



**Sam Kieschnick** is an urban wildlife biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department serving the east side of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He previously worked as a nature educator with the City of Mansfield at Oliver Nature Park, as a naturalist at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge, as a science interpreter with the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, as a botanist with the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT), and as an instructor at Weatherford College. He has a master's degree from Tarleton State University studying the genetics of pocket gophers. As an urban wildlife biologist, Sam's focus will be on three As: Awareness, Appreciation, and Action.

Sam will be presenting on the “**Joys of Citizen Science**” at Native Plants and Prairies Day 2026.

Sam will also be conducting Prairie Tours entitled “**Ecosystem Walk**” at Native Plants and Prairies Day 2026.