

Carol Clark – Our Native Bees

Not as well-known as European Honeybees, Texas' native bees are nevertheless vital components of a healthy environment and can provide a new dimension of enjoyment in your home landscape. This program will cover current challenges bees are facing, why bees matter to all of us, facts about gentle solitary native bees and their lifestyles, and photo examples of the many beautiful forms and colors of native bees. It includes tips on what to plant and provide to attract them to your home landscape, and basic identification hints. We'll discuss simple homemade native bee nest sites and find out how people of all ages can participate in nationwide citizen science tracking efforts.

Bio: Carol Clark is an amateur botany enthusiast, a Texas Master Naturalist, longtime member of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and a Conservation Specialist with Monarch Watch. She also co-administrates the Texas Native Bee Co-op Facebook page and chairs the Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas committee. She and her husband own and operate Clark Haven Farm, a wildlife preserve and custom wildflower seed business in Cooke County. Carol grew up with a nature photographer father and wildlife artist brother and has spent much of her life looking around and learning in the great outdoors. Her favorite things to do are leading discovery walks in local natural areas and finding and photographing interesting plants and insects.