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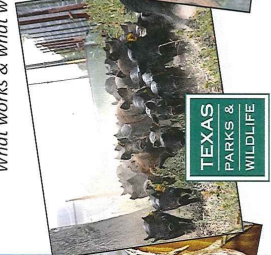
**KERR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Wildlife Management and Research Seminar**



Join us at the Lee and Ramona Bass Conference Facility for discussions on wildlife management and research in the Texas Hill Country.

TOPICS COVERED:

- **TPWD Programs Overview**
What are they & how they can help!
- **Ecosystems Management**
Taking a holistic approach to land improvement
- **Deer Research : Past & Present**
Donnie E. Harmel White-tailed Deer Research Pens
- **Research Update on Feral Swine Control**
Kerr WMA Feral Swine Research Facility
- **Survey Techniques of WT Deer**
What works & what will work for you?



October 5th
@ 9 am - 4 pm
Location: Kerr WMA
Cost: Free
Lunch: Bring Your Own!
WMA/Facility Tour to Follow
Register at (830) 238-4483
Or deanna.pfeffer@tpwd.texas.gov



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NATIVE TREE SALE

BY ORDER ONLY

Pickup Date: November 7 or 8, 2018

At the USDA Service Center 2104 Memorial Blvd

Orders Due by October 25, 2018

**ALL TREES SOLD HAVE BEEN GROWN LOCALLY AND
ARE NATIVE SPECIES. 5 GALLON POTS.**

SPECIES AVAILABLE :

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| BIG TOOTH MAPLE | GOLDEN BALL LEAD TREE |
| BLANCO CRABAPPLE | MEXICAN PLUM |
| BURR OAK | MONTERREY OAK |
| CEDAR ELM 830 | ANACACHO ORCHID |
| CHINKAPIN OAK | ESCARPMENT CHERRY |
| DESERT WILLOW | TEXAS REDBUD |
| EVE'S NECKLACE | |

OTHER SPECIES & SIZES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

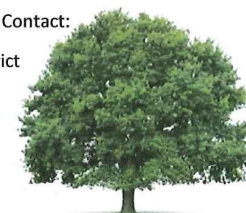
For More Information or for Special Orders Please Contact:

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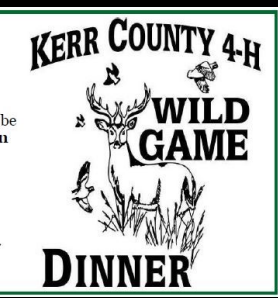
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Dates of Interest:

- Oct. 1 : Deadline for Hay Show
- Oct. 5: First Friday Tours Kerr WMA
- Oct. 6: Kerr County 4-H Wild Game Dinner
- Oct. 10-12: Texas Section Society for Ranch Management- Lubbock, TX
- October 11: Kendall County Agrilife Extension Office Fall Ag Day @ Comfort Park SCEU'S!!!
- Oct. 25 Pre-Orders for SWCD Tree Sale
- Oct. 26-28 : Kerr County Fair
- November 2: Divide ISD Wild Game Dinner at the Divide VFD 5pm-9pm
- November 6: Go VOTE!
- Dec. 10: Deadline for Conservation Poster entries "Live in the Soil: Dig Deeper"



Saturday, October 6, 2018
Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center (Ag Barn)
3785 Hwy. 27, Kerrville
Tickets are: \$20.00, 6 & Under are free & can be purchased at: Gibson's, Kerr County Extension Office, Kerrville Ranch & Pet, Double L Feed in Ingram & Kerrville, & McCoy's Building Supply
Tickets also available online: kerr.agrilife.org
Doors open @ 5:00 p.m., Dinner served @ 6:00 p.m.
For more information, call the Extension Office @ 830-257-6568.



UGRA Water Enhancement Cost Share Program

Receive an additional 25% reimbursement
for finished NRCS and TSSWCB contracts for brush management!

The Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) promotes water enhancement through brush management by funding a supplemental cost share program. UGRA's Water Enhancement Cost Share Program is implemented in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's Water Supply Enhancement Program (WSEP).

The program is now available for brush control projects located in the Guadalupe River watershed throughout in Kerr County. Previously the program was available only to landowners in western Kerr County. Landowners who have a contract in the Guadalupe River watershed may be eligible to receive an additional 25% reimbursement from UGRA. For more information, contact UGRA at (830) 896-5445 or visit ugra.org.

For More Information:

Contact UGRA (830) 896-5445 or
tbushnoe@ugra.org



Grass & Wildflower Seed Sales

Kerr SWCD can take care of your seed needs! From custom grass mixes, wildlife/deer/dove mixes, tank dam mixes or specific species seed, we can order exactly what your needs call for!

Call the office to discuss what you are looking for & get your seed in time for the fall planting season!



USDA-NRCS & TSSWCB Programs Available

Several programs are available for Kerr County residents to apply for and receive assistance in implementing management practices for agricultural land. You may read more on this program at TSSWCB's website at: www.tsswcb.texas.gov (click on Programs, then select WQMP). You may also contact the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District's office at 830-896-4911x3 and ask for Missie (SWCD) or Cole (NRCS) for assistance or to start the application process.

CTA Program

Conservation Technical Assistance

CTA Program provides land users with proven conservation technology and the delivery system needed to achieve the benefits of a healthy and productive landscape. Technical assistance is the help provided by NRCS, employees of other entities or agencies under the technical supervision of NRCS, to clients to address opportunities, concerns, and problems related to the use of natural resources. **Your Land ~ Your Investment ~ Your Plan**

EQIP

Environmental Quality Incentive Program

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat. Payments are made to participants after conservation practices and activities identified in an EQIP plan are implemented.

CStP

Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP helps agricultural producers maintain & improve their existing conservation systems & adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance, the higher the performance, the higher the payment. Participants take additional steps to improve the resource conditions on their land including- soil, air & habitat quality, water quality & quantity, and energy conservation.

WQMP

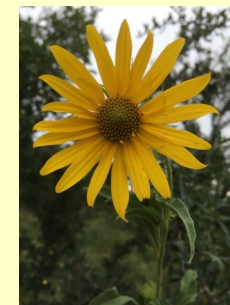
Water Quality Incentive Plan

WQMP is a site-specific plan developed through and approved by SWCD's for agricultural or silvicultural lands. The plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, management measures, technologies or combinations thereof. The purpose is to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement determined by the TSSWCB, in consultation with local SWCD's, to be consistent with state water quality standards.

MAXIMILIAN SUNFLOWER

We are very appreciative of the wide spread rains received during the month of September. This is a great start to Fall, with there still being over a month of growing season left, we should be able to get additional growth on our desirable plant species giving us extra grazing during the winter months. With the change in season and this moisture we will start seeing some eye-catching plants around. One of the commonly seen plants observed during fall is Maximilian sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*). Maximilian sunflower receives its name from Prince Maximilian of Wied Neuwied who was a German explorer, ethnologist and naturalist who led an expedition into the west in the 1830's. Maximilian sunflower is a warm season, native, perennial forb that is utilized by livestock, wildlife and pollinator species. The growth habit is erect, ranging from 3-7 foot depending on the depth of the soil. Leaves are 2-8 inches long, tapering at both ends, simple, alternate, entire with a rough to touch texture. Flowers are vibrant yellow 1 1/2-3 inches across on stalks originating from leaf axils on the top third of the plant, flowering in the fall with seeds maturing late October- November. If you would like additional information on Maximilian sunflower or other plants you observe this fall please contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kerrville at (830) 896-4911 ext. 3.

Story by: Kelly Umphres NRCS Range Management Specialist



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