

RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER

URBAN WILDLIFE AND NATIVE PLANT SANCTUARY



OVERVIEW

The nature center is a resource on native plants and wildlife for the Kerrville community. Nature trails are open from dawn to dusk and are free for public use. See the Visitors Center for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Founded in 1989, the Riverside Nature Center (RNC) is a membership supported, non-profit organization. Volunteers are the workforce behind the gardens and programs that are offered. The majority of the site was purchased in 1992, which has been expanded with leased property from the City of Kerrville.

AN OASIS IN THE CITY

The Riverside Nature Center is a wildlife and native plant oasis in the heart of Kerrville. Adjacent to the Guadalupe River and Town Creek, this site that was once a farm now nurtures Texas trees and shrubs plus a wide variety of grasses, succulents, and wildflowers. The RNC is committed to providing the public with educational opportunities and land stewardship examples, such as meadow restoration, wildscape gardens, and rainwater harvesting systems on the property.



VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT WEEKLY FAUNA, OR ANIMAL, SURVEYS

A TEXAS WILDSCAPE

The Riverside Nature Center is a certified Texas Parks and Wildlife Department demonstration *Wildscape*. The focus is on Hill Country native plants that are selected to provide food for wildlife throughout the year. Also, a range of plantings with varying sizes and densities give different animals appropriate shelter. The RNC is also a *Watchable Wildlife* site on Texas Parks and Wildlife's *Heart of Texas Trail*. Hundreds of species of native plants and animals have been seen and documented on this property.



BUTTERFLY MILKWEED



MONARCH BUTTERFLIES AT NIGHT



MONARCH AT RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER

MONARCH WAYSTATION #46

Riverside Nature Center became the Official Monarch Waystation #46 in 2005. As such, the nature center provides monarch butterflies with milkweed. This host plant supports the butterfly larvae in the spring and early summer. Nectar plants are also provided in the late summer through fall as the butterflies fly south to winter in Mexico. As many as 80 species of butterflies have been documented on this property.



GREAT BLUE HERON IN NATURAL HABITAT

No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings. William Blake