

El Paso Native Plant Society  
2018 Annual Report

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## **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

**Thursday, January 11, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

**Program:** Dr. Elizabeth Walsh, Department of Biology at UTEP, will present on "Chihuahuan Desert Region Riparian Plants." Water in the desert can be scarce. Where there is water, there is a rich riparian ecosystem in its own right.

**Thursday, February 8, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

**Program:** Marcy Scott is an avid birder, habitat garden consultant, and author of the recently published book, *Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest* (Rio Nuevo Publishers, 2015). Marcy will provide a detailed, pictorial overview of some of our native plants that are particularly valuable to birds. .

**Thursday, March 8, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

**Program:** Chihuahuan Desert Native Pollinators, presented by Bashira Chowdhury, Auburn University Bee Biodiversity Initiative. He calls the Chihuahuan Desert one of the best locations for pollinator diversity, especially for solitary bees.

**Thursday, April 12, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

**Program:** Flora Fest plant sale Preview, John White, Curator, Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, UTEP

**Thursday, May 10, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

**Program:** "Trees of the Trans-Pecos". Oscar Mestas, former Texas Forestry Service Urban Forester for El Paso, will provide an overview of regional native and adaptive trees.

**Thursday June 14, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

**Program:** "The Life of Bees". Beekeepers Bob Reneau and Bill Hooten will discuss the importance of bees and managing bees. Reneau and Hooten are members of the Paseo Del Norte Beekeepers Association. Reneau is also a member of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association and an instructor for Beekeeper Certification courses. Hooten is an El Paso County Master Gardener.

**Saturday, July 13, 2018** No meeting this month. Field trip to Susan Petty's passive solar home and xeric garden near Hueco Tanks

**Thursday, August 10, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)

**Program:** Plants of the Hembrillo Canyon, Victorio Peak and the San Andreas Mountains on the WSMR by Dave Anderson, retired WSMR Range Manager.

**Thursday, September 14, 2018** No regular meeting this month due to state conference in Silver City and WSMR field trip.

**Saturday, September 29, 2018** Field trip to WSMR led by Dave Anderson.

**Thursday, October 12, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)  
**Program:** A Quick Look into the Life of a Working Botanist. Kelly Allred, PhD, retired professor of botany, New Mexico State University.

**Thursday, November 8, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)  
**Program:** Edible and Useful Plants of the El Paso Area Desert. Eric Kappus, PhD, professor, Southwest University at El Paso.

**Thursday, December 14, 2018** (St Albans Church, 1810 Elm)  
**Holiday Potluck Social**

### **2018 CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS**

EPNPS members assisted with the preparations and sales at the annual FloraFest plant sale at the Centennial Museum at UTEP on April 28 and 29, 2018. EPNPS co-sponsored FloraFest Speaker, David Cristiani, with a donation.

EPNPS coordinated with the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club for a native plant and cactus garden tour on April 7 & 8, 2018.

Field trips to WSMR, led by Dave Anderson September 29, 2019.

### **2019 PROJECTIONS**

EPNPS plans to participate in the FloraFest plant sale in April.

EPNPS plans to participate in the Texas Native Plant Appreciation Day in October.

EPNPS plans to coordinate with the El Paso Rock and Cactus club for a native plant and cactus garden tour.