



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

2020 ANNUAL REPORT





CONNECTION

PEOPLE AND PLACES

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.

POWDERHORN RANCH

Front Cover:
Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area

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
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Chairman
Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

Susan Houston
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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 —

PALO PINTO MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

ENGAGE

When the Texas Legislature created the State Parks Board in 1923, Governor Pat Neff promised that Texas State Parks would afford a place where people “might go and forget the anxiety and strife and vexation of life’s daily grind.” Nearly 100 years later, this promise is at the heart of the effort to bring Palo Pinto Mountains State Park to life.

TPWF is leading the \$9 million fundraising effort to make the new 4,900-acre state park a reality. Thanks to the generosity and leadership of many, over half the needed funds have been secured. Mike Greene, the chairman of TPWF’s board of trustees, has been involved in the effort to create the new park for over 15 years, but his connection to the gently undulating landscape around Palo Pinto, just west of Fort Worth, stretches back nearly 50 years. Because he grew up in nearby Saginaw, Palo Pinto has exerted a strong pull on Greene, and he is deeply gratified to be part of the effort to create a park that will be loved by generations of Texans.

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 —



STEWARD

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 indivisible whole that provides vital ecosystem services like water filtration and storm surge mitigation and nurtures the production of crustaceans, shellfish, and finfish. 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.

“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.”

— CARTER SMITH —

Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

MATAGORDA PENINSULA
COASTAL MANAGEMENT AREA





GAME WARDEN TRAINING CENTER
Game warden cadets participate in a hunting camp training exercise.

LEAD

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 —



“It’s just my passion in life, and we have been thrilled to watch TFFC grow and mature over the last 25 years. Educating all Texans about our fisheries is important to both of us, and we’re incredibly proud to be part of TFFC’s work to inspire the next generation of anglers and conserve the fish and wildlife we love.”

— ED COX, JR. —

C O N S E R V E

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 FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER



ENCHANTED ROCK STATE NATURAL AREA



POWDERHORN RANCH

FOREVER WILD

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.

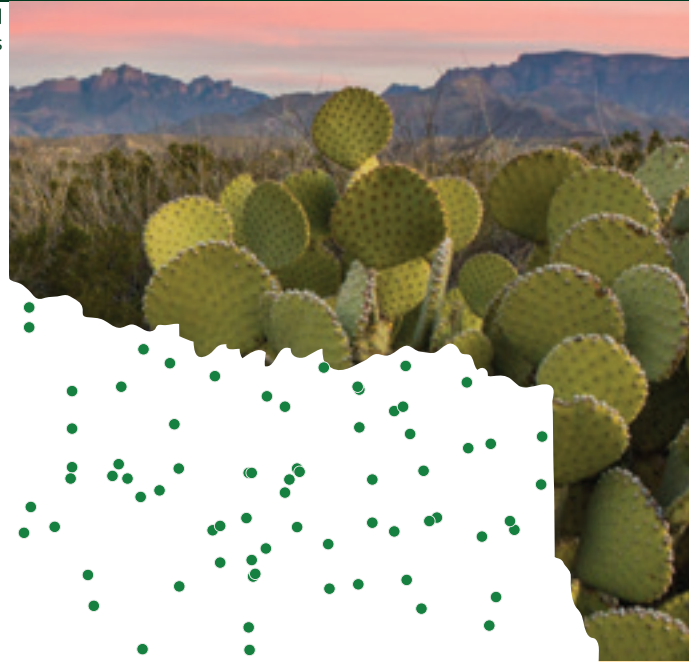
Macfarlan grew up hiking Palo Duro Canyon with his grandfather, Wales Madden, Jr., a respected leader in Texas conservation circles. Madden encouraged the two men to approach TPWF with the idea for a young professionals’ group. TPWF’s leadership knew a good idea when they saw one, and Stewards of the 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.

OUR IMPACT

In 2020, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation's work touched every region of Texas thanks to support from our generous donors and dedicated partners.

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park • Big Bend Ranch State Park • Brazos Bend State Park • Choke Canyon State Park • Conservation Internships and Scholarships • Conserving Texas Rivers • Copper Breaks State Park • Desert Bighorn Sheep • Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area • Edwin L. Cox, Jr., Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center • Estero Llano Grande State Park • Fulton Fishing Pier Reconstruction • Game Warden Training Center • Gear Up for Game Wardens • Goose Island State Park • Government Canyon State Natural Area • Grassland Restoration Incentive Program • Great Texas Birding Classic • Junior Ranger Program • Lake Corpus Christi State Park • Lone Star Land Steward Awards • Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area • Matagorda Peninsula Coastal Management Area • McKinney Falls State Park • Mitigation Endowment Management • Monahans Sandhills State Park • Palo Duro Canyon State Park • Palo Pinto Mountains State Park • Pecos River Watershed Grassland Restoration • Powderhorn Ranch Pronghorn Restoration • Quail Conservation License Plate • Roger R. Fawcett Wildlife Management Area • San Angelo State Park • Sea Center Texas • Sea Rim State Park • Sheldon Lake State Park • Stewards of the Wild • Texas Outdoor Family • Texas State Parks Centennial • Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest • Toyota ShareLunker Program • TPWF's Robbie Davis Ranch • TPWF's Wanda Young Ranch • We Will Not Be Tamed



CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 & 2019

ASSETS	2020	2019
Cash and Investments	\$ 58,157,005	\$ 50,390,652
Receivables, net	1,240,450	2,500,840
Fixed Assets, net	10,470,829	10,549,584
Assets Held for Others	320,756	429,407
Other Assets	73,932	164,562
Total Assets	\$ 70,262,972	\$ 64,035,045

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2020	2019
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	\$ 1,434,414	\$ 1,184,033
Assets Held for Others	320,756	429,407
Total Liabilities	1,755,170	1,613,440
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions	27,442,303	25,331,022
With Donor Restrictions	41,065,499	37,090,583
Total Net Assets	68,507,802	62,421,605
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 70,262,972	\$ 64,035,045

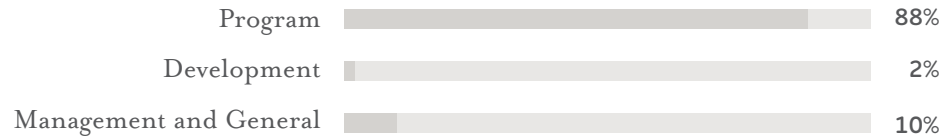
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

REVENUES AND ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	2020
Contributions:	
Individuals	\$ 4,922,773
Foundations	1,544,602
Corporations	1,509,366
Government & Other Organizations	411,414
Total Contributions	8,388,155
Special Event (net of DBC)	242,859
Investment Income (Loss)	3,077,578
Other Income (Loss)	269,045
Total Revenues and Additions to Net Assets	\$ 11,977,637

EXPENSES AND DEDUCTIONS TO NET ASSETS	2020
Program:	
Conserve	\$ 1,929,246
Engage	1,685,056
Lead	1,015,500
Steward	544,018
Total Program	5,173,820
Support Services	
Development	157,011
Management & General	560,613
Total Support Services	717,623
Total Expenses and Deductions to Net Assets	5,891,443
Net Increase in Net Assets	\$ 6,086,194

2020 EXPENSES





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to the many generous donors who supported Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

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PALO PINTO MOUNTAINS STATE PARK



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