

2016 Grow Green Landscape Professional Training Day Four: Wildlife, Edibles & IPM February 26, 2016		
Time:		Speaker
8:30- 9:00	Sign in and coffee service	
9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome	Meredith Gray, Conservation Program Coordinator, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Dept.
9:10 a.m. -10:15 a.m.	Festival Beach Food Forest Case Study Learn about the process the EastFeast Food Forest team undertook to create an edible orchard on City-owned land, from concept, design, and approval, to recent groundbreaking.	Mitchell Wright ASLA, AICP, LEED AP, Vista Planning and Design
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Supporting Wildlife with Habitats and Integrated Pest Management This talk will cover non-chemical aspects of pest management from the wildlife-habitat perspective.	Meredith O'Reilly, Youth Gardening Specialist, 4-H CAPITAL Project / Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Role of Pollinators/IPM Learn more about the ecosystem services that pollinators provide and their role in integrated pest management.	Robinson Sudan, New Leaf and Pollinator Partnership
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	<i>on your own</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Straw Bale Planting Demonstration Check out the straw bales planted at Zilker Botanical Garden and learn about this innovative growing technique.	Christopher Sanchez, Culture & Arts Education Specialist, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Dept.
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Milkweeds and Monarchs Made Easy Learn which milkweeds and nectar plants will best flourish in your landscape environment. A simple how-to on creating Monarch habitat in any landscape situation from containers to prairie plantings.	Cathy Downs, Hill Country Master Naturalist, Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas Program
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Zilker Garden Tour and Networking Check out the wildlife habitat on site (particularly the butterfly garden and mason bee houses), visit the vegetable garden and herb garden, and trade tips with your fellow professional landscapers.	<i>on your own</i>