

BCWMC

Bee County Wildlife Management Co-op

July 2004 Newsletter

Did you know...

...producing a productive and healthy white-tailed deer population is dependent upon the quantity, quality and variety of food plants produced by the habitat or range?

...habitat determines deer carrying capacity?

...deer cannot digest mature grasses?

...antler development is dependent upon three factors: nutrition, age, and genetics?

...Forbs are generally high in protein and important to deer size, antler development and fawn production?

...maximum antler development of buck deer is attained at 5 to 6 years of age. Allowing bucks to reach older ages through selective harvest will allow them to attain their potential antler growth?

GATE SIGNS ARE HERE

Our Association gate signs look great and are available NOW at the Bee County Extension Service Office, 210 E. Corpus Christi Street, Beeville (corner of Buchanan and Corpus Christi, old library bldg.) Each member is entitled to one free sign and can buy additional signs for \$20 each while this initial order lasts. You can also pick them up at the August 10th meeting. There is a space where you can add your individual ranch name with stick-on vinyl letters. Tip: rather than try to align all the letters in your ranch name with individual stick on letters, get a sign shop to make a vinyl letter strip for you. It is easy to line up and properly space everything, press the letters on, and peel off the backing. The strip for our ranch name cost less than \$10 and we got it from Fast Signs in Corpus Christi.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

President Tom Keller has appointed board member Ellis McKinney as program Chairman for our association. Ellis is responsible for securing and coordinating the speakers and demonstrators for all our regular meetings. If you have ideas for meetings or presenters please let Ellis know by calling him at 361-358-3137

TEXAS ORGANIZATION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS (TOWMA)

We are members of TOWMA and all members of the Bee County Wildlife Management Co-op are associate members. The 2004 TOWMA annual three day meeting is being held August 12, 13 and 14 at the YO Resort in Kerrville. Several of your board members and their wives will be there and we encourage you to join us. It will be a unique opportunity to absorb a lot of wildlife management information in a short time. Several of the women will be sight seeing and shopping while we are in meetings and others are welcome to join them. The agenda and registration information is included with the newsletter.

DOVE SYMPOSIA

If you are interested in managing for dove, and in developing a commercial hunting opportunity on your ranch, you may find this Texas A & M event worth while. Check out the CALENDAR below for more information.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBER ACRES NEEDED

TOWMA tracks the total number of acres owned by co-op members. This information is "lumped" together, not kept individually, and is used for political clout in Austin and Washington. The more people/acres we have the more we are listened to. We lack the "acres owned or managed" numbers for a few members and we need this information quickly. If you are one of them you will find an addressed, stamped form included with this newsletter. Please complete it and mail ASAP.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

You DO NOT have to own property to join. Anyone interested in improving the quantity and quality of wildlife in Bee County is WELCOME. Tell your hunters, they may want to join as well. Contact an officer or board member (see side bar) for applications.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND DUES

Regular annual dues are \$20 per calendar year. Life Memberships are available for a one time fee of \$100. Life members who join during 2004 become CHARTER Members.

All members will receive a Bee County Wildlife Management Association gate sign (see separate item for details) identifying them as members of the co-op.

Tidbits

*“Shoot for the moon,
even if you miss you’ll
land among the
stars”.*

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*“Boys will be boys,
and so will a lot of
middle aged men.”*
Kin Hubbard

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*“When your dreams
turn to dust, vacuum”*

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*“A day without
sunshine is like, you
know, night”*

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*“If you remember the
‘60s, you weren’t
really there”*

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*“never put off until
tomorrow what you
can avoid altogether”*

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*“I some times think
that the surest sign
that intelligent life
exists elsewhere in
the universe is that
none of it has tried to
contact us”*
Calvin & Hobbes

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*Engineering: “How
will this work?”*
*Science: “Why will
this work?”*
*Management: “When
will this work?”*
*Liberal Arts: “Do you
want fries with that?”*

Officers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Our Local Meetings

- **August 10, 2004** - 6:00PM to 8:00PM - **Membership Field Trip**
Program: Dr. William Ocampaugh on establishing food plots and the varieties of food plants that are doing well here.
Texas A & M Research Center, Hwy 59, Beeville.
- **September 7, 2004** - 7:30PM - 8:30PM - **Membership Meeting**
Program: Supplemental Feeding and Deer Nutrition
Bee County Extension Service Office.
- **October 5, 2004** - 7:30PM - 8:30PM - **Membership Meeting**
Program: Deer Management, Including Aging and Harvest Standards.
- **November 9, 2004** - 7:30PM - 8:30PM - **Membership Field Trip**
Program: Care and Processing of Deer
- December, 2004 - No Meeting
- January 4, 2005 - To be announced later
- February 4, 2005 - (Friday night) 7:00PM - 8:30 PM - **Annual Membership Meeting, Election of Officers and Dinner** - To be held in the Country Kitchen Meeting room in Beeville. More details later.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - State Wide

August 12,13,14, 2004 - TOWMA Wildlife Symposium (Texas Organization of Wildlife Management Associations)
YO Resort, Kerrville, Texas
<http://www.towma.org> and/or see attachment for more details

August 13, 14, 15, 2004 - Texas Trophy Hunters Extravaganza
One of the largest hunting related trade shows in Texas.
San Antonio
http://www.ttha.com/hx/extra_sa.html

August 26 -27, 2004 - Dove Symposia
Texas A & M Conference on doves; includes management and commercial aspects
Ulvade, Texas
Agenda and registration form is available at:
<http://www.peopleware.net/index.cfm?eventDisp=DOVE&subeventdisp=UVALDEI>

October 2, 3, 2004 - Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo
This is a great, multi-faceted wildlife event at TP&W Headquarters in Austin.
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/expo/> - 512/389-4472

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CALENDAR

JULY:

- Repair and build blinds
- Monitor and fluctuate water levels in wetlands
- Monitor grazing to provide nesting cover and plant diversity and possibly remove cattle from some native pastures to ensure adequate nesting cover for ground nesting birds next spring

AUGUST:

- Conduct deer spotlight counts

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**OPERATION
GAME THIEF
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“There is no stronger deterrent to a poacher than the knowledge that his peers find his philosophy and actions unacceptable to the point that they will report him to the game warden.”

** Buddy Turner -
OGT Program
Director **

Disk roadsides to promote germination of both cool and warm season forbs
Continue to monitor grazing pressure on rangelands and adjust or move cattle accordingly
Begin supplemental feeding

SEPTEMBER:

Deer surveys
Conduct soil tests on food plot sites
Prepare ground and plant winter food plots
Shred or disk sunflowers, millet or goat weed for dove feed
Shred around tanks to facilitate doves coming to water
Make sure tanks with pumps or windmills have some open water

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

If you receive this newsletter by USPS mail and have an email address **PLEASE** forward it to me at ljones@hrbizmall.com. It will save paper, time, postage, printing, and a lot of labor (printing, folding, taping, attaching stamps, driving to Post Office). You will also have direct access to the web links we will publish. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU for your help!

NEWSLETTER CONTENT SOLICITATED

Please submit information about coming events and topics of interest to your fellow co-op members. Email (ljones@hrbizmall.com), FAX (361-162-1309) or call (361-362-0430) Larry Jones

WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/wild/> **Fact Sheets** on many species of Texas wildlife provided by TP&W
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/conserve/private_lands/agricultural_land/media/pdf/prop11guidelines.pdf
Agriculture **Property Tax Conversion** for Wildlife Management
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/news/tpwcal/> **TP&W State Wide Events Calendar**

TEAM QUAIL WEB SITE



For quail related publications and a lot of information on quail management click on the logo above. The actual URL is <http://teamquail.tamu.edu>