

## Texas State Wildlife Grant Success Stories

In the five years since its inception, the State Wildlife Grants Program has played an important role in the conservation of Texas' wildlife. The following are some of the projects funded through State Wildlife Grants:



*Master Naturalist Program,  
Photo Courtesy of Texas  
Parks and Wildlife*

### **Restoration: Working with Partners to Bring Back Wildlife and Natural Areas** **Master Naturalist Program**

The Texas Master Naturalist program educates people about the wildlife and vital natural places of Texas, conserving them and enhancing our own quality of life. Funded with State Wildlife Grants, the program trains and manages volunteers who become stewards and advocates for natural resources in their communities. This program has been so successful it has been expanded to other states. The next step will be to create a Junior Master Naturalist program that will educate children on the importance of good stewardship, helping to ensure that wildlife and vital natural areas will be there for future generations to enjoy.



*Nacogdoches, Photo Courtesy  
of USDA*

### **Conservation: Protecting Imperiled Land, Water, and Wildlife** **Urban Wildlife Workshops**

As our communities grow, State Wildlife Grants are helping fulfill our responsibility to conserve wildlife, and the places they live, by funding the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Urban Wildlife Program. This program conducts landowner workshops for urban-based private landowners. Many of these are new, small acreage landowners who know little about wildlife and natural habitat management. Popular workshops include presentations on prescribed burning, habitat restoration, and pond management. Attendance at the workshops is high; sometimes over 200 landowners may attend. This is a proactive way to engage local landowners in conserving wildlife before they become more rare and costly to protect.



*Guadalupe Mountains, Photo  
Courtesy of USGS*

### **Management: Proactive Measures that Benefit Wildlife and People** **Borderlands Conservation**

The Texas-Mexico border region is one of the most ecologically rich areas in Texas, yet a burgeoning human population threatens the wildlife of this area. State Wildlife Grants are helping Texas work with Mexico to develop joint conservation projects that will address international wildlife issues affecting the Texas-Mexico border region. Developing, coordinating, and administering programs and activities to help conserve wildlife in this vital natural area is a high priority and the partnership with Mexico will make this project stronger.

**Congress has appropriated \$18.3 million in State Wildlife Grants to Texas since 2001. This has been matched with at least \$1.5 million state and partner dollars.**