

**Texas Master Naturalist Program  
Cradle of Texas Chapter  
General Meeting and Advanced Training  
Wednesday, November 14, 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> Mary Holler, Rainbo Johnson, Ellen and Michael Lasseter, Ruby Lewis, Kim Richardson
<b>9 AM – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> <b>Nature Notes:</b> TBA <i>This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour volunteer time</i>
<b>10:15 AM – 12 PM</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Kristine Rivers, <b>Topic</b> <i>A Wonderland of Winter Waterfowl</i> <i>The Upper Texas Gulf Coast provides a variety of habitats that attract winter waterfowl and other water birds such as loons and grebes, making it a wonderful birding destination during the fall and winter months. Identification of these birds can be somewhat tricky, however! This interactive presentation will cover the different family groups and provide information about behavior, habitat, and plumage that can aid in identification. Bring your favorite field guide if you would like to practice your identification skills.</i>



Kristine Rivers attended the University of Oklahoma as a Professional Zoology major with a primary interest in Ornithology, and was accepted into the Junior/Senior level Ornithology class as a Freshman. She has continued to be an avid birder for her entire life. She has participated in every year of the Brazoria Christmas Bird Count since its inception in 1984. She has been an Area Leader for the Brazoria CBC (now known as the Brazoria-Columbia Bottomlands CBC) since 2013. In addition, over the years she has participated in

many other Christmas Bird Counts, including the Houston CBC, Freeport CBC, Brazos Bend CBC, and the Texas City Prairie Preserve Bird Count.

Kristine is currently the Birding Instructor for the City of Missouri City, and leads nature events for the City of League City. She developed all of the curriculum, presentations, and field trips for these programs.

Kristine loves sharing her passion for nature and wildlife with others, and founded *Birding for Fun* in 2015 to provide educational services, field trips and guided tours, and offer select products to the public.

<http://birdingforfun.com/>

Kristine is a member of the TMN-COT Class of 2016 and currently serves as Chapter President.



Birding instructor Kristine Rivers, left, leads students Rob Crenshaw of Friendswood and Bob Wells and Karen Scott of Pearland during a trip to Christia V. Adair Park through a class sponsored by the city of Pearland.

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