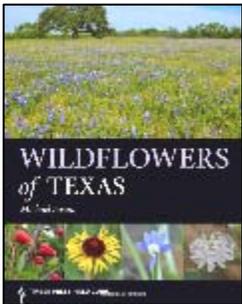


**Texas Master Naturalist Program  
Cradle of Texas Chapter  
General Meeting and Advanced Training  
Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
Texas AgriLife Extension Building  
21017 County Road 171  
Angleton, Texas 77515-8903**

<b>8:30 AM – 9 AM</b>	<b>Fun and Fellowship</b> <b>Snack Team</b> Donna Graham, Judy Green, Jackie Hicks, Larry Peterson, Larry Ruhr, Bob Whitmarsh
<b>9 AM – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> <b>Nature Notes:</b> Woodpeckers by Kristine Rivers. <i>This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour volunteer time</i>
<b>10:15 AM – 12 PM</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Michael Eason, freelance botanist and author <b>Topic:</b> <i>Wildflowers of Texas</i>

Eason is the author of "Wildflowers of Texas — a new field guide for the state of Texas and surrounding areas". It's set for an April 18, 2018 release. His presentation generally covers the process of writing the book. It will cover the selection process as to which species he included as well as the reasons why he decided to



exclude certain groups of plants. There will be a short overview of our flora, the diversity of our flora and reasons behind this diversity. Additionally, he will show how far-reaching our flora can be. There will be a section on range extensions that were encountered while in the field photographing, new species for our state and a brief story on the rediscovery of *Nymphaea ampla* in South Texas. There will be images of plants that have rarely, if ever,

been photographed or included in other guides, and the associated tales of tracking some of these plants down. Throughout the presentation he will weave in examples of pollination biology, seed dispersal, and errors in collections (both online and in herbaria) and errors in previous descriptions he encountered, all while showing many images of our Texas flora and their habitats.

Michael Eason is a freelance botanist who performs plant surveys and inventories on both private and public lands throughout Texas. Additionally, he is on staff at San Antonio Botanical Gardens, where he heads their Rare Plant Research and Conservation Program. Previously he worked for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center as Conservation Program Manager, a position he held from 2003-2012. During this time he managed such projects as the Millennium Seed Bank, Ferns of the Trans-Pecos, and Vegetation Survey of Big Bend National Park.

