

# Society for Ecological Restoration Texas Chapter



## Restoration Update

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## TXSER Newsflash

Teaming With Wildlife: True To Texas is hosting the 2015 Eco-Summit Series. These are 5 full day forums taking place around the state to discuss conservation priorities for your area and facilitate local and regional collaboration. Eco-Summits are free of charge and open to anyone interested in, and concerned with, conservation issues in Texas. The Eco-Summits will be held in:

Weslaco - July 10th  
Fort Davis - July 18th  
San Antonio - July 24th  
Fort Worth - July 31st  
Houston - August 11th

TXSER members will be joining several of these sessions. We encourage all to participate in the dialogue. For more information click here: [Eco-Summit Info.](#)

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## Conference Update

**November 13-15, 2015 - Trinity University, San Antonio**

**Call for Abstracts** - [Click here for information on presenting papers and/or posters.](#)

**Call for Sponsorship** - [Click here to support the 2015 TXSER Conference.](#)

**Call for Photos** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary we are collecting photos from previous TXSER events. If you have photos you would like to share, please send them to Kate Crosthwaite at: [katherine.crosthwaite@hdrinc.com](mailto:katherine.crosthwaite@hdrinc.com)

### [TXSER Conference Details](#)

## Member Spotlight

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### Employment Opportunities & More

For up-to-date announcements of positions open in ecological restoration and environmental science, visit our website at:  
[Job Postings](#)

We also post a wide range of articles on ecological restoration issues as well as job and volunteer opportunities on our Facebook page at:  
[TXSER Facebook Page](#)

### Join Us...

**Celebrate TXSER's  
20th Anniversary**

at our

**2015 Annual Conference**

**Name:** Keith Pawelek

**City:** Kingsville, TX

**Affiliation:** Assistant Director of [South Texas Natives](#), Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville



**Keith Pawelek checking a seed field of plains bristlegress (*Seteria leucopila*).**  
Photo credit: Forrest Smith

**Briefly describe your ongoing efforts/interest in ecological restoration.** I have worked at South Texas Natives for the past 10 years and have worked in almost every position within the project. *South Texas Natives* (STN) mission is to develop and promote native plants for the restoration and reclamation of habitat on private and public lands. Our primary focus is to collect, evaluate, and release seed of important south Texas plants to commercial seed producers. By 2016, STN will have released over 30 South Texas-origin native seed products. Commercial seed production has resulted in enough seed to plant over 30,000 acres annually with STN releases. A large part of my job is to work with commercial seed producers to ensure that our releases are being grown by commercial growers at a large enough scale to meet the demand. Another aspect of our project is to develop and implement strategies to reestablish native plants and minimize the influence of introduced species on native habitats. To do this we conduct numerous research and demonstration projects throughout South Texas to test not only the seed sources, but also their potential use in highway right-of-way plantings, oil and gas exploration reclamation, and native range and wildlife plantings. Once research is completed we disseminate the results via scientific article publications, newsletters, meetings, and numerous field days for on the ground learning opportunities.

**Describe your favorite outdoor activity.** Hunting, fishing, and just enjoying the great outdoors.

**Scheduled for:  
November 13-15, 2015**

**On the campus of:  
Trinity University  
in  
San Antonio, Texas**

**TXSER Conference Info.**



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## **What is your favorite Texas plant and/or animal?**

Plant: Texas almond (*Prunus minutiflora*)

Animal: Scaled quail or blue quail (*Callipepla squamata*)



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**Texas Almond (*Prunus minutiflora*)**

**Photo Credit: Texas Agricultural Experiment Station**

## **Restoration Resources**

**Several interesting articles that have crossed our desks/screens this last month.**

[Largest Forest Restoration in U.S. History Aims to Shrink Wildfires](#)

[The Science of Wildfires: How These Destructive Forces of Nature Create Their Own Weather](#)

[Resilience: A New Conservation Strategy for a Warming World](#)

[Goodbye to Galveston? Reports Hint at Future Sea-Level Impacts in Texas](#)

[Thoughts on Climate-Driven Species Movement](#)

[Rewilding: Body, Mind and Soil](#)



## A Heartfelt Thanks to the Following Organizations for their Generous Support of our 2014 Conference!!



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**Become a member today!**

**[Click Here to Join Us!](#)**

Join the Texas Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration. Chapter members receive valuable benefits 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 workdays around the state; and,
- monthly updates and quarterly newsletters with articles and notices about regional events that allow you to connect to the local restoration community.

Chapter membership fees of \$15 support chapter administration. The TXSER Board of Directors consists of volunteers who share a passion for furthering ecological restoration in Texas.

Joining SER links you with a global restoration network. SER member benefits include:

SERNews quarterly newsletter;  
discounts on journal publications;  
discounts to SER World Conferences;  
discounts on SER Career Center;  
access to a searchable, online member directory, and,  
promotional opportunities through the SER Calendar of Events and Restoration Project Showcase.

To become a member visit: **[www.ser.org/membership](http://www.ser.org/membership)**

Be sure to click the Texas Chapter as your Chapter Affiliate. We look forward to having you join us!

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