

**ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
AND
CALL FOR POSTERS
9th ANNUAL MEETING**

Texas Plant Conservation Conference

September 16-18, 2009

Hosted by

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Austin, Texas

The Local Committee is pleased to invite you to attend the 9th Annual Meeting of the Texas Plant Conservation Conference (TPCC) to be held at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

At this time, we are accepting abstract submissions for poster presentations. **Students are strongly encouraged to present research posters on topics related to plant conservation, such as (but not limited to) floristics, ecology, resource management, reproductive biology, plant-animal-human interactions and systematics. Abstract submission must be in English. All posters presented at the annual meeting should include the title and abstract at the time of presentation (when the poster is up for viewing). Poster space is limited, so please submit early! Deadline for poster abstracts is: August 28, 2009. An informal “meet and greet” reception will be held September 17 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm for presenters to discuss their posters with the meeting participants.**

Preparation of Abstracts

- Abstract must be completed using Times New Roman font size 12
- Use **WORD 97-2003** to prepare abstracts
- E-mail your formatted abstract to Flo Oxley at oxley@wildflower.org
- Use the following format (illustrated in the examples below) for oral and/or poster presentations

EXAMPLES

Poster Presentation

EFFECT OF PRESCRIBED BURNING FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER ON THE AVIAN COMMUNITY IN THE SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST

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In the past century there has been a drastic change in vegetation due to fire suppression in the southern pine ecosystem, which has had negative impacts on many avian species. In particular, the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) was affected so severely it was placed on the endangered species list. The U.S. Forest Service actively manages red-cockaded woodpecker habitat in the Sam Houston National Forest by prescribed burning and mechanical removal of understory. We are investigating the effects of three prescribed burning regimes on the avian community. Avian species richness, diversity, and abundance will be documented in areas burned every 1 to 3 years, 3 to 5 years, and in areas not burned for over 10 years, through year-round point count surveys. We will document how burning impacts the community and the significance of these habitats for resident and migrant species.

- Indicate presentation type (**Poster**)
- Indicate one general topic that best describes your presentation
- List presentation title in all capital letters in English
- List author(s) and affiliation(s)
- If there are multiple authors, indicate the presenting author with an underline
- Use numbers to identify institutional affiliations
- Abstract limited to 300 words

Preparation of Poster Presentations

- Posters must be printed on a single sheet of paper sized 48 inches (122 cm) wide and 36 inches (91 cm) tall. Do not laminate the poster.
- Posters will be mounted on 48-inch by 48-inch display boards.
- The Local Committee will provide necessary supplies to hang the posters.
- Posters must be set up at the start of the conference on September 16 and be taken down at the end of the conference (September 18).