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## WHAT DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT TREES AND HEDGES?

The following is very helpful information regarding trees. Feel free to share this information with your colleagues, clients, and friends.

#### 1. Who owns a tree?

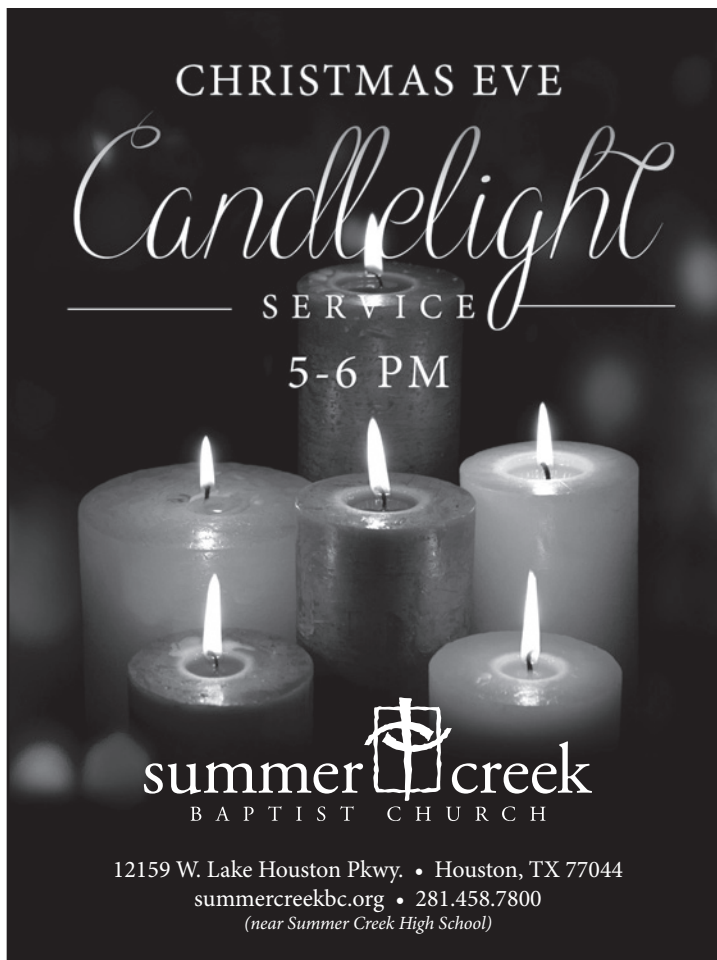
The person who owns the land on which the trunk of the tree stands. If the trunk straddles a property line, both land owners can claim an ownership interest.

#### 2. What right does a property owner have to trim a tree that belongs to a neighbor but has limbs or roots which overhang or grow onto an adjacent lot?

A property owner has the right to trim branches and roots that encroach onto her property from a tree belonging to a neighbor, but must exercise caution when trimming a tree or its roots. The following general rules apply to trimming a tree:

- The tree can only be trimmed to the property line.
- There is no right to trespass onto a neighbor's property to trim a tree unless the limbs threaten to cause immediate and irreparable harm.
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the problem. It can only be trimmed back.

- The expense of the trimming is borne by the party doing the trimming

3. What rights does the owner of a tree have when the tree is damaged or destroyed by a neighbor?

If a neighbor goes too far and trims the tree further back than the property line or if a neighbor cuts down or otherwise damages a tree on adjacent property, the neighbor damaging the tree can be liable for damages. For instance, if a landowner applies a chemical on his property to kill the roots of a tree that encroaches onto his property and the chemical seeps into the soil and kills the tree on the neighboring property, the landowner applying the chemical can be liable for damages.

4. Does it make any difference if a tree is dead or dying and creates an imminent danger to life or property?

Unsound trees that are a threat to neighboring property owners do not have the same protection as a sound, healthy tree. If the danger is immediate, the general rule is that an adjacent property owner can take reasonable action, including removal of the tree, to prevent damage to his property. There are few, if any, court cases in Texas recognizing this, but I believe a landowner is justified in taking reasonable action to protect life or property.

5. If the limbs of a healthy tree overhang the roof of a neighbor's property, is the owner of the tree under a duty to trim the tree back to protect the roof of the neighbor?

No, the tree owner does not have a duty to trim the tree. The adjacent landowner has the right to trim the tree back to the property line to protect his property and should exercise this right.

6. Is an adjoining landowner liable for damage to property caused by tree limbs or roots from a tree located on the adjoining landowner's property?

At least one Texas court has said no, assuming the tree was healthy. A large tree located entirely on an adjoining lot grew into two large branches one of which overhung the house on the neighboring lot. A 90 mile per hour wind caused the overhanging portion of the tree to fall on the neighbor's house, severely damaging it. The owner of the damaged house sued his neighbor for negligence in allowing the tree to overhang his house, alleging that the tree owner was negligent in allowing it to overhang the neighboring property and also alleging nuisance and trespass. The court dismissed the negligence allegation and said that trespass and nuisance required an intentional act by the neighbor. Since the neighbor did not intentionally cause the tree to overhang the neighbor's house, the court held that the tree owner was not liable for damages.

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November was AWESOME! We are BOLD and going BEYOND! We had a great Game Night that raised lots of support for our staff affected by Harvey. Looking forward to the New Year. Spring Carnival is just around the corner and WE NEED YOU! Contact us if you would like to volunteer for the Spring Carnival or Auction. Donations for the Silent Auction are also needed. See you in the New Year!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4th-PTO Christmas Party

December 7th and 14th-Winter Play Performances, 6pm

December 15th-Winter Parties and Early Release! Winter Break begins.

December 21st-Papa John's Pizza Spirit Night

January 8th-First PTO Meeting of 2018!

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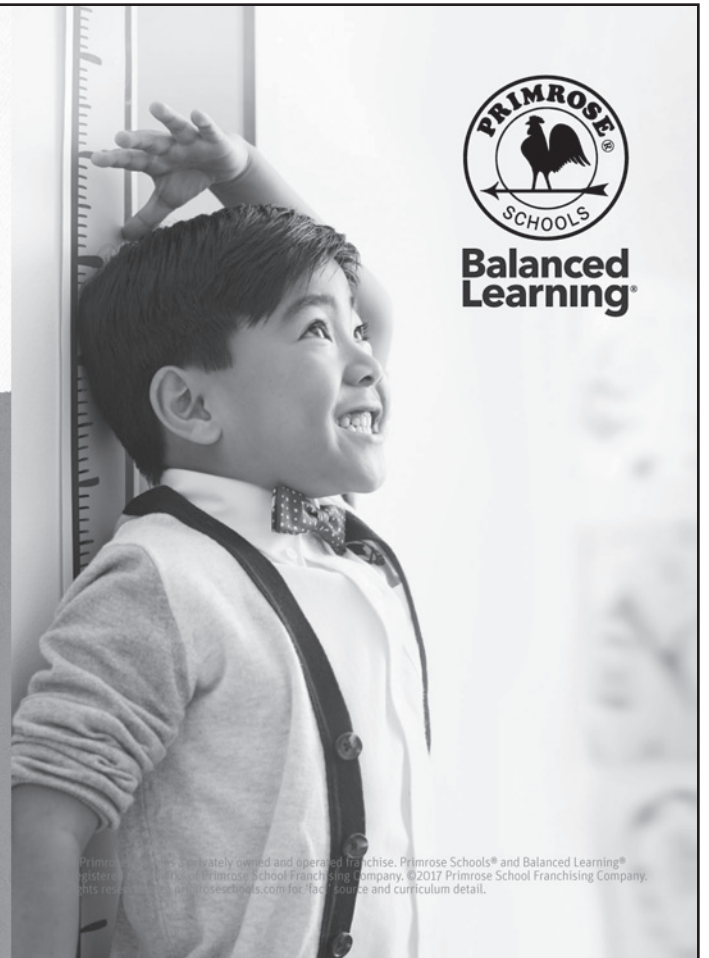
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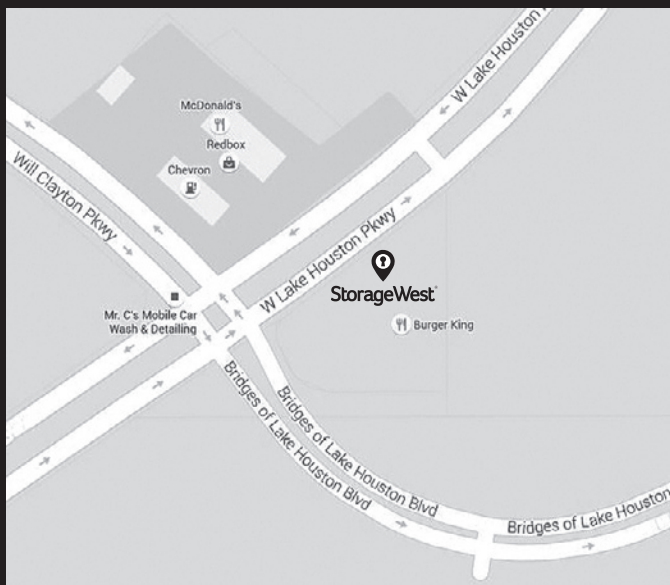
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Hosting is a great way to learn about the student's culture as well, perhaps even learn a few new words in a new language. It's a way of opening a new world to your children as well. Most importantly, it's a way of making the world just a little bit smaller, so that we can all live in peace and harmony together.

If you are ready for this amazing experience, please give me a call, I'd love to talk with you more about it. I am one of the Houston area STS Local Coordinators, I've worked with foreign exchange students for seven years and have also hosted 13 students on my own. I can tell you anything you need to know about hosting. Please contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or via email at [vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com).

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# HEADIN' SOUTH

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

I was sitting on my back porch last night and heard the familiar “honking” sound I hear every fall—geese flying overhead. I looked up to see an almost perfect V. It instantly filled my mind with several questions. How do they know where they’re going? Why do they fly in a V shape? How far do they fly? Do they stop and rest? I decided to do some research and get some answers and I am sharing them with you. After reading about them, I have a whole new respect for them.

## WHY DO BIRDS MIGRATE?

They migrate in search of food and warmer temperatures. Because of climate change and changes in farm practices that makes waste grain more available, the geese aren’t migrating as far south as they used to. Some Canada geese don’t migrate at all anymore. Lack of natural predators is another reason geese may not migrate.

## HOW DO GEESE KNOW WHERE THEY’RE GOING?

One tool they use is the earth’s magnetic field. There are small pieces of what’s called magnetite found in some birds’ brains. It acts like a compass. They also use the position of the sun and the stars. Birds follow the same migration path every year and use landmarks like rivers, mountains, and valleys as their roadmap.

## WHERE DO THEY GO?

They follow the same path every year. There are four routes which are the Atlantic flyway (along the east coast of North America), the Mississippi flyway (named after the river), the Central flyway (along the Rocky Mountains) and the Pacific flyway (west of the Rockies).

Canada geese spend winters in southern Florida and southern North America including the southern United States and part of Mexico.

## WHY DO GEESE FLY IN A “V”?

This formation is sometimes call a skein and helps them conserve energy. Each bird flies a little higher than the bird in front of him/her. This reduces the wind resistance. As an example, in a V formation of

25 geese, each bird experiences a reduction in what’s called induced drag. This results in an increase of their range by 71%. Geese rotate taking the lead position since being in front takes the most energy.

## HOW FAST CAN GEESE FLY AND HOW LONG DO THEY FLY BEFORE RESTING?

Most articles I read put their cruising speed at between 20 and 30 miles per hour. For long distance flying their estimated speed is 40 miles per hour.

## DO MIGRATING BIRDS STOP TO REST

Birds need to take a “pit stop” occasionally to rest and refuel. They stop where there is ample food and water, shelter and with few competitors. They normally will spend a couple of days on the ground before continuing their journey.

The animal kingdom is amazing and the volunteers and staff at TWRC Wildlife Center get to experience the wonders everyday. If you’d like to be a part of this amazing world, volunteer! For more information, visit [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org) Be sure to follow us on Facebook for amazing stories and photos.



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The full Outdoor Track and Field Season is for boys and girls in K – 6th grade as well as Home School Athletes who desire to compete in track and field. It provides a solid base for beginners and is designed to provide basic training in track and field and quality instruction in running mechanics.

The summer Outdoor Track season is ideal for middle and high school athletes who desire to continue their track & field season after school track is over and younger athletes looking to cross-train or stay active and engaged in positive activities during the summer.

Teams are coached by volunteer coaches. For full details and registration information, please visit us online [www.SpringKleinAthletics.org](http://www.SpringKleinAthletics.org). If you have questions email at [teamska@skathletics.com](mailto:teamska@skathletics.com) or call (832) 415-0568.

About the Spring-Klein Athletics Track & Field

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## NATURE WATCH

### OVERWINTERING TEXAN

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Late August into September typically marks migration season for hummingbirds, when most individuals move from their northern breeding grounds to their southern wintering grounds. Several factors affect this seasonal movement including amount of daylight, the angle of the sun relative to the bird's location, availability (or lack of) food resources, and local weather patterns. Mature birds often start their migration earlier than juveniles, and males typically migrate a few days before females. But the longest migration of any hummingbird species belongs to the Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*), a species that can typically travel from as far away as Alaska to spend the winter in Mexico.



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In recent years, the Rufous has become the most common overwintering hummingbird in the southeastern United States, particularly along the Gulf Coast. For the last several years we have kept a small hummingbird feeder on our back porch filled throughout the fall and winter, and have been regularly rewarded with an overwintering Rufous. This species seems particularly able to handle the colder temperatures, perhaps because they go into 'torpor' overnight, a reduced physiological state where their body temperature and metabolic rate are reduced.

While it has been proven that this species has an excellent memory for location, which may explain why they find our feeder year after year, it remains a mystery to scientists as to why these birds don't complete their traditional fall migration to the Pacific coast of Mexico. While providing a nectar feeder does not delay a

hummingbird's migration, scientists are investigating the theory that established shifts in climate and flower-blooming times are affecting their typical patterns. Not only do these shifts appear to affect where these birds overwinter, but they also affect the timing of the clockwise circuit they make each year as they move northward up the Pacific coast in late winter and early spring, and travel southward along the chain of the Rocky Mountains in late summer. There is still much to learn about these migration patterns, and why these hummingbirds show up in places we don't expect them to stay in winter.

Regardless of reason, we feel fortunate to have our yard brightened during the colder months with this colorful visitor. Why not keep a hummingbird feeder filled in your yard this season, and you just might find you have an overwintering Texan, too!

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Carpet beetle adults can be found outdoors on crape myrtles or other plants where the adults eat pollen and nectar. The adults may also be found in rodent or bird nests. When these adults move into homes, they may lay eggs which can lead to problems. These beetles can be pests in warehouses, homes, museums and other locations.



Carpet beetle adults are small, round to oval shaped and often brightly colored. Larvae are small, tan, and ringed with bands of long hairs.

Carpet beetle larvae feed on high protein foods, usually animal based, but they can also feed on plant material. They can be found in a variety of locations throughout the

home. In the pantry, you may find them in items such as powdered milk, dried meats (jerky), or pet food. Other areas of the home they can be attracted to items made from wool, fur or feathers, areas where dead insects accumulate (i.e. light fixtures), leather book bindings, hair, silk or dried plant products. If the larvae are seen feeding on synthetic fibers, it is because the material is stained with body oils or food.

A program utilizing sanitation, exclusion and insecticides should be able to get a carpet beetle problem under control.

- Clean accumulations of hair, dead insects, and bird, rodent or wasp nests
- Regularly clean rugs, carpets, upholstery, etc.
  - make sure to get along edges, under cushions, and under furniture where debris may collect
- Inspect animal based items (taxidermied animals, leather, wool, silk, etc.) once a year to avoid infestations
- Keep pantry items/ dry goods in sealed, air-tight containers
- Infested items (if possible, depending on the items) can be heated or cooled to kill any beetles
  - freeze 2 weeks at temperatures below 18°F
  - heat for at least 30 minutes to temperatures above 120°F
- Insecticides should be used as spot treatments- make sure carpet beetles are listed on the label as well as the area/ item you are treating
  - make sure the product will not stain

If you find a few adult carpet beetles in your home, squish them on vacuum them up. A few adults usually do not warrant a full treatment, but you should watch for a developing infestation.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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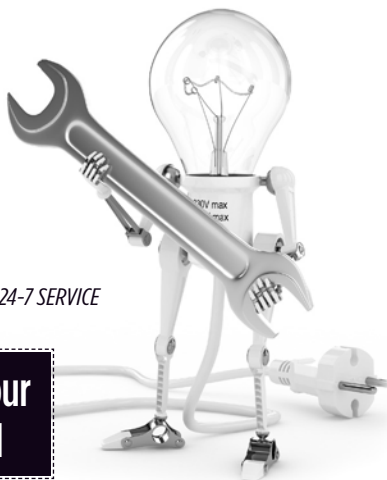
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### The Polar Express Train Ride

Nov. 11 - Dec. 27

The train ride departing from Palestine includes the train ride, hot chocolate, sugar cookie, silver sleigh bell and golden ticket!

### Festival of Lights

Nov. 12 - Jan. 8

Enjoy a 100-foot slide, ice skating, and a mile-long trail of lights and animated displays at Galveston Bay's Moody Gardens!

### A Christmas Carol A Ghost Story of Christmas

Nov. 20 - Dec. 28

Enjoy the return of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol".

### Houston Ballet's The Nutcracker

Nov. 25 - Dec. 27

The Nutcracker is a ballet set in nineteenth-century Germany that is sure to enchant audiences of all ages.

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Nov. 25 - Dec. 31

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