

Carly Aulicky - Pockets and Remnants: Saving Texas Prairies

Texas is a prairie state from east to west, encompassing unique prairie ecosystems that have shaped Texas' history and Texan pride. Today much of Texas prairie has been lost, leaving few native remnants on the landscape, while many others have been degraded or converted to non-native grasses. In this talk, you will learn about prairie ecology, how the Native Prairies Association of Texas is working to conserve and restore vulnerable prairies, and how you can help preserve Texas' natural heritage.

Bio: Dr. Carly Aulicky is the North Texas Director of Outreach and Stewardship for the Native Prairies Association of Texas (NPAT). In her position, Carly monitors and manages NPAT prairies, holds educational workshops, and acts as a spokesperson for conservation of native prairies. Carly completed her doctorates at the Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Kansas State University in 2020, where she researched lesser prairie-chickens (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*). Before her work in Kansas, Carly worked with tropical birds for her M.S. in ecology completed in 2014 at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and received her B.S. in ecology and natural resources from Rutgers University.