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## SER News Flash

Keynote speakers have been selected for the 5th World Conference on Ecological Restoration to be held in Madison, WI, October 6-11, 2013. They include:

- **Paul Hawken** Environmentalist, entrepreneur, and author. His works include: starting ecological businesses, writing about the impact of commerce on living systems, and consulting on economic development, industrial ecology, and environmental policy.
- Alvaro Ugalde Founder of Costa Rica's National Park System. Ugalde was instrumental in establishing and protecting over 5,000 square miles of parks and nature refuges - about 25% of Costa Rica's land area.
- **Margaret Palmer** Professor at the University of Maryland and Director of the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center. Her research focuses on watershed restoration ecology. She is known for her work at the interface of science and policy.
- **Roger LaBine** Member of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and an

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expert wild rice harvester. He currently serves as Co -Chair of the Native Wild Rice Coalition which promotes restoration and protection of wild rice communities in the Great Lakes.

For information and to register visit: <u>www.ser2013.org</u>

Weeds or Wildflowers? Panhandle Wildflower Workshop

### Palo Duro Canyon State Park May 4, 2013

The Amarillo Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas is presenting a Wildflower Workshop - Panhandle Native Plants - Weeds or Wildflowers? It is an all day workshop at the new Mack Dick Group Pavilion in Palo Duro State Park in Canyon Texas.

"The Fun of Botanizing" will the the topic of the keynote speaker, Burr Williams, formerly of Sibley Nature Center. Burr will discuss all the resources at our fingertips for identifying and learning about the plants on the Llano Estacado.

Additional speakers will cover topics such as native ecosystems, the use of native plants in our home landscapes, and plant identification. Speakers will also discuss edible plants of the Panhandle and nature's "outdoor store."



Wild Onion (Allium canadense)

There will be a catered lunch, door prizes, vendor and information booths.

For more information visit: <u>www.npsot.org/amarillo</u>

**Endangered Species Day** 

## May 17, 2013

From the Houston Toad and the Tobusch Fishook Cactus here in Texas, to elephants roaming the plains of Africa, saving threatened and endangered species and protecting their habitat is critical to our future.

As restorationists we are concerned with protecting and restoring endangered species and their habitat here in Texas and elsewhere. On May 17th, organizations throughout the U.S. are joinig together to educate the public about the importance of protecting threatened or endangered plant and animal species and



Houston Toad. Courtesy of Amphibian Rescue & Conservation Project

preserving habitat. Activities will focus on everyday actions that can make a difference.

Join others to celebrate the 8th Annual National Endangered Species Day with events in your community.

To find events in your area visit:

www.endangeredspeciesday.org

Joint Conference - Save the Date!

Junction, Texas November 1-3, 2013

Join the Texas Society for Ecological Restoration and the Texas Riparian Association -- their Board of Directors, Members, and friends -- for a weekend of exploration into the science and sociology of terrestrial and aquatic ecological restoration in the State of Texas. The conference provides an excellent opportunity for us to come together to share and learn.

The 2013 Joint Conference will provide:

- a focus on restoration research;
- keynote presentations by leaders in the fields of terrestrial and aquatic ecological restoration in the State of Texas;
- field trips to sites highlighting the unique ecosystem of the Edwards Plateau; and
- excellent food, relaxed atmosphere, and the opportunity to reflect on all the good things going on for Texas natural resources.

# SAVE THE DATE!



The Texas Society for Ecological Restoration promotes ecological restoration as a means of sustaining the diversity of life on Earth and re-establishing an ecologically healthy relationship between nature and culture.

# Membership

TXSER members receive valuable benefits from the chapter including:

- the opportunity to network with restoration practitioners and enthusiasts;
- discounts to our Annual Conference, an opportunity to share and learn;
- invitations to attend volunteer field days around the state; and,
- regular updates with notices about regional events that allow you to connect to the local restoration community.

SER member benefits include:

- RESTORE biweekly e-bulletin
- SERNews quarterly newsletter
- Discounts on journal publications
- Discounts to SER World Conferences
- Discounts on SER Career Center
- Access to a searchable, online member directory
- Promotional opportunities through the SER Calendar of Events, Restoration Project Showcase, and Restoration Marketplace.

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