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Meeting Place, Bayland Community Center

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at Bayland Community Center, 5400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft.



Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary Events

All LTNS events are held at the sanctuary, 2001 FM 945, Cleveland, TX (map is available on our website).



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ONC Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 13, Program: 7:30–9:00 PM
Help us celebrate ONC's 90th birthday!
 (details will be mailed in early June)



LTNS ACTIVITIES

18-19 Visitors Weekend

Spring wildflowers are blooming, so we hope to see some butterflies. In the evening we will set up an insect sheet and Calvin will have his telescope if skies are clear.

Study Group Activities

06 Ornithology (OG) Meeting, 7:30 pm

Dennis Shepler – "Birding (by ear and eye) in Costa Rica"

14 Botany-Entomology Meeting

The Big Thicket: A Guide to the Forested Ecosystems of East Texas, presented by Matt Buckingham, Lands Conservation Biologist with Bayou Land Conservancy.

20 OG Field Trip — Sam Houston NF

Details and directions to meeting place are on the OG website.



LTNS ACTIVITIES

22 Adopt-A-Road Highway Trash Pickup

8:00 AM — Meet at the LTNS entrance gate to help with trash pickup. Bring gloves, hat, water. Trash bags provided by the state.

22 Botany-Entomology Field Trip

9:30 AM — Meet at The Cove for a wagon ride to Cullinan & Big Meadows to view the bluebells. Bring your lunch and stay for the day!

ONC General Meeting

13 ONC 90th Birthday Celebration

7:30 PM — Members are preparing a special video recounting the 90-year history of ONC, Houston's first conservation and birding club. A detailed meeting notice will be mailed to members in early June.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

See websites for additional details (www.outdoornatureclub.org or www.ornithologygroup.org)

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our charter...

A nonprofit educational and scientific
organization established in 1923 to pro-
tect and conserve natural resources by
fostering an interest in nature study.

our sanctuary...

ONC owns a 700-acre nature preserve,
Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary (LTNS),
11 miles northwest of Cleveland, TX. All
members and guests are invited to at-
tend monthly open houses.

Nature Sightings

Each time we venture outdoors to enjoy nature, we encounter something new. It might be an insect, a plant, a snake, a bird, or any other of the myriad species that inhabit our natural world. This back page is usually devoted to highlighting our encounters. If you find an interesting species and would like to share, please send your photo with a brief description to the editor. We hope you will learn something here and also be encouraged to spend more time exploring!



photo by Sergio Henao

Larva, White-lined Tussock Moth (*Orgyia leucostigma*) — A fairly common caterpillar in Eastern forests is this tussock larva. It's easily recognized by the red head (top of photo) and mid-dorsal white to yellow tufts. This guy is not a picky eater and feeds on a variety of hardwoods and woody plants. Some folks might have an allergic reaction if the hairs come into contact with sensitive skin, so beware and do not touch!



photo by Wanda Smith

Larvae, Live Oak Metria (*Metria amelia*) — these caterpillars are well camouflaged on an oak tree in The Cove at LTNS. Although commonly named after the Live Oak tree, this species probably feeds on various other oak trees. It was found at LTNS on a Water Oak. This moth is in a family known as Wavy-lined Owllets, and the adult does have beautiful patterning in the wings. The adult has not yet been recorded at LTNS, but we keep looking!

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Donations to ONC are always appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thanks, everyone, for your generosity.

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