



**John Snowden**, known as the Texas Grassman, is a renowned native grass expert, grower, and passionate advocate for prairie restoration. John is deeply involved in public education and is actively engaged in volunteer prairie restoration projects across the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex. His work includes winter transplant efforts, native seed collection and distribution, educational demonstrations, and pollinator habitat projects. Each outing in nature with friends and family reveals new details and insights that inspire his ongoing work. John’s message is simple: Go. See. Enjoy. Learn.

John was raised in rural Tarrant County in what is now heavily developed south Arlington. He earned both his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences and his Master of Science in Horticulture from Texas A&M University. While working with native plant nurseries and landscaping in Texas, John noticed the absence of native grasses in the marketplace. In response, he founded Bluestem Nursery, helping increase the availability and use of native and adapted grasses across the state.

In his presentation, “**Attractive Native Grasses for Your Monarch Waystation and Pocket Prairie Restoration**,” John will highlight native grasses that add beauty, structure, and ecological value to small prairie plantings. He will discuss how incorporating native grasses can improve habitat for monarchs and other pollinators while supporting successful pocket prairie restorations. You will also learn practical tips for selecting and establishing grasses suited to North Texas landscapes.