

Outdoor
Nature Club

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our charter ...

Outdoor Nature Club

was established in

1923 as a nonprofit

organization with the

purpose of protecting

and conserving our

natural resources by

fostering an interest

in nature study

ONC

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our websites ...

OutdoorNatureClub.org
OrnithologyGroup.org

Auction Site Reactivated

Enter your bid at
www.outdoornatureclub.org

Over the past few months, ONC member Wanda Smith has been busy cleaning out ONC's Botany and Conchology storage cabinets at Bayou Manor. Most of the books belonging to the Botany and Conchology groups have been moved to Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary. However, there were many items that are no longer used by club members but are in too good condition to discard.

At ONC's Board meeting in October, the board decided to auction those items on our website. Some of the items are pictured here, but they can all be previewed at our website. Since ONC is not equipped to ship, winning bidders must arrange for payment and pickup at one of our regular meetings, either OG, Botany, or ONC.

Bidding closes 9 pm on February 1 and successful bidders will be notified by e-mail.

Some items on the auction block



Clockwise from top left: Manual Typewriter with case; Bausch & Lomb Stereo Microscope (10x and 20x eyepieces); Bausch & Lomb Stereo Microscope 10x; Laminating Press.

Group Activities

Botany • Entomology

Saturday, January 6

Twelfth Night Party, noon – 4 pm

Join us for our annual potluck holiday party at the home of Calvin and Connie Blakley. Bring your favorite covered dish.

Ornithology (OG)

Monday, January 8

Bayland Community Center

Learning Corner: 6:30 pm

Program: 7:00 pm

The Nesting Birds of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, presented by Dr. Tim Brush (followed by book signing)

OG FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, January 20

Birding at Brazos Bend State Park

Leader: Bill Godley

See *The Spoonbill* for details.

ONC Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 11

Bayland Community Center

Social: 7:00 pm; Program: 7:30 pm

Wind Farms, by Winnie Burkett
Our January speaker, Winnie Burkett, is Sanctuaries Manager for Houston Audubon Society. She is part of a team of environmentalists who are monitoring wind farm activity in the Gulf of Mexico.

Upcoming in February

February 5

OG Meeting: The Northern
Alpomado Falcon

February 8

ONC Board Meeting

February 13

Botany • Entomology Meeting:
Backyard Butterflies

February 17-18

LTNS Visitors Weekend

February 17

OG Field Trip to Texas City
Prairie Preserve

January 20

LTNS Visitor Day and Highway Cleanup

Please mark your calendars and join us at LTNS in January for quarterly cleanup of our adopted highway.

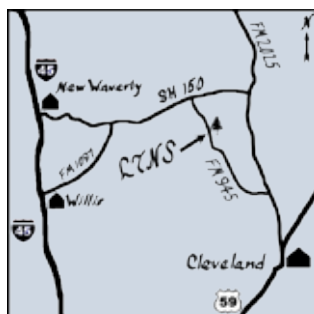
It only takes about an hour then we can enjoy a brisk walk in the woods.

SEE YOU THERE!

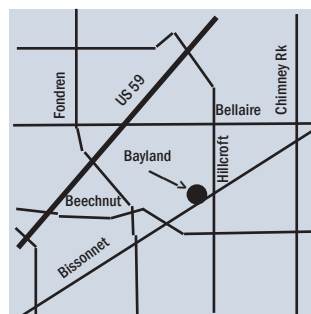
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Map to LTNS



Map to Bayland



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Conservation Corner

Plant a tree in January

January is a good month to plant trees in our area, and this year you might want to consider a fruit tree.

Urban Harvest's 7th annual fruit tree sale will be held January 20, but it is not too early to start making your list. The fruit tree sale will have a large selection of citrus trees. The sale will also have peaches, plums, apples, pears, figs, pecans, grapes, blackberries, and persimmons. Tropicals such as mangos, lychees,

papayas, guavas, and star fruit are being offered for the first time this year.

The varieties available have been chosen for their ability to produce in this climate. There will be talks about fruit trees on the morning of the sale and on January 10. A list of trees that will be available and a more detailed description of the talks is available at Urban Harvest's website: <http://urbanharvest.org>.

For more conservation news, visit our website or contact

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Please Renew Your ONC Membership

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to renew your membership. A dues envelope was included in your December newsletter, or you can use the form below. Thanks for your continued support.

<u>Member Category</u>		<u>Amount Enclosed</u>
Regular.....	\$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Family.....	\$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Ornithology (OG)	\$14.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
OG (2nd family member)	\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Life Membership.....	\$250.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Donation, LTNS Sanctuary Fund		\$ _____
Donation, General Fund.....		\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Fill out form and return with your check to: ONC, PO Box 270895, Houston TX 77277-0894

Thank You!

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