

TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION
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HUNTING HERITAGE

TEXAS YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM

The Texas Youth Hunting Program was established in 1995 as a partnership between TWA and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The goal of the program is to increase the number of youth participating in educational, safe, mentored wildlife and hunting activities and to promote hunting heritage in Texas.

To date, the program has provided over 3,300 hunting experiences for over 73,000 hunters, parents and volunteers since the start of the program.

2020-2021 SEASON INFO: (AS OF MARCH 1, 2021):

Hunts	162
<i>(20 more cancelled due to Covid and weather)</i>	
Youth	800
Total Participants	1,600
Landowners	140
Trained Huntmasters	46
<i>*1,907 since 1997</i>	

*Active Ranches in 130 of 254 counties



TEXAS BIG GAME AWARDS

The Texas Big Game Awards is a free, certificate based awards program which has awarded over 38,000 hunters and landowners since its inception in 1991. Known as the "Official Hunting Program of Texas," the purpose of the TBGA is to promote awareness about wildlife management and the role that hunting plays in habitat conservation, and to foster cooperation among stakeholders who ensure that our state's wildlife habitat is conserved forever. The Texas Big Game Awards recognizes those individuals who harvest quality big game animals in Texas, the land managers who produce these animals, the importance of our hunting heritage, and the achievement of young and first-time hunters. The TBGA also awards 9 college scholarships annually to students across the state majoring in natural resource related fields.

2020-2021 SEASON:

Total Entries	831
Scored Entry	519
First Harvest	199
Youth Division	113







ISSUES AND ADVOCACY

TWA is the leading voice for wildlife conservation policy in Texas. We are committed to protecting property rights, pursuing landowner protections and wildlife management tools, promoting and preserving our hunting heritage, and actively influencing outcomes in state and federal legislative and regulatory processes.

In the 87th Texas Legislative Session, TWA proudly played a critical role in the reauthorization of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department through the Sunset Commission and Legislature, worked with partners to advance hard-fought reform to the eminent domain process affecting private landowners, and served as watchdog on dozens of water, wildlife, hunting, and property tax bills. TWA will continue to fight for legislation that protects the landowners and natural resources of Texas.



TWA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The TWA Political Action Committee (TWAPAC) provides financial support to Texas candidates who support the mission of Texas Wildlife Association (TWA). Our efforts seek to educate our state's decision makers about what matters to you - wildlife, water, property rights, hunting heritage and more. TWA truly is doing right by Texas.



CONSERVATION LEGACY

Educating generations of Texans about land stewardship through engagement in the natural world from the classroom to the vast outdoors, using land as the guide. Program objectives include: foster a personal connection to wildlife and the land; facilitate agricultural and natural resource literacy by providing meaningful learning experiences within the outdoors; educate and empower Texans with scientific knowledge of fundamental ecological principles that apply to their life every day.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Discovery Trunks	54,477
Wildlife by Design	37,609
Critter Connections	96,700
Stewarding Texas - A Scientific Exploration	1,762
Distance Learning: On-demand Webinars	45,046
Distance Learning: Videoconferences	24,078
L.A.N.D.S. Intensive & Trinity River Program	1,591
YOUTH EDUCATION TOTAL	261,263

ADULT EDUCATION

EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT & TRAININGS

L.A.N.D.S. Outreach Teacher Workshops	921
L.A.N.D.S. Intensive Volunteer Trainings	20
Custom Education Presentations	368

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

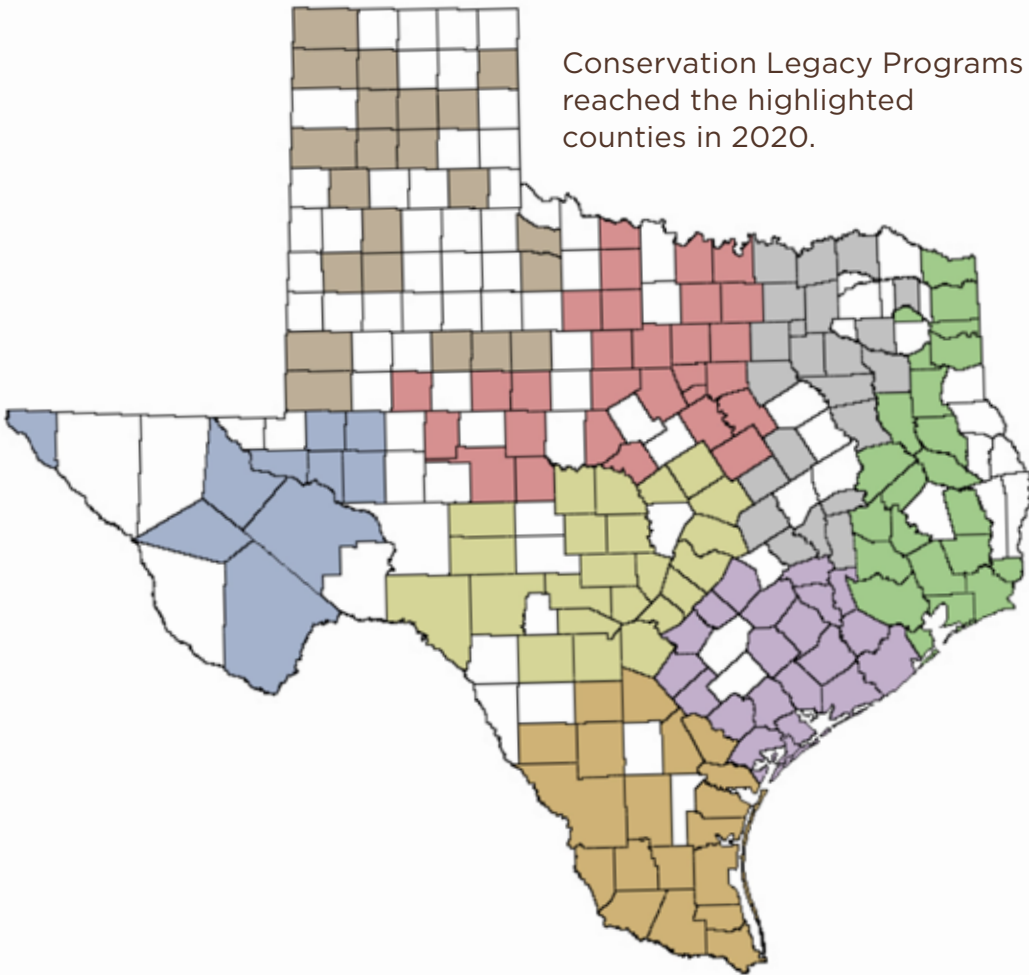
Emerging Issues Education & Landowner Workshops	526
Wildlife and Land Stewardship Online Education	45,658
ADULT EDUCATION TOTAL	47,493
PUBLIC PROGRAMS & EVENTS	5,960





CONSERVATION LEGACY PROGRAMS

Conservation Legacy Programs reached the highlighted counties in 2020.



ADULT EDUCATION

EMERGING ISSUES EDUCATION & LANDOWNER WORKSHOPS

Conferences, seminars, field workshops and progressive trainings that provide landowners, natural resource professionals and others with the knowledge and tools necessary to steward Texas while fostering an appreciation for natural process and ecological interactions.

WILDLIFE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP ONLINE EDUCATION

Online videos available on the TWA YouTube channel focus on wildlife and land management techniques, strategies, and other timely conservation related topics.



YOUTH EDUCATION

DISCOVERY TRUNKS

Hands-on, curriculum enhancing, TEKS aligned, natural resource materials and lessons shipped to schools across Texas at no cost.

WILDLIFE BY DESIGN

In-class presentations with complimentary hands-on activities exploring Texas' native wildlife and natural resources.

CRITTER CONNECTIONS

Wildlife and natural resources youth magazine designed for ages 13 and younger.

STEWARDSHIP TEXAS

Curriculum designed to engage participants in the value of natural resources and land stewardship actions in Texas.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Interactive wildlife and natural resource programming broadcast to classrooms across Texas and the country.

L.A.N.D.S. INTENSIVE

A year-long program that facilitates natural resource literacy within schools by creating tangible relationships between the outdoors through stewardship lessons, necropsies and a field investigation day at a local ranch.

TRINITY RIVER PROGRAM

Study of water quality, impacts of land use, and components of healthy aquatic ecosystems culminating at a field day in the Trinity River Basin.



TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION



MISSION STATEMENT

Texas Wildlife Association Foundation, Inc. increases natural resource literacy by promoting conservation and educational programs that connect Texans to the land.

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AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 (UN-AUDITED)

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$2,596,923
Receivables	\$1,168,918
Fixed Assets	\$2,440,899
Total Assets	\$6,206,740

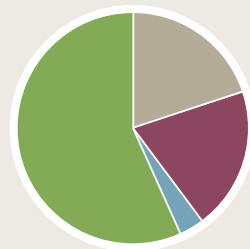
LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$1,634,245
Total Liabilities	\$1,634,245

NET ASSETS

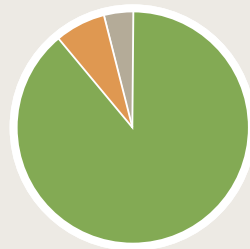
Unrestricted	\$3,136,879
Restricted	\$1,435,616
Total Net Assets	\$6,206,740

REVENUE



- Grants 56%
- Individual Giving 21%
- Events 21%
- Capital Campaign 2%

EXPENSES



- Grant Giving 91%
- Administration 6%
- Operations 3%

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