

# Nature Notes

## Outdoor Nature Club Upcoming Activities

See websites for additional details ([www.outdoornatureclub.org](http://www.outdoornatureclub.org) or [www.ornithologygroup.org](http://www.ornithologygroup.org))

### ONC Contacts

#### ONC General Information

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#### Botany/Entomology Group

See our website

#### Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary

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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).

#### November 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

#### December 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

#### 07 Ornithology (OG) Meeting

6:30 pm—Learning Corner

7:00 pm—Program

*Hawks of Texas*, by Gary Clark

#### 08 Botany-Entomology, 7:30 pm

*Lepidoptera of LTNS, with a Focus on Moths*, by Connie Blakley.



### LTNS ACTIVITIES

#### 19 LTNS Dally Days, Nature Photography led by Calvin Blakley, 10:00 am

The day begins with a “jam” session about photography, then we’ll head into the woods to take pictures. After lunch, we’ll share our photos and techniques.

#### 05 Ornithology (OG) Meeting

6:30 pm—Learning Corner

7:00 pm—Program

*Houston Audubon Birds*, by Mary Ann Webber

#### 13 Botany-Entomology, 7:30 pm

*Prairies and Wetlands*, by Andy Sipocz, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Natural Resources Manager, Region 4. Andy will bring samples of wetland plants and tall grasses.

#### 17 Houston Christmas Bird Count

This count, centered around Baytown, is Houston’s oldest CBC and is sponsored by ONC’s Ornithology Group. To join the count, contact co-compilers David Sarkozi (281-339-1526 or cell 512-799-0127) or Stennie Meadours (stenmead@aol.com).



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## our charter...

A nonprofit educational and scientific organization established in 1923 to protect 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 attend monthly open houses.

## ONC Appreciates Your Donations

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

### For Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary

David/Iris Poteet  
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## Bugs & Spiders at LTNS

Our Dally Days theme in October — Bugs & Spiders — was right in line with our Halloween celebration. After a short Q&A session about identification, led by Charles Peterson and Calvin Blakley, we headed to the Triangle where the ragweed was in full bloom. Charles commented that that plant seems to attract numerous species of flies and other insects. Two of the more interesting species we encountered are pictured here.

Join us on November 19 at LTNS for our photography workshop and we'll try to find some interesting critters for you to photograph.



The Scorpionfly is aptly named; it has an elongated abdomen that resembles a scorpion. Adults feed on dead insects and are common in the fall in marshy areas. How appropriate to find this colorful orange and black fly during our Halloween event at LTNS. [Photo by Calvin Blakley]



The above flies, of the Systropus genus, were found by Wanda Smith feeding on goldenrod. The female, on the left, is distinguished by the bright orange band encircling her abdomen. The larvae are known to parasitize caterpillars of the moth family Limacodidae (slug moths). [Photo by Wanda Smith]