

A photograph of three pronghorns standing in a desert landscape. The pronghorns are in the foreground, looking towards the camera. They have light brown and white fur. The background is a blurred desert scene with dry grass and shrubs under a clear sky.

# TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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# WHO WE ARE



## MISSION STATEMENT

Serving Texas wildlife and its habitat, while protecting property rights, hunting heritage, and the conservation efforts of those who value and steward wildlife resources.

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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.

### 2019-2020 SEASON INFO:

(AS OF MARCH 1, 2020):

Hunts	235
Youth	1,252
Total Participants	2,504
Landowners	197
Trained Huntmasters	1,876

\*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.







## 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 86th Session of the Texas Legislature, TWA proudly played an integral role in securing permanent funding for the State Park system, advanced meaningful eminent domain reform that is ripe for passage in the next Session, and worked to successfully pass multiple bills to further protect our deer population from disease threats. TWA will continue to work hard for its members, fighting for legislation that protects Texas' natural resources.



## 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

LEARNING ACROSS NEW DIMENSIONS IN SCIENCE

<b>L.A.N.D.S. OUTREACH PROGRAMS</b>	
Discovery Trunks	167,103
Wildlife by Design	61,457
Critter Connections	187,600
Stewarding Texas - A Scientific Exploration	3,243
Distance Learning: On-demand Webinars	31,597
Distance Learning: Videoconferences	50,665
<b>L.A.N.D.S. INTENSIVE PROGRAMS</b>	
Year-long Classroom Program & Field Investigation Days	8,810
Trinity River Program	1,194
<b>YOUTH EDUCATION TOTAL</b>	<b>511,669</b>
Youth Education Volunteer Hours	3,087

## ADULT EDUCATION

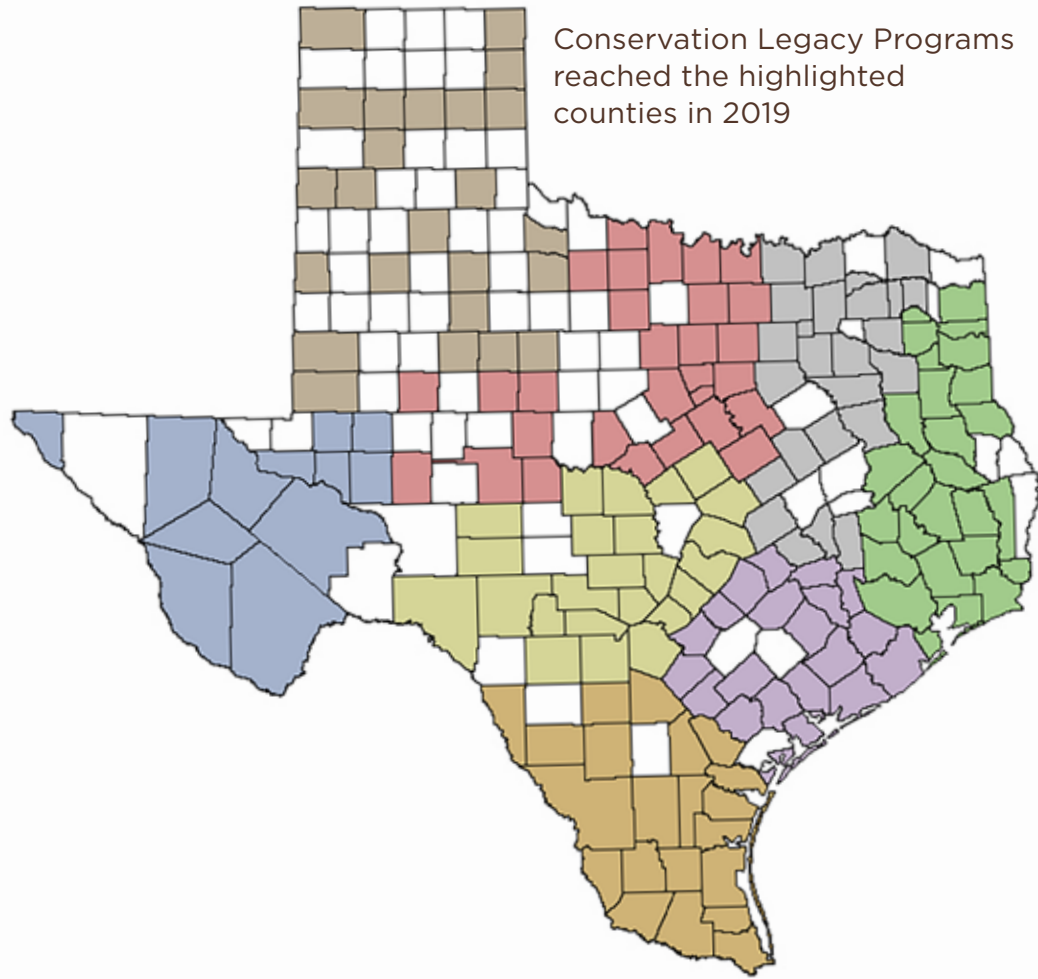
<b>EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT &amp; TRAININGS</b>	
L.A.N.D.S. Outreach Teacher Workshops	754
L.A.N.D.S. Intensive Teacher Trainings	57
L.A.N.D.S. Intensive Volunteer Trainings	79
Custom Education Presentations	496
<b>CONSERVATION PROGRAMS</b>	
Emerging Issues Education & Landowner Workshops	1,476
Wildlife and Land Stewardship Online Education	34,136
General Public Land Stewardship Education	1,712
<b>ADULT EDUCATION TOTAL</b>	<b>38,710</b>
Adult Education Volunteer Hours	831
<b>PUBLIC PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS</b>	<b>282,621</b>





# CONSERVATION LEGACY PROGRAMS

Conservation Legacy Programs reached the highlighted counties in 2019



## 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.

### YEAR-LONG CLASSROOM & FIELD INVESTIGATION DAYS

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.





# TWA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 (UN-AUDITED)

## ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$1,240,100
Receivables	\$974,223
Fixed Assets	\$35,483
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>\$2,249,806</i>

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$53,492
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>\$53,492</i>

## NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$1,339,688
Restricted	\$910,119
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<i>\$2,249,806</i>



# 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.

## 2019 OFFICERS

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## TWAF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 (UN-AUDITED)

### ASSETS

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

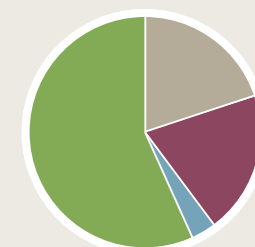
### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$1,634,245
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,634,245</b>

### NET ASSETS

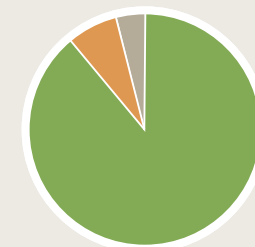
Unrestricted	\$3,136,879
Restricted	\$1,435,616
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,206,740</b>

### REVENUE



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

### EXPENSES



Grant Giving	91%
Administration	6%
Operations	3%



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- Members stay up to date with news, events and relevant stories through TWA publications which includes a subscription to our monthly *Texas Wildlife* magazine, TWA Weekend Wire e-newsletter and website.
- TWA members receive a membership card as well as an exclusive member decal.
- Discounts on Members only workshops and events.
- The opportunity to network and volunteer with other TWA members, landowners and youth across the state.

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- ☐ NEW MEMBER
- ☐ RENEWAL

Members of Texas Wildlife Association are a highly dedicated team of advocates for pragmatic conservation of our state's wildlife and natural resources. TWA works hard to ensure current and future Texans know the value of our open spaces. Please continue helping us lead the way to do right by Texas.

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**Membership Level:**

- ☐ Friend of TWA (\$35/year)
- ☐ Associate (\$75/year)
- ☐ Active (\$150/year)
- ☐ Family (\$250/year)
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- ☐ President's Council (\$1,000/year)
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