

# National Wildlife Refuge Week Celebration

Saturday October 8, 2011

8:30 to 4pm

Doeskin Ranch Unit of the  
Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge

**Birding by Ear** — Listen to the mockingbird, cardinal, wren and chickadee. Come learn the common bird songs and calls. You'll be able to recognize most of what you hear from now on! 8:30-10:30am walk.

**Nature Photography** — Digital and 35 mm workshop from 8:30-10:30am. Bring your camera and manual. For adults. \*Registration required.\*

**Birds and Butterflies for Beginners** — Binoculars and identification books provided. 9-10:30am walk.

**Native Edible Plants** — Identify the edibles! 9-11am walk.

**Discovering Refuge Diversity** — Hike and learn about native plants, animals, geology, history and weather induced stresses. A three-mile hike of moderate difficulty through diverse terrain and habitats. \*Be sure to bring water and a camera.\* 9am-noon.

**Water Wonders Walk** — Scoop up water creatures from a creek and a pond and compare. Learn about the different habitats. For adults and kids! 9-10:30am.

**Spider Walk** — Sign up ahead to share amazing facts about spiders with "Spider Joe" Lapp! 11am-12:15pm and 2:30-3:45 pm.

**Walking Stick Walk** — Look for walking sticks, spittlebugs, leaf miners, etc... and catch bugs! Walks at 11am-12:15pm and 2:30-4pm.

**Have You Hugged a Honeybee Lately?** — Whether keeping them in a hive or merely admiring them in your garden, honeybees are fascinating and essential! We will cover fun facts that will greatly expand your appreciation of these tiny workers. 11:15am-noon program.

**Snakes Alive!** — Live snakes and other critters program 12:15pm-1pm.

**Native Grasses** — The Big 4 and a few more on the 1:30-2:30pm walk.

**Nature Walk** — Learn about ferns, flowers, fire, frogs and fossils! Relatively easy walk from 2:30-4pm.

*At your leisure, you can: Look for migrating hawks ~ Enter the butterfly tent  
View bizarre water creatures ~ Catch Monarch butterflies and tag them (if they are here)*

**For more info contact Rob Iski at 512-339-9432 x 70 or [rob\\_iski@fws.gov](mailto:rob_iski@fws.gov)**

**\* Groups: please call in advance to register \***

Directions: From FM 1431 (connecting Marble Falls and Lago Vista), go north on RR 1174 for approximately 5 miles. From Hwy. 29 (connecting Liberty Hill and Burnet), go south on RR 1174 for about 10 miles. Doeskin Ranch is on the east side of the road.

*Times and activities subject to change*

