

# June, 2017 Calendar

(Fees for MOST Saturday Classes included in General Admission/members FREE!)

**CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION!**

2017 EDUCATION CALENDAR  
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## WILDLIFE IN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION Through September 30!

Full-color award-winning photographs from the 2015 *Wildlife in Focus* biennial photography competition will be displayed, with photographers' metadata, on art pillars along the Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail. The varied collection was shot by photographers partnering with South Texas landowners, judged in segmented categories of birds, mammals, invertebrates, reptiles/amphibians and specialties. The exhibition is included in general admission, and may be viewed from 9 am to 6 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas. For more information, contact the Botanical Gardens, 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org); or *Wildlife in Focus*, 361-881-9316, [wildlifeinfocus.org](http://wildlifeinfocus.org).



## ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, June 1, 7 pm.

On-going Orchid monthly class series and information exchange, for novice to experienced growers, with Orchid Curator Sam Jones, in the Education Station classroom. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera to specific orchid culture techniques. FREE for all orchid lovers! Orchids for sale at most meetings. 361-290-7429.

## BLACKLOCK'S ADVANCED BIRDING SPECIALTIES-Dynamics of Migration

Saturday, June 3, 9 am-noon.

In this fascinating lecture, explore timing of migration and range deviations of various species, related to climate and other environmental developments. \$25 members, \$30 others. Prepaid registration required by May 30, 361-852-2100.



## BEEKEEPING BASICS Saturday, June 10, 10 am-noon.

Justin Hodge of *Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association* shares importance of these often misunderstood garden pollinators and how to start a home hive plus other resources for becoming a backyard beekeeper, with products will be available for purchase.



## FATHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND Saturday/Sunday, June 17/18

Just say, "It's Fathers' Day," and Dad gets in free Saturday & Sunday Fathers' Day weekend! Be "Buds" with Dad, enjoy Parrot Talk, gardens, resident reptiles, Gator Lake, trails, other guy stuff! Sorry only dads are free—all other non-members pay general admission!

## SUMMER LAWN CARE Saturday, June 17, 10 am-noon.

Nueces County Extension Horticulturist Kevin Gibbs provides instruction for having the greenest grass on the block and best management practices for mowing, watering, pest/disease control as well as comparisons of varietal pros and cons.



## 'FOCUS ON NATURE' ADULT WILDLIFE PHOTO WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 24, 9 am -noon.

Get the basics of digital nature photography and how to take better pictures from *Wildlife in Focus*' Susan Chilcoat, with lecture, coaching and critique--getting the "wow" shot preserving floral beauty and nature for years to come. \$25, \$20 members. Register at Visitors Center.

## YOUTH Half-Day NATURE + PHOTOGRAPHY CAMPS Prepaid Registration Required, 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org).

Ages 11-14, June 5-9; Ages 14-18, July 10-14; Ages 11-18, July 31-August 4.

Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, \$125 members, \$135 others. Instructors from *Wildlife in Focus*, Botanical Gardens staff, merging science and nature to see biology of potential photography subjects such as animal habitats, nature crime scenes, reptiles and birds, with hands-on camera experience.

## KIDS Half-Day NATURE CAMPS Prepaid Registration Required. 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org)

**Flora: Facts & Fun** June 12-16  
**Explore Birds & Reptiles** June 19-23  
**Nature Rangers** June 26-30

**Ages 5-7** June 12-16  
**Ages 8-12** July 10-14  
July 17-21  
July 24-28

Monday-Friday, 8:45 am-noon, \$80 members, \$95 others.  
Instructors Botanical Gardens Education Coordinator Brenda Ermis, & former middle/high school teacher Sandy Anderson.



## KIDS Half-Day BASIC BIRDING CAMP Prepaid Registration Required. 361-852-2100, [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org)

Ages 8-13, Wednesday-Friday, July 5-7, 9 am-1 pm, \$80 members, \$95 others. Basic bird identification techniques, bird biology using games, challenges, guest speakers including birder/naturalist Gene Blacklock; and Purple Martin expert Louise Chambers, who lets campers observe baby Purple Martin nests.