

**Texas Master Naturalist Program  
Cradle of Texas Chapter  
General Meeting and Advanced Training  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
Texas AgriLife Extension Building  
21017 County Road 171  
Angleton, Texas 77515-8903**

<b>8:30 – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Fun and Fellowship</b> <b>Snack Team</b> Tom Morris, Larry Peterson, Kristine Rivers, Oron Atkins, Brenda Martin, Mel McKey
<b>9:00 – 9:40 AM</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour volunteer time
<b>9:40 – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Nature Notes</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Tom Morris <b>Topic:</b> Highlights of pelagic excursions
<b>10:15 AM – 12 PM</b>	<b>Advanced Training</b> Speaker: Kristine Rivers, lifelong birder, owner of Birding for Fun, and President of the Cradle of Texas Chapter. <b>Topic:</b> It's Time for a Makeover! Understanding Plumage Variations



Kristine Rivers grew up in Manvel, Texas and began birding at a very young age; by the time she was 14, she participated in her first Christmas Bird Count. She 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. Although she didn't end up following that career path, 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, and was instrumental in working with the founder and compiler to start it back up again in 2010 after a 16-year lapse (the last year it had been held prior to that was 1994). 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, and Brazos Bend CBC. She has also participated in the Texas City Prairie Preserve Bird Count since 2016.



Kristine has been the Birding Instructor for Pearland Parks & Recreation since early 2015,

teaching children ages 6–14 in summer camp, and adults in both Beginning Birding and Intermediate Birding, as well as leading workshops at the Melvin Knapp Senior Activity Center. She is also the Birding Instructor for the City of Meadows Place, having initiated their Beginning Birding course in fall 2016. She developed all of the curriculum, presentations, and field trips for the programs in both cities. She was a liaison for Galveston FeatherFest in 2016, and led two field trips for FeatherFest in 2017.

Kristine became a Texas Master Naturalist in 2016, and soon began leading workshops and teaching summer camp classes about other native Texas wildlife in addition to birds. She is a member of the Houston Area Bat Team, and is actively engaged in their citizen science program monitoring local bat colonies. She is currently the President of the Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter.



The Intern Class of 2016 Loblolly Pine team at Camp Mohawk County Park, 2016 *Front row:* Jerry Krampota (mentor), Karen Leder, Lisa Myers, Kristine Rivers. *Back row:* Jo Myers, Herb Myers. Bryan Frazier (mentor).