

# Day 3 - Fort Worth Botanical Garden

## Saturday May 31, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MAIN AUDITORIUM - ROOM 241			
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration   Light Breakfast Available		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Jaime Gonzalez - Introductory Remarks		
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Keynote Address</b> Speaker: <b>Matt Wagner, PhD, Deputy Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</b> Regional Efforts to Conserve Prairies - An Update		
	<b>Main Auditorium</b> PRARIE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	<b>Red Bud Hall Azalea Room</b> CHALLENGES IN CONSERVATION & RESTORATION	<b>Red Bud Hall Camellia Room</b> COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Kyle Brazil</b> (Wildlife Habitat Federation) - Natives First – A Common Sense Approach to Utilizing Native Plants in Publicly Funded Conservation Practices	<b>Sam Fuhendorf</b> (Oklahoma State University) The Challenge of Invasive woody species management	<b>Anne Alderfer, Kathy Cash, Heather Foote</b> (Friends of Tandy Hills) - Bringing Education Programs To Your Local Prairie
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Gene Miller</b> (National Wild Turkey Federation) - Restoration of Early Successional Habitat to Benefit Wildlife, Hydrology, Sportsmen, and Citizens of Texas.	<b>Aviva Glaser</b> {National Wildlife Federation} - Updates of the new farm bill's connections to prairies	<b>RJ Taylor/Pat Merkord</b> (Connamara Conservancy and NPAT) - Connecting with private landowners through conservation easement agreements.
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		

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**AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Main Auditorium  
PRARIE BIODIVERSITY  
CONSERVATION**

**Red Bud Hall  
Azalea Room  
CHALLENGES IN  
CONSERVATION & RESTORATION**

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

**Dan Jones/Rusty Pliar** (Texas A&M Forest Service) - Restoration and Conservation Management of Remnant Blackland Prairies in the Southwest Pineywoods Ecoregion of Texas

**Bill Bartush and Cynthia Edwards** {Gulf Coast Prairie LLC} - Developing Common Platforms to Share Inventory, Mapping, Evaluation & Serving to Conservation Partners Grasslands-related Data & Information

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**Ann Mayo** (University of Texas - Arlington PhD candidate) - Jill of All Trades: Ant Diversity and Versatility in the Cross Timbers Ecoregion

**Bill Neiman/George Cates** ( Native American Seed) - The Challenge of Finding and Using Appropriate Seeds for Prairie Restoration.

**Main Auditorium  
WRAP-UP REMARKS AND LAST SPEAKER**

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**Jason Singhurst (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)** - Closing Address

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Field Trip to Botanical Research Institute of Texas**  
{Located directly adjacent to conference venue}

Come join us for a field trip on the BRIT campus and see first-hand the results of our experimentations on the landscape. We'll visit the prairie, herbarium, discuss the living roof, and generally discuss the hopefulness inherent in Platinum LEED building.