, don't miss the San Jacinto Butterfly Count on May 14 followed by Farrar Stockton's May 17 presentation to PWWS!

Creole Pearly-eye



Red-Spotted Purple

Juniper Hairstreak



Southern Pearly-eye

May 17 Presentation, Presented by Farrar Stockton How Long do the Butterflies live in the Cockrell Butterfly Center

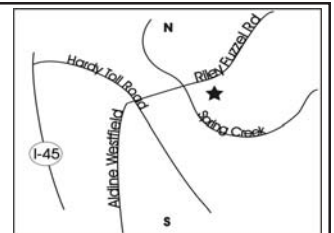
Longtime PWWS member Farrar Stockton will take us behind the scenes at the Cockrell Butterfly Center. The title of his presentation will be "How Long do the Butterflies live in the Cockrell Butterfly Center." In addition, he will also talk about the "backdoor" operations to get the butterflies from the chrysalis stage to the adult butterfly to release in the Center.

For our new members, Farrar has been retired from JPMorgan/Chase for nine years and in addition to butterflies, he also collects minerals, enjoys nature photography and being with friends and family. He is an experienced traveler having gone to New Zealand last year and is planning new trips for the future.

Don't miss the May PWWS meeting when Farrar will unlock the secrets of the butterfly world!

Date: May 17
Time: Social 7:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

**Spring Creek Greenway
Nature Center**
1300 Riley Fuzzel Road



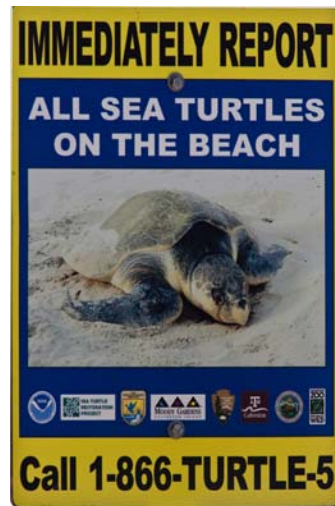


Heart Happenings

HEART CELEBRATES EARTH DAY!

Girl Scouts of Katy organized an Earth Day table at the Houston Zoo on April 16 and 17 for HEART (Help Endangered Animals-Ridley Turtles). They painted tiny sea turtles on children's faces and offered other crafts also while handing out sea turtle bookmarks and talking about the sea turtles in the Gulf. The table won the \$500 prize from Waste Management.

Farrar Stockton and Carole Allen visited with North Harris – Lone Star System students at their Earth Fair on April. PWWS brochures were distributed as well.



NESTING NEWS!

As of April 21, eight Kemp's ridley nests had been found on south Texas beaches. Patrols are out daily on the Upper Texas Coast looking for that first nest. Deborah Wilson distributed bookmarks at the semi-annual beach clean-up on April 30. The bookmarks show the toll free number, 866-TURTLE-5, which people should call immediately if they see a sea turtle

on any Texas beach. The turtle should be protected from traffic and left alone to dig her nest and lay eggs. Photos should be taken if possible and the turtle should be allowed to return to the water if no one from the 866 number can get there.



First Kemp's Ridley Nest!

The first Kemp's ridley nest on the Upper Texas Coast was found on April 25 on Hershey Beach on West Galveston Island. Lyndsey Howell of the patrol crew saw the tracks and found the nest. There were 121 eggs that that will be taken to the Padre Island National Seashore for incubation and release of hatchlings. If we had permits approving a corral at the Galveston Island State park, the eggs would be moved only a short distance for safety instead of many miles to the National Seashore. We hope to have a corral at the State Park by this time next year! We believe that Mother Turtles Know Best and want their eggs left on the Upper Texas Coast!



his account of speaking to the United Nations in Geneva (reprinted from The Pine Warbler, East Texas Nature column, November, 2003)

For about 6 months of the year, no one notices American Beauty Berry, *Callicarpa Americana*. A question I am often asked in the fall is what is that shrub? It is eye popping handsome when the berries have colored up. Branches covered with the fruit make nice additions to a floral arrangement in the fall.

American Beauty Bush gets about 5 feet in height and about 4 ½ feet wide.

The bright magenta berries have a “metallic luster cluster tightly around the stems like beaded bracelets” (www.site101.com) Hundreds of small lavender-pink four petaled flowers burst from leaf nodes attracting butterflies in late spring to early summer.

The twigs are gray-scaly or gray-hairy. The undersides of the leaves are white-woolly. Besides Texas, Maryland, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Oklahoma to Florida are home to *Callicarpa Americana*.

This perennial understory shrub is drought tolerant but enjoys a moist soil. It is not fussy about soil types. Beauty Bush makes a good screen or as an accent under shade trees. Trimmed back every year the plant will grow bushier and more compact.

French mulberry or Spanish mulberry are a few of its common names. It is not related to mulberry but is in the Verbena family. This versatile shrub has also been called sowberry and sour berry.



Photo: Wasowski, S & A

Take a walk in East Texas woodland where it will probably be growing under pine, oak and hickory. Common overstory companions are sweetgum, black gum, flowering dogwood and sweetbay.

This native will be a delightful addition to your woodland garden, although it can take more sun... Bobwhite quail find the berries irresistible. Forty species of songbirds will want to gobble these berries. Some of the feathery critters that will nibble on these juicy berries will be American Robin, northern cardinal, mockingbird, purple finch, and eastern towhee. Small mammals like squirrels, opossums, raccoon, gray fox and some rodents will also find these berries edible.

“Man must feel the earth to know himself and recognize his values...God made life simple. It is man who complicates it.”—Charles A. Lind

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