



## Fall 2015 Urban Forest Stewards & Habitat Stewards Training Schedule

City of Austin PARD Hosts: Meredith Gray & LaJuan Tucker (Wildlife Austin),  
Lara Schuman and Warren Whitehead (Urban Forestry),  
Treefolks Hosts: Rebecca Johnson & Chuck McLellan

### Class 1 – STEWARDSHIP 101 Joint Class

**Saturday, September 12, 9:00am - 1:30pm**

Location: Parque Zaragoza, 2608 Gonzales St, Austin, TX 78702

Note: This introductory class is FREE and open to the public. Other classes require registration.

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Welcome & Explanation of Tracks	Meredith Gray (COA)& Rebecca Johnson(Treefolks)
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	Habitat Basics	Meredith Gray & LaJuan Tucker (Wildlife Austin)
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	Break	<i>(snacks provided by Wildlife Austin)</i>
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Central Texas Plants	Meredith O'Reilly (4-H CAPITAL Master Naturalist)
12:00 PM	12:15 PM	Break	
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Value of Austin's Urban Forest	Thais Perkins (Treefolks)
1:15 PM	1:30 PM	Wrap-up	Moderator

### Class 2 – Joint Class

**Saturday, September 19, 8:30am - 4:00pm (optional 7:30 am bird walk)**

Location: City of Austin Center for Environmental Research at Hornsby Bend, 2210 FM 973, 78725

7:30 AM	8:45 AM	Bird Walk (optional)	Dennis Palafox
8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Sign-in and Announcements	Moderator
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Ecology from the Ground Up	Kevin Anderson (Hornsby Bend Director)
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Break	<i>(snacks provided by Wildlife Austin)</i>
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Water: The Big Picture	Jennifer Ellis (National Wildlife Federation)
11:45 AM	12:30 PM	Insects Overview	Andrew Clamann (City of Austin Watershed)
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch	<i>(picnic lunch provided at TreeFolks' office)</i>
1:30 PM	4:00 PM	Tree ID Hike	Jesse Neumann & Rebecca Johnson



### Class 3 – UFS Track

**Saturday, September 26, 9:00am – 2:15pm**

Location: Parque Zaragoza, 2608 Gonzales St, Austin, TX 78702

8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Intro	Moderator
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Tree Biology	Brad Hamel (Texas A&M Forest Service)
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Break	<i>(snacks provided by TreeFolks)</i>
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Urban Soils and Trees	Vincent DeBrock (Texas Heritage Tree Care)
11:15 AM	12:15 PM	Common Pests, Insects & Diseases	Kirsten Schneider (City of Austin Urban Forestry)
12:15 PM	1:00 PM	BYOB Lunch	
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Abiotic Problems	Paul Johnson (Texas A&M Forest Service)
2:00 PM	2:15 PM	Wrap-up	Moderator



**Class 4 – HS Track**

**Wednesday, September 30, 6 pm – 9 pm**

Location: Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve, 3801 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78703

6:00 PM	6:10 PM	Intro	Moderator
6:10 PM	7:40 PM	Backyard Birds	Jane Tillman (Audubon Society, Capital Area Master Naturalist)
7:40 PM	7:55 PM	Break	<i>(snacks provided by Wildlife Austin)</i>
7:55 PM	8:25 PM	Pollinators	Erin Cord (Keep Austin Beautiful)
8:25 PM	8:55 PM	Threats to Habitat	LaJuan Tucker (Wildlife Austin)
8:55 PM	9:00 PM	Wrap-up	Moderator



**Class 5 – UFS Track**

**Saturday, October 3, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Location: Parque Zaragoza, 2608 Gonzales St, Austin, TX 78702

8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Intro	Moderator
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Morphology and Tree ID	April Rose (Certified Arborist)
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Break	<i>(snacks provided by TreeFolks)</i>
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Tree Selection (Right Tree, Right Place)	Colleen Dieter (Red Wheelbarrow)
11:15 AM	11:30 AM	Break	<i>(snacks provided by TreeFolks)</i>
11:15 AM	12:15 PM	Tree Protection	Jason Traweek (City of Austin Urban Forestry)
12:15 PM	1:00 PM	BYOB Lunch	
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Tree Care During Drought	Keith Brown (The University of Texas at Austin)
2:00 PM	2:15 PM	Wrap-up	Moderator



**Class 6 – HS Track**

**Wednesday, October 7, 6 pm – 9:00 pm**

Location: Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve, 3801 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78703

6:00 PM	6:10 PM	Intro	Moderator
6:10 PM	8:55 PM	Landscape Design Workshop <b>BRING YOUR SITE TEMPLATE!</b>	Marya Fowler (National Wildlife Federation), Patrick Beyer (City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department)
8:55 PM	9:00 PM	Wrap-up	Moderator



**Class 7 – UFS Track (optional class for HS Track)**

**Saturday, October 10, 8:45am – 3:45pm**

Location: Parque Zaragoza, 2608 Gonzales St, Austin, TX 78702

8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Intro	Moderator
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Intro to Tree Risk - Defects	Jim Carse (The University of Texas at Austin)
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Break	<i>(snacks provided by TreeFolks)</i>
10:45 AM	12:15 PM	Pruning	Lara Schuman (COA Forestry) & Paul Schuman (Treefolks)
12:15 PM	1:30 PM	BYOB lunch	
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Planting and Establishment	Rebecca Johnson & Chuck McLellan (Treefolks) & Jesse Neumann (COA Forestry)
3:30 PM	3:45 PM	Wrap-up/Break	Moderator
3:45 PM	5:45 PM	<i>OPTIONAL Supervisor Training</i>	

**Class 8 – Joint Graduation and Arbor Day!**

**Saturday, October 17th, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm**

Location: Gus Garcia Recreation Center 1201 E Rundberg Ln, Austin, TX 78753

8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Intro & Coffee	<i>(coffee provided by Wildlife Austin &amp; Treefolks)</i>
8:15 AM	9:00 AM	Advocacy and What Do I Do Now?	Thais & Meredith
9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Arbor Day Tree Planting	<i>(In conjunction with Arbor Day volunteers)</i>
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Arbor Day Proclamation	
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Stewards Graduation Ceremony	Regina, Chuck, Rebecca, Thaïs, Lara, LaJuan, Meredith
12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Lunch with Alumni Stewards	<i>(lunch provided by Treefolks)</i>

This training program is organized by:

