



**National Wildlife Federation  
Habitat Stewards Training Agenda  
September 4 – September 25, 2014  
Thursdays & Saturdays**

**Thursday, September 4, 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Mayfield Park, 3505 West 35th St., 78703 (next to Austin Museum of Art)**

- 6:00-6:15 Welcome & Introductions – Jane Tillman, Meredith O'Reilly, Meredith Gray, & LaJuan Tucker, Habitat Steward Hosts
- 6:15-6:45 National Wildlife Federation Education Programs – Marya Fowler, NWF Senior Education Manager -
- 6:45-7:00 NWF Habitat Stewards Program: Roles and Expectations – Meredith O'Reilly, Travis Audubon
- 7:00-7:15 Break
- 7:15-8:45 Creating a Wildlife Habitat, with Native Plant Activity – Meredith O'Reilly, Travis Audubon
- 8:45-9:00 Wrap Up

**Saturday, September 6, 8:45am\* – 1:30pm**

**City of Austin Center for Environmental Research at Hornsby Bend, 2210 FM 973, 78725**

- (\*7:30-8:45) Wildlife/Bird Walk (optional) – Julie Webber, COA Park Ranger
- 8:45-9:00 Sign In, Announcements
- 9:00-10:50 Ecology from the Ground Up – Dr. Kevin Anderson, Coordinator CER, Hornsby Bend
- 10:50-11:00 Break
- 11:00-1:00 Lunch and Learn Lecture (bring your own bag lunch!): Native Landscape Design Principles-Cathy Nordstrom, Sans Souci Landscapes
- 1:15-1:30 Break
- 1:30-2:30 Cultivating Your Backyard Birds – Jane Tillman, Habitat Steward Host, Travis Audubon

**Thursday, September 11, 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**AISD Science and Health Resource Center – 306 North Bluff Drive, 78745**

- 6:00-6:15 Sign In, Announcements
- 6:15-7:00 Schoolyard Habitats, with Demo Habitat tour – Anne Muller, AISD Outdoor Learning Specialist
- 7:00-7:15 Break
- 7:15-8:45 Getting to Know Native Plants – Andrea DeLong-Amaya, Wildflower Center
- 8:45-9:00 Wrap Up

**Saturday, September 13, 8:30am – 12:00pm**

**Barton Creek at Lost Creek Blvd**

- 8:30-8:45 Sign In, Announcements
- 8:45-12:00 Watershed Walk/Water Quality Assessment – Todd Jackson, COA Watershed Protection

**Thursday, September 18, 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Mayfield Park, 3505 West 35th St., 78703 (next to Austin Museum of Art)**

- 6:00-6:15 Sign In, Announcements
- 6:15-7:15 Water: The Big Picture – Jennifer Ellis, National Wildlife Federation
- 7:15-7:30 Break
- 7:30-8:30 Community Stewardship & Creating Your Own Project– Meredith Gray , Conservation Program Coordinator, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
- 8:30-8:45 Code Compliance – LaJuan Tucker , Park Ranger II, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
- 8:45-9:00 Wrap Up

**Saturday, September 20, 8:15am – 3:30pm**

**AGE's Elderhaven Habitat, 3710 Cedar St, 78705**

- 8:15-8:30 Sign In, Announcements
- 8:30-10 AGE Habitat tour and planting/maintenance work – Sue Anderson
- 10-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:15 Insects - Erin Cord, Natural Resource Specialist, Travis County
- 11:15-11:45 Lunch (**bring your own**)
- 11:45-12:45 Native Wildlife – LaJuan Tucker, Park Ranger II, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
- 12:45-1 Break
- 1-2:30 Tour of Central Austin Native Landscape – Jackie O'Keefe

**Thursday, September 25, 6:00pm-8:45pm**

**Mayfield Park, 3505 West 35th St., 78703 (next to Austin Museum of Art)**

- 6:00-6:15 Sign In, Announcements
- 6:15-6:45 Welcome Visiting Habitat Stewards: Jerry Levenson, Carleen Edgar, Dale and Pat Bulla, Jane Baxter Lynn, Jack French, Matt Morris
- 6:45-7:30 Annual Potluck Dinner
- 7:30-8:30 Habitat Stewards Graduation Ceremony
- 8:30-9:00 Clean Up

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