

**RACCWMA  
ANNUAL  
MEMBERS  
MEETING**

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 @ 10AM**

**GLOBE THEATER**

**132 WEST VAUGHAN**

**BERTRAM, TX 78605**



# AGENDA

## WELCOME

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - **TREASURER/CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**
  - **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - **ACTIVITIES**
- **BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**
- **OPEN POSITIONS & BOARD APPOINTMENTS**
- **WEBSITE UPDATE & CAPTURING INFORMATION**
- **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**
- **2022 OPPORTUNITIES**
- **PRESENTATION BY CATHY BRIGGS**
- **Q&A**
- **ADJOURN**

# 2022 TREASURER REPORT

- **157 TOTAL MEMBERS OUT OF 171**
  - **REPRESENTING 184 LOTS OUT OF 198**
- **\$12,048 AVAILABLE BALANCE**
- **24 UNPAID 2022 DUES**
  - **INCLUDES 5 THAT ARE NEWLY INVOICED AND NOT OVERDUE**

# 2022 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

- **THIS IS THE WMA COMMUNICATIONS ADDRESS SO CONTINUE TO WATCH FOR EMAILS FROM**  
**[COMMUNICATIONS@RACCWMA.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@RACCWMA.ORG)**

# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2022 WMA MEETING

## 2022 ACTIVITIES REPORT

- A GREAT GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MET AND HELPED IN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IDEAS TO FURTHER OUR MISSION:
  - **PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE RACC WMA YEARLY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN. WHILE EACH PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING AND DOCUMENTING AT LEAST THREE ACTIVITIES FROM OUR PLAN ON THEIR PROPERTY EACH YEAR, THE COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED TO FACILITATE THOSE EFFORTS.**
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- COLLECTED AND POSTED TO WMA WEBSITE PICTURES WITH CAPTIONS OF SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES AT RACC IN OUR FIRST YEAR TO PROVIDE EXAMPLES FOR LANDOWNERS.
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- MAP RACC USING TPWD SOFTWARE TO SHOW ECOLOGICAL AREAS (GRASSLANDS, OAK SLOPE FOREST, HARDWOODS IN CANYONS) – CHECK IT OUT ON WEBSITE. THIS INFORMATION CAN BE USED FOR FUTURE PROJECTS TO IDENTIFY PRIME AREAS FOR POTENTIAL COMMUNITY-WIDE PROJECTS SUCH AS PLACEMENT OF WATER GUZZLERS, FERAL HOG TRAPPING, ETC.
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- SONGBIRD NEST BUILDING ACTIVITY. WE HAD QUITE A FEW MEMBERS TURN OUT AND THEY BUILT SOME FANTASTIC BIRD HOUSES TO TAKE HOME, INSTALL, AND CHECKOFF A HABITAT ACTIVITY FOR 2021.
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- LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE DID THIS FOR OUR LOT AND FOUND IT VERY USEFUL TO GET SOME EXPERT OPINIONS ON LAND MANAGEMENT FOR WILDLIFE. SEE OUR REPORT FOR LOT 143 ON RACC WMA WEBSITE.

**COMING SOON!** PRESENTATION BY MELANIE HUFF OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS. TO BE HELD AT RACC PRIVATE HOME ON MAY 22 AT 2 PM. LOOK FOR INVITATION FROM WMA IN YOUR EMAIL.

**The Land Management Assistance Program (LMAP) Team**  
Highland Lakes Chapter • Texas Master Naturalists


Master Naturalists are available to visit your property, typically sites of 100 acres or less, primarily in Blanco, Burnet, Lampasas and Llano Counties.

- Identify trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses, including those defined as "invasive" under [www.texasinvasives.org](http://www.texasinvasives.org);
- Discuss your goals, plans and concerns for the land including good land management practices and potential problems.

Site visits last approximately three to four hours. After a site visit, the LMAP Team provides a written assessment to the landowner, along with a list of plants identified on the property.


For further information or to schedule a free site visit, email us at [amelhuff77@gmail.com](mailto:amelhuff77@gmail.com).

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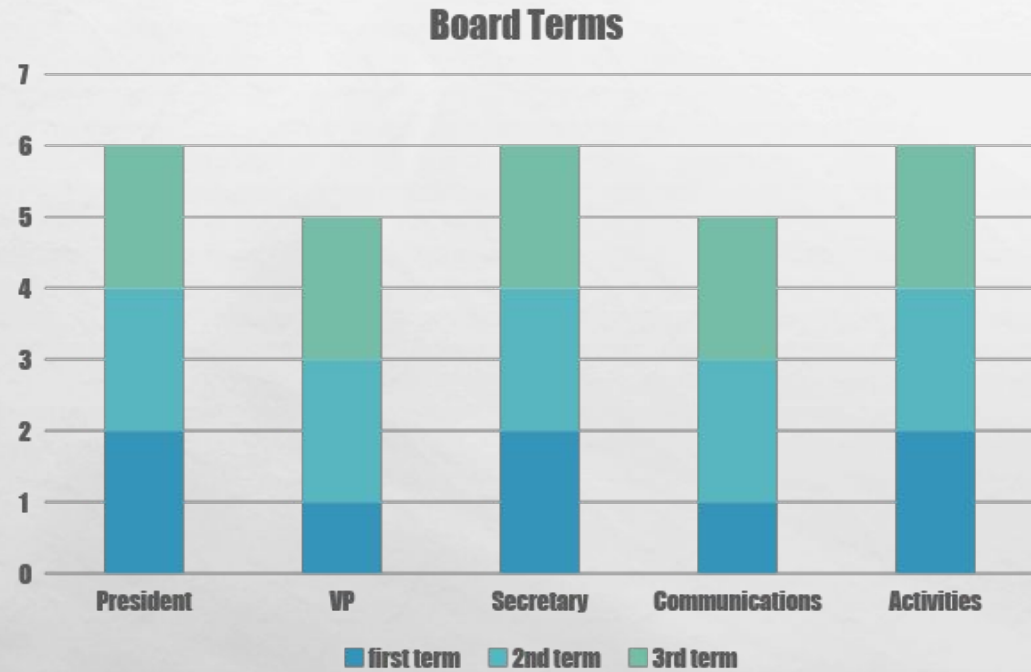


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NATURALIST**

The Texas Master Naturalist program is sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.



# BOARD TERMS



- **PRESIDENT 2021-2023, 2023-2025**
- **VP 2021-2022, 2022-2024**
- **SECRETARY 2021-2023, 2023-2025**
- **COMMUNICATIONS 2021-2022, 2022-2024**
- **ACTIVITIES 2021-2023, 2023-2025**

# YOUR RACCWMA BOARD

## CURRENT BOARD

- **PRESIDENT-DONNA DAVIS**
- **VP-DARREN NORTH**
- **SECRETARY-TAMMY RYAN**
- **COMMUNICATION-SUSAN WILSON**
- **ACTIVITIES-TIM BATES**

## OPEN POSITIONS 2022

- **VICE PRESIDENT**
- **COMMUNICATIONS**

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## Ranches at Canyon Creek Wildlife Management Association

**Who are we?**

The WMA is a group of volunteers tasked with facilitating the successful implementation of the RACC Wildlife Association yearly Wildlife Plan by each property owner. We provide information and resources to the land owners and assist land owners to implement projects.

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## Contact us

Email Donna Davis - President of WMA


Email Darren North - Vice President

Email Tammy Ryan - Secretary of WMA

Email Tim Bates - Activities Committee Ch...

Email Susan Wilson-Communications Co...

Email Cathy Briggs - Consultant

 Email Rob Masterson-Treasurer



Wildlife Practice Log-to keep up with your...

Supplemental Water

Predator control

A Guide to WMAs

Supplemental Shelter

Supplemental Food

Erosion Control

Census

 Habitat control

**PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL WATER**

\* This category includes providing supplemental sources of water specifically for wildlife in habitats where water is limited. Wildlife water developments are in addition to those sources already available to livestock and may require protection from livestock.

**MARSH/WETLAND RESTORATION OR DEVELOPMENT**

Provide supplemental water in the form of shallow wetlands for wetland dependent wildlife. Applicable even in areas where water is not a critical limiting factor for upland species of wildlife. May include seasonally available water such as greentree reservoirs, specific shallow roost pond development, seasonally flooded crops and other areas, artificially created wetlands, marsh restoration-development-protection, prairie pothole



restoration/development/protection, and moist soil management. Based on wildlife needs and suitability of the property, the annual manipulation with control structures is desirable. **Minimum requirement of one marsh/wetland restored or developed per 10 years. Annual water management of project or existing wetland qualifies.** Call for TPWD OR NRCS for professional assistance when creating/enhancing wetlands.

**WELL/TROUGHS/WINDMILL OVERFLOW/OTHER (ROOF RAINWATER HARVESTING) WILDLIFE WATERING FACILITIES**

Designing and implementing water systems that provide supplemental water for wildlife and provide habitat for wetland plants. This practice may include modifying existing water systems to make water more accessible to wildlife (e.g. fenced windmill overflows available to wildlife on the ground). It may also include drilling wells if necessary and/or constructing pipelines to distribute water and/or diverting water with specialized wildlife watering facilities. Water may be distributed on a ¼ mile basis to enhance distribution and abundance of a variety of wildlife species. **A minimum of one project per 10**

**years must be completed to qualify. Consistent water management for wildlife at sites qualifies.**

Proposed Well/Troughs/Windmill Overflow/Other Wildlife Watering Facility Project(s) may include: (see Appendix O) or <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu/how.html> for additional information.

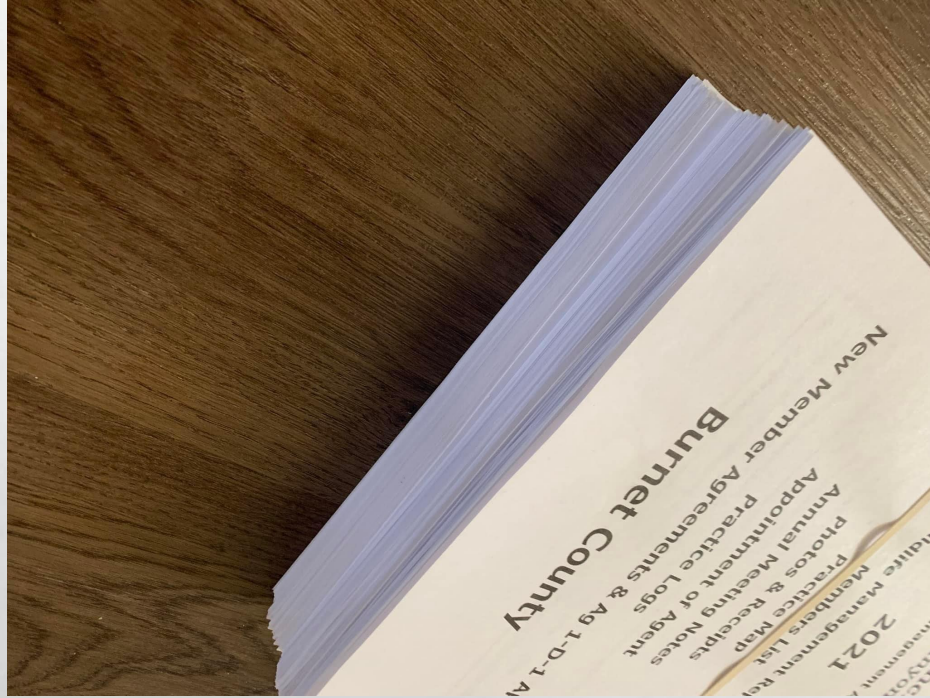
- Drill new well:
  - windmill

# VOLUNTEERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**IDEAS HOW TO SPEND MONEY TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY AND WILDLIFE**

- **HOG TRAPPING**
- **SNAKE ROUND UP**
- **WILD FLOWER/GRASS SEED**
- **WATER SYSTEMS FOR WILDLIFE**
- **OTHER IDEAS**

# CATHY BRIGGS





The  
**Ranches at  
Canyon Creek**

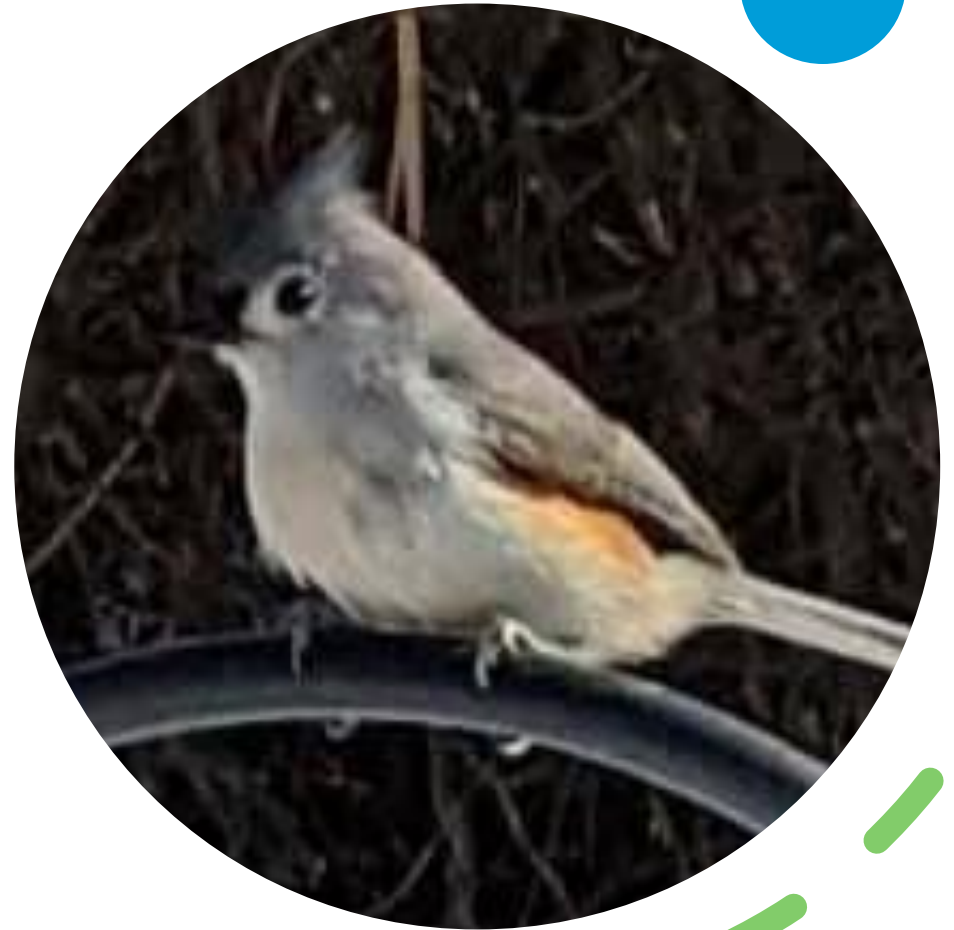
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## What should my Plan be?

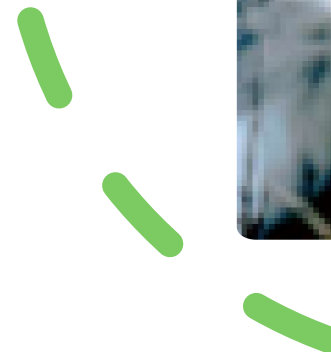
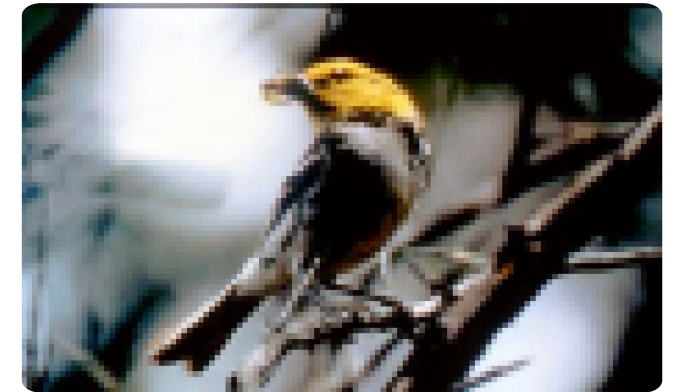
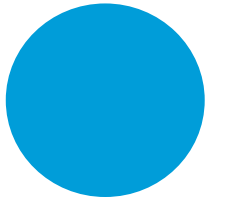
- To participate in at least 3 of the 7 recommended Practices specified in the Guidelines for Wildlife Management:
  1. Habitat Control
  2. Erosion Control
  3. Predator Control
  4. Supplemental Water
  5. Supplemental Food
  6. Providing Shelter
  7. Census / Survey Counts
- Be realistic and choose activities you will enjoy.



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## Habitat Control

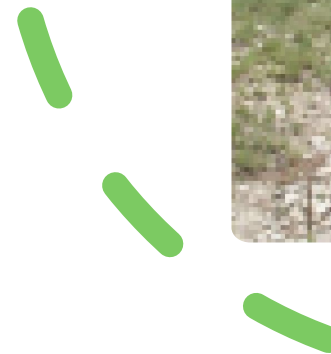
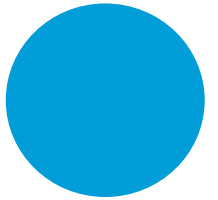
- Grazing Management
- Prescribed Burning
- Range Enhancement
- Brush Management
- Fence Modification
- Riparian Management
- Wetland Enhancement
- Habitat Protection for Species of Concern
- Prescribed Control of Native, Exotic and Feral Species
- Wildlife Restoration



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## Erosion Control

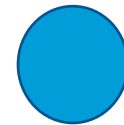
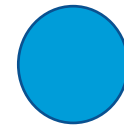
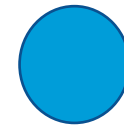
- Pond construction
- Gully shaping
- Streamside, pond and wetland revegetation
- Establishing native plants
- Dike, levee construction or management
- Water diversion



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## Predator Control

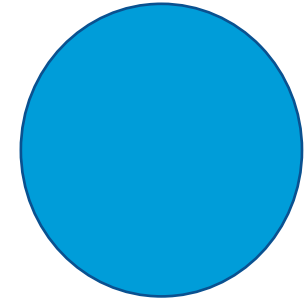
- Feral hogs
- Imported red fire ants
- Brown-headed cowbirds
- Grackle/starling/house sparrows

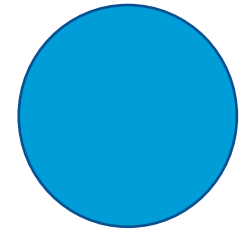


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## Supplemental Water

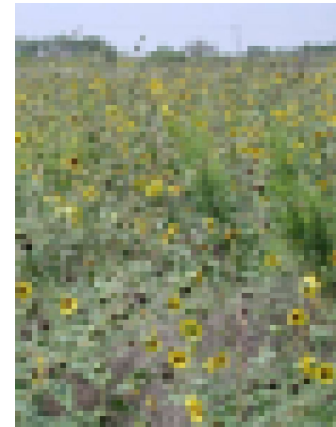
- Marsh/wetland restoration or development
- Wells, troughs, windmill overflow, guzzlers
- Spring development and/or enhancement





## Supplemental Food

- Grazing management
- Prescribed burning
- Range enhancement/reseeding
- Food plots
- Feeders and mineral supplementation
- Managing tame pasture, fields & croplands



*Managing the habitat to increase the quantity and quality of “naturally produced” foods should be the primary objective.*

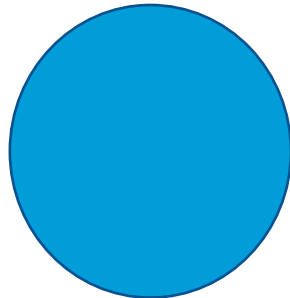
*Providing “artificial” supplemental food (feeders, food plots) is not a substitute for good habitat management.*

*Artificial feeding should only be a part of a comprehensive plan.*

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## Supplemental Shelter

- Nest Boxes, Bat Boxes
- Brush Piles and Slash Retention
- Fence Line Management
- Hay meadow, Pasture and Cropland Management for Wildlife
- Half-cutting Trees and Shrubs
- Woody Plant/Shrub Establishment
- Natural Cavity/Snag Development



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## Census / Surveys

- Spotlight counts
- Aerial counts
- Daylight deer herd/wildlife composition counts
- Harvest data collection/record keeping
- Browse utilization surveys
- Census and monitoring of endangered, threatened or protected wildlife
- Census and monitoring of non-game wildlife



1 Buck  
16 Hogs  
4 Does  
5 Mockingbirds

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Which Practices should I choose?

Food



WATER

Cover

Time

Usable  
Space

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For each activity, answer the following:

- What species are you targeting?
- How will your activities benefit that species?
- How will you implement your chosen activities (when and how often)?
- How much will be “done” or acreage affected (intensity)?
- Where on the property will the activity be conducted? (Show on Map)



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This and every subsequent year...

- Wildlife Report Complied and Submitted before March 1:
  - Wildlife Report
  - Roster of Members
  - Map with Practice Locations Denoted
  - Annual Meeting Notes
  - Special Activity Reports
  - **Signed Practice Logs**
  - **Receipts for any Purchases related to Practices or Wildlife Support**
  - **Photos – did the Wildlife really show up?**
  - Membership Agreement for each New Member
  - Ag Wildlife 1-D-1 Applications for each New Member
- Go to Next Steps...

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## Next Steps?

- Conduct an Annual Meeting.
- Elect Officers and Special Project Coordinators.
- Throughout the year:
  - Log the work you do on your chosen Practices
  - Keep **RECEIPTS** of any Purchase related to your Wildlife Practices
  - Take **PHOTOS** of Practice Projects and Wildlife enjoying your Land!
- At the end of the year, submit your Practice Log, Photos and Receipts to designated person.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



# ADJOURN & ENJOY YOUR LAND

