

# 2026 HLSR Ranching & Wildlife Expo

## Educational Seminars

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### Tuesday, March 3, 2026: Urban and Outdoor Recreation

11:00 a.m. — **Identifying and Supporting Native Butterflies (with live butterflies)** — Lauren Davidson, Houston Museum of Natural Science

12:00 p.m. — Break

12:15 p.m. — **Backyard Native Landscaping** — Mary Pearl Meuth, Texas Master Naturalist Program

12:45 p.m. — **Rainwater Harvesting** — John Smith, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

1:15 p.m. — **Bees and Pollinators: Honeybees** — Lauren Ward, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

1:45 p.m. — **Predators in the Urban Environment** — Kelly Norrid, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

2:15 p.m. — Break

2:30 p.m. — **Birding 101: Birding Basics** — Liz Tidwell, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

3:00 p.m. — **Impact of Recreational Anglers on Marine Conservation** — Pat Murray, Coastal Conservation Association

3:30 p.m. — **Dog Training** — Nick Stillwell, Run-n-Gun Retrievers

4:00 p.m. — **Outdoor & Wildlife Photography** — Trey Barron, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

4:30 p.m. — **Wild Game Cooking: Campfire Cooking** — Craig Bowen

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### Wednesday, March 4, 2026: Wildlife and Diseases

11:00 a.m. — **Snakes and Herps (live animals)** — Drake Rangel, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

11:40 a.m. — Break

11:50 a.m. — **Scoring White-tailed Deer** — Mark Lange, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

12:20 p.m. — **Aging White-tailed Deer: On the Hoof & Post-Harvest** — Clint Faas, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

12:50 p.m. — **Wildlife Disease Update (CWD, New World Screwworm, Avian Influenza, etc.)** — Megan Hahn, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

1:20 p.m. — **Threatened and Endangered Species: What They Mean for Landowners** — Paul Crump, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

1:50 p.m. — Break

2:00 p.m. — **Quail Ecology and Management** — Jared Schlottman, Wildlife Habitat Federation & 1911 Cattle Company

2:30 p.m. — **Waterfowl Ecology and Management** — Taylor Abshier, Ducks Unlimited

3:00 p.m. — **Turkey Ecology and Management** — Jason Hardin, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

3:30 p.m. — **Feral Pig Management Toolbox (1 hr CEU, IPM)** — Jay Long, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute

4:30 p.m. — **Wild Game Cooking: Sausage Making** — Prasek's Hilljie Smokehouse

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## **Thursday, March 5, 2026: Ranching and Land Management**

11:15 a.m. — **New World Screwworm** – Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

12:00 p.m. — Break

12:15 p.m. — **Managing Small Acreage with Wildlife in Mind** – David Riley, Plateau Land & Wildlife Management

12:45 p.m. — **Brush Management in Southeast Texas (1 hr CEU)** – Barron Rector, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

1:45 p.m. — **Native Prairie Restoration: A Landowner's Perspective** – Mavelyn Granger, Fayette Prairie Chapter, Native Prairie Association

2:30 p.m. — Break

2:45 p.m. — **Prescribed Fire & Prescribed Burn Associations** – Mark Brown, Fayette Prairie Prescribed Burn Association

3:30 p.m. — **Funding Opportunities for Landowners** – Will Newman, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

4:15 p.m. — **Texas Rural Land Markets & Ranch Financing Update** – Joe Patterson, Pinnacle Bank

5:00 p.m. — **Wild Game Cooking: Soups & Stews** – Brennan's of Houston