

August: Texas Nature News

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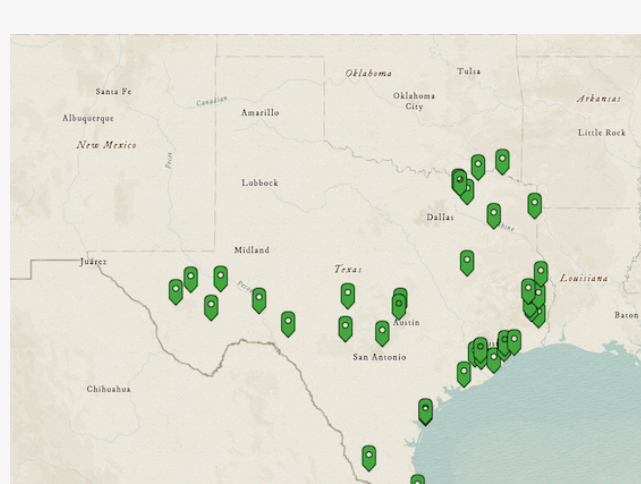


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Protecting Nature for Tomorrow's Texas

The Nature Conservancy has been partnering with communities to create a world where people and nature thrive in Texas since 1964. Today, we're facing the most complex challenges of our lives and we have years, not decades, to address climate and biodiversity crises. We're working to overcome barriers to progress so we can achieve our biggest, most ambitious goals yet.

[Watch the Video to Learn What We're Doing in the Lone Star State](#)



The Path to One Million Acres

As TNC Texas moves toward the monumental milestone of one million acres protected, discover some of the lands and waters we've helped protect and learn why they're so special. While this upcoming achievement is Texas-sized in scale and scope, it was only made possible by collaborating with landowners, ranchers, partners and supporters.

[See the Map of our Million-Acre Milestone Progress](#)



Places we Protect: Texas City Prairie Preserve

Just 40 miles south of Houston, TNC's 2,300-acre Texas City Prairie Preserve helps revitalize coastal habitat and the species that depend on it while serving as a region-wide model for native prairie restoration. Preserve staff provide design, seed material and equipment for establishing native coastal prairie.

[Peruse What Makes This Prairie Unique](#)

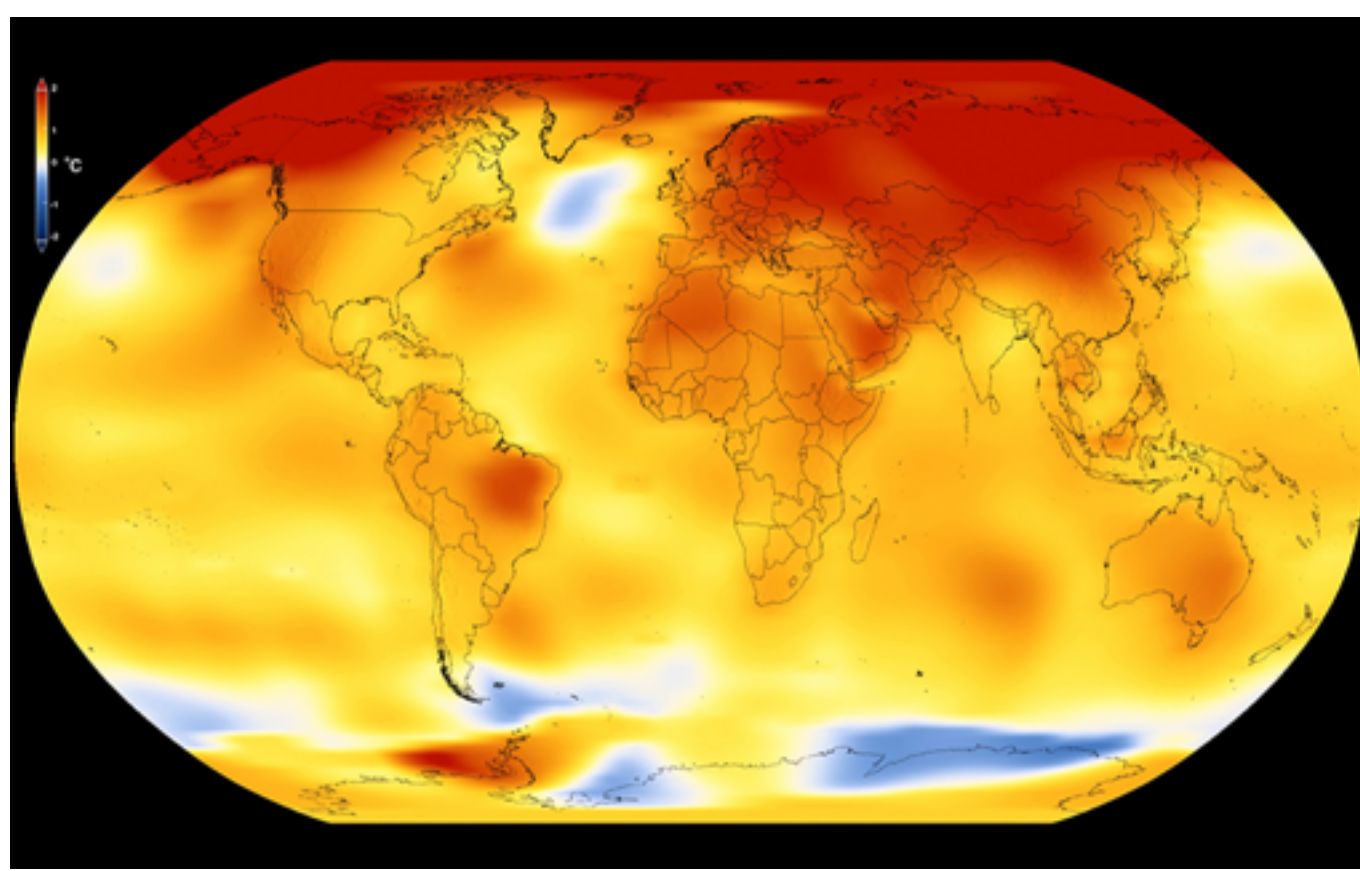


Looking for a Weekend Getaway?

Plan a West Texas adventure! Our Davis Mountains Preserve will be open to the public on August 12, 13 and 14. Admission is free, but space is limited and reservations are required for each day.

[Book Your Spot at the Next Open Day](#)

STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



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A Historic Opportunity to Address the Climate Crisis

After months of negotiation, Congress is now on the line to pass the single biggest investment to tackle the climate crisis in U.S. history, by far. And we need to make sure it gets across the finish line.

We urge you to send your message to your Senators and Representative now. Call on your elected leaders to support bold funding and policies we need to tackle the climate crisis ASAP.

Now more than ever, we need to put real, concrete action behind U.S. promises to combat the climate crisis.

[Tell Congress: Act Now on Climate](#)



The Global Photo Contest is Back!

We're thrilled to announce that the 2022 Global Photo Contest is underway! Now through August 31, 2022, enter your best images for a chance to win some incredible prizes!

This year's categories are Wildlife, People and Nature, Water, Plants and Fungi, Landscape, and Climate.

No professional experience required—every moment captured in nature is special.

[Enter Your Nature Photo Today](#)



Restoration Through Tradition in Hawai'i

For a Native Hawaiian scientist, the key to restoring coral is in restoring culture. Working with elders, he's reviving a tradition that uses taro farms and fish ponds to filter water throughout the ecosystem while sustainably growing healthy food.

[Coral Reef Protection Starts on Mountain Ridges](#)



Shifting the Tide

A culture of strict gender roles is slowly shifting in the Solomon Islands, where women for the first time have joined the ranks as conservation rangers. The women are collecting data to protect endangered sea turtles, breaking preconceptions one patrol at a time.

[How Rangers Are Protecting Leatherback Sea Turtles](#)



Gabon Is Leading the Way

Gabon, determined to protecting 30% of its natural habitats by 2030, is emerging as a conservation leader in Africa and globally. TNC has partnered in Gabon for 9 years and hopes to be a catalyst for durable conservation that benefits people locally.

[Dwarf Crocodiles, Rare Forest Elephants, and Global Ambition](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



FLUTTER SPEED MEETS SHUTTER SPEED Monarch butterflies fill the air around the mountaintops in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Michoacán, Mexico. © Luz Angela Velazquez /TNC Photo Contest 2021

The migratory monarch butterfly, a subspecies of the monarch butterfly, was recently added to the IUCN's Red List as an endangered species, due to pressures from habitat loss and climate change.

There are only 11-14 mountaintops left in Mexico where these butterflies can find a safe haven to wait out the harsh winters in temperate climates.

[How We're Working to Protect the Monarch Butterfly](#)

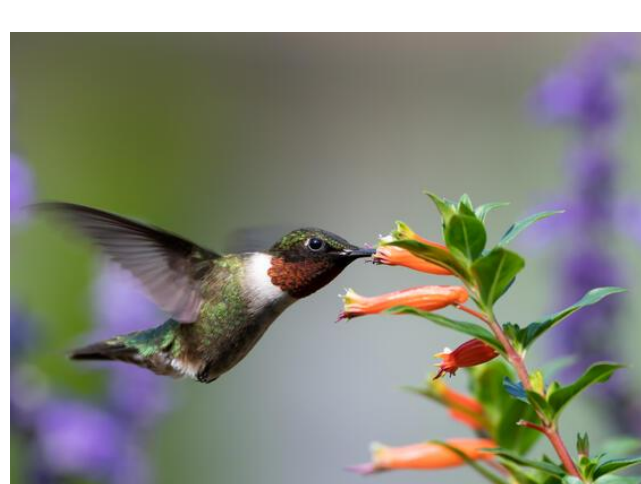
TRENDING NEWS

Before You Fire Up the Grill, an Environmental Scientist Wants You To Consider These 6 Eco-Friendly Tips

Joe Fargione, TNC Science Director for North America, shares tips on you grill set-up, ash disposal and meal planning so you can reduce your impact on the environment—but not on flavor.

[Find Out the Tips in Well+Good](#)

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[How You Can Act Today](#)

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