Connection has always been central to the work of Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation—the connection between Texans and the wild things and wild places we love, the connections that bring together our committed donors and our dedicated conservation partners, and the infinite connections within the natural world. Without these connections, we find ourselves adrift. As we reflect on 2020, we celebrate the people and organizations who came together—virtually, of course—and the conservation achievements that are ensuring the future of our lands, waters, and wildlife.

Since 1991, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has engaged philanthropy to advance Texas’ proud outdoor traditions and conserve our state’s wildlife, habitat, and natural resources. Our vision is for all Texans to have access to the wild things and wild places in our state, both now and for generations to come.
If we learned anything in 2020, it must surely be the importance of connection. Connection to one another. Connection to the places where we find joy. Connection to the wonder of the natural world. While 2020 was undoubtedly a challenging year for many, above all else, it was these connections that helped sustain us.

As befits a year when connection, or sometimes its absence, played an outsized role in our lives, our 2020 annual report focuses on the shared love for our wild things and wild places that binds us together. This thread is woven through all the projects we have chosen to highlight. From Palo Pinto Mountains State Park to Matagorda Bay and everywhere in between, all that we accomplish is based on a vast web of connections between people, their most deeply held values, and the places they hold dear.

As you read this annual report, we hope you will be reminded that even when we are physically separate, our passion for conservation will always unite us. Together, we are ensuring that Texans can find inspiration and adventure as they explore the abundance of natural beauty throughout our state, now and in the future.

MICHAEL S. GREENE
Chairman
Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

SUSAN HOUSTON
Executive Director
Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

DAVIS MOUNTAINS STATE PARK
Photograph by Chase Fountain
“Many visitors will be surprised by the lush vegetation and varied terrain in a part of the state that most people think of as prairie. It’s gratifying to see how connections between people and organizations will result in abundant opportunities for outdoor experiences in this unique landscape.”
— Mike Greene

“Like Greene, James Adams, the superintendent of Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, has deep roots in the area, having grown up just 35 miles away. His work with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has taken him across the state, but ultimately, the strength of his connection brought him back. Adams is a father of two young children, and the opportunity to share this unique part of Texas with his own children and many others throughout the state is truly remarkable.”

“For Greene, Adams, and all who will visit the new park to disconnect from their daily lives while connecting with nature and one another, the opening of Palo Pinto Mountains State Park represents a recommitment to Governor Neff’s original promise. “It is truly one of the great highlights of my life, both personally and professionally, to join together with so many other dedicated state park supporters in the creation of this new park, which will be a gift to the people of Texas just in time for the centennial of the Texas State Park system in 2023.”
— James Adams
Successfully connecting philanthropic partners to critically needed projects is what Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation does best, and thanks to their efforts, irreplaceable coastal resources of Texas will be permanently conserved for generations to come.

The remote Matagorda Peninsula is home to a remarkable array of wildlife, from nesting sea turtles to resident and migratory shore and wading birds. Its various beaches, dunes, lagoons, prairies, bayous, tidal flats, and emergent salt marshes create an indissoluble whole that provides vital ecosystem services like water filtration and storm surge mitigation and nurtures the production of crustaceans, shellfish, and fish. It is in recognition of these inextricable bonds between all living creatures that quiet human forces came together on the Texas coast to simply let nature be.

Matagorda Peninsula has been the target of conservation efforts since the 1980s, and those efforts were renewed after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the significant settlement funds that followed. Because some settlement funds require a privately raised match, TPWF continues to play a pivotal role in connecting funders who seek to conserve Texas’ sensitive coastal resources to opportunities for impactful investment. Through these connections, a consortium of state and federal agencies, foundations, organizations, and generous individuals is achieving landscape-scale conservation within the Matagorda Bay system.

In 2020, the ongoing effort to forever conserve Matagorda Peninsula celebrated another success. With support from generous donors, TPWF provided the matching funds needed to acquire nearly 1,000 acres of pristine barrier habitat on Matagorda Peninsula. The newly acquired acreage will be permanently conserved as part of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Matagorda Peninsula Coastal Management Area. All told, over 6,500 acres in the Matagorda Bay system have been conserved since 2016—and along with it, the infinite tiny links that make up the vast chain of Texas’ coastal ecosystem.
In 2020, Texas Game Wardens marked 125 years of watching over the lands, waters, wildlife, and people of our state. The same year saw the completion of the final phase of the Game Warden Training Center in Hamilton County, a landmark facility where game warden cadets undertake the rigorous seven-month training regimen that prepares them for their multifaceted calling. After their initial training, game wardens periodically return to the campus to hone their skills. The Game Warden Training Center serves as the touchstone that connects all game wardens, at every stage in their careers, to the tradition of service and excellence that is at the heart of their 125-year legacy.

The Game Warden Training Center also serves as a powerful connecting force for many Texans. Since the launch of the first phase of the campus in 2008 through its recent completion, TPWF has brought together numerous game warden supporters and raised $20 million to make the training center a reality.

Former Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioner Carol Dinkins is one of the many Texans who has chosen to make a philanthropic investment in the Game Warden Training Center. From fishing in South Texas as a young girl to getting to know individual game wardens during her service as a commissioner, Dinkins has been connected to Texas’ dedicated conservation officers throughout her life. Dinkins’ ties to the Texas Game Wardens came full circle when she chose to support the Game Warden Training Center in loving memory of her late husband, Bob Brown. Together with many others who supported the training center, Dinkins has created a powerful legacy rooted in a deep respect for the men and women charged with protecting our irreplaceable wild things and wild places.

“As an avid outdoorsman, my late husband held Texas Game Wardens in the highest regard. Linking Bob’s memory to the Game Warden Training Center is incredibly special for me, and I think it is as high an honor as Bob would have ever hoped for.”

— CAROL DINKINS —
Since 1996, the Edwin L. Cox, Jr., Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens has brought together avid anglers, curious school children, dedicated conservation professionals, and many generous supporters in their passion for Texas’ freshwater resources. From fish hatcheries to recreational fishing ponds, over 300,000 gallons of indoor and outdoor aquariums, and exhibits featuring fish, alligators, and other native species, TFFC showcases the diverse inland waterways that connect all living creatures.

TFFC’s fish hatchery plays an important role in the conservation of one of Texas’ most sought-after sportfish. In addition to producing 3 to 4 million Florida largemouth bass annually for stocking in Texas lakes, the facility is home to the renowned Toyota ShareLunker program. For decades, the program has brought together anglers across the state to promote and enhance bass fishing in Texas.

TFFC holds another important distinction: It was the first major public-private partnership between TPWF and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The 106-acre site came to life through the generosity of many, including Ed Cox, Jr., who served on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission and was chairman of TPWF’s board of trustees. Cox and his wife, Kathie, have supported TFFC from the very beginning. Their leadership resulted in a world-class facility and the original proof point for a successful funding model that is continuing to create meaningful conservation outcomes throughout the state.

After nearly a quarter-century, TFFC’s aquariums and exhibits are due for an update, and TPWF is raising $3 million for the needed improvements. Once again, Ed and Kathie Cox are leading the way, guided by a lifelong effort to ensure all Texans can enjoy our freshwater resources, now and for many more lifetimes to come.
Texas’ wild things and wild places have long served to grow the bonds within families, between friends, and among outdoorsmen and women from all walks of life. While 2020 saw many Texans spending time in nature to maintain connections with loved ones, Stewards of the Wild has built connections around a shared passion for the outdoors for more than seven years.

Stewards of the Wild, TPWF’s group for young professionals, is based on the many interlocking bonds between friends, family, and professional networks. Josh McKee and Mac Macfarlan first formed the idea behind Stewards of the Wild while sitting in a South Texas deer blind, hoping to create a program that would encourage young professionals to get involved in conservation, learn about public lands, and connect with one another through meaningful outdoor experiences.

Macfarlan grew up hiking Palo Duro Canyon with his grandfather, Wales Madden, Jr. — a respected leader in Texas conservation circles. Madden encouraged the two men to approach TPWF with the idea for a young professionals’ group. TPWF’s leadership knew a good idea when they saw one, and Stewards of the Wild held its first meeting in 2013. Today, Stewards of the Wild is a successful program, educating young professionals about conservation and providing mentored hunting and fishing opportunities through ten chapters across the state.

Through Stewards of the Wild and numerous other programs, TPWF continues to bring people together to conserve and enjoy all that is wild and wonderful in Texas. When we gaze, awestruck, at the inky black skies of the West Texas night or the unbroken horizon of our coastal prairie, we are humbled with the knowledge that we are one tiny part of a vast interconnected whole.
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Our Impact

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### Condensed Statement of Financial Position

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 & 2019**

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