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Mark Your Calendars!



PARADE & ACTIVITIES

Thursday, July 4 – 9:30 am

Paint your wagons, decorate your bikes, your pets, and yourself, and join this festive parade! Gather at Jester Club at 9:30 am (you don't need to be a member of the club to participate). Parade route will be up Jester, around Basil, and back. Games and activities to follow!

Please contact Teresa at 512-751-8000 or tgouldie@gmail.com if you would like to help at this event!



Volunteer Needed to Chair Firewise Committee



The Jester Firewise Committee is looking for a new person to serve as the committee chair. The current chair, Jeff Shapiro, will assist a new volunteer in coming up to speed with the position, which involves coordinating Jester's annual Firewise event, completing an annual form to renew the neighborhood's national Firewise certification, and if interested, participating in quarterly meetings of the Austin Firewise Alliance (a get together involving Firewise community leaders from the region).

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Jester's Firewise Community certification requires that we maintain a Firewise Committee, and in addition to making our community safer, residents with USAA homeowner's insurance receive a 5% premium discount. Please email Firewise@jesterhoa.com if you are interested in chairing the Jester Firewise Committee or would like to get more information.

Many thanks to Jeff for his efforts the last 6 years in educating our neighborhood on fire safety. You've done a great job Jeff and we appreciate it!



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NATURE WATCH

by Jim and Lynne Weber

DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT MILKWEEDS

Much ado has been made of the more common and widespread milkweed species, but there are a handful of milkweed vines that are less common but more distinct, and just as useful as native host plants for Monarchs and related butterflies.

A fairly robust, twining vine 6 to 12 feet long growing in dry, light shade in thickets on rocky hillsides and woodland edges, Pearl Milkvine (*Matelea reticulata*) is best known for its heart-shaped leaves and flat, greenish-white flowers $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch across with pearly, iridescent centers. Also called Green Milkweed Vine, Net Vine Milkvine, and Netted Milkvine, its curious flowers have tiny white veins forming an intricate pattern on the surface of the petals, adding to their unusual look. In fact, *reticulata* refers to this pattern, which means 'resembling a net or network'. It blooms from April to July, especially in full sun, giving way to fairly large, interesting prickly follicles filled with seeds attached to silky threads. This native species is a host plant to Monarch butterflies.

Often mistaken for Pearl Milkvine is Plateau Milkvine (*Matelea edwardsensis*), endemic only to the Edwards Plateau of Central Texas. This uncommon vine shares the same twining habit of Pearl Milkvine, but its leaves, while similar, generally have a somewhat wavy edge, and its flowers are bell-shaped instead of flat. Additionally, its greenish-white flowers do not have a pearl center, and its petals are not solely reticulate-patterned, having parallel veins in their lower halves and centers, and reticulate or networked veins only on the edges or margins. Blooming in April and May, this species can be found on gravelly soils in open woodlands, often climbing on other plants, and it is a native host plant for Queen butterflies.

Usually found in the chalky soils of pastures and open ground, Purple Milkvine (*Matelea biflora*) has low-growing stems that radiate along the ground from a woody rootstock, and along with its opposite, triangular leaves, are covered with long, spreading hairs. From March to June, pairs of star-shaped, five-petaled, dark purple-brown flowers rise from the base of the leaves, which gives this plant its other common name of Star Milkvine. While its trailing stems can grow up to 2 feet long, it inhabits grassy areas and as such is often hidden and overlooked, except by Queen and Soldier butterflies that use it as their native host plant.

Named for a small town in Chihuahua, Mexico, Talayote (*Cynanchum racemosum*) or Milkweed Vine is a climber that grows to 15 to 20 feet in full sun to part shade, and is a native host plant for both Queen and Soldier butterflies. Talayote produces clusters of small cream and green flowers that are held above and among the heart-shaped leaves, blooming in the hotter months from summer into fall, and attracting a host of other small but beneficial pollinators. Growing only in Central, South, and West Texas in the United States, this vine produces plump, smooth follicles 3 inches long, filled with silk-topped seeds, often remaining on the vine well into winter.

Take the time to seek out and appreciate these lesser known members of the Milkweed family, as they are beautifully and distinctly different!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our books, *Nature Watch Austin* and *Nature Watch Big Bend* (published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.



Pearl Milkvine



Plateau Milkvine



Talayote

Happy Father's Day!



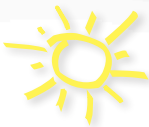
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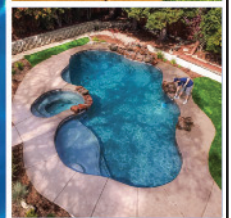
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June 6 - 9	ATX Television Festival - Interact with actors, writers, directors, etc. bringing your favorite series to the small screen	atxfestival.com
Jun. 6, 13, 20 & 28	Nature Nights at the Wildflower Center <i>Free, fun explorations of native plants, animals and ecology</i>	wildflower.org
Jun. 7 - 8	Cosmos - Free pops concert	austincivicorchestra.org
Jun. 9	23rd Annual Austin Cool House Tour	coolhousetour.com
Jun. 12	KGSR's Blues on the Green	Zilker Park kgssr.com
Jun. 13	Hootie & The Blowfish <i>Group Therapy Tour w/Barenaked Ladies</i>	Austin360 Amphitheater austin360amphitheater.com
Jun. 14 - 15	18th Annual Soul to Sole International Tap Festival <i>A foundation of multi-form dance performances</i>	The Long Center thelongcenter.org
Jun. 14	Bob Schneider & Mitch Watkins	oneworldtheatre.org
Jun. 15 - 16	Greater Austin Comic Con 2019 <i>Cosplay contests, gaming competitions & more!</i>	HEB Center hebcenter.com
Jun. 16	Father's Day in the Park <i>Bring a picnic basket and enjoy the free concert</i>	Zilker Hillside Theater 2019.do512.com
Jun. 18	"Weird Al" Yankovic	texasperformingarts.org
Jun. 20 - July 4	Toy Story 4 IMAX <i>Animation, Adventure, Comedy</i>	Bob Bullock Museum thestoryoftexas.com
Jun. 25	Rob Thomas - Chip Tooth Tour w/Abby Anderson	acl-live.com
Jun. 28	BoDean's - RocknRoll, high energy band	oneworldtheatre.org
Jun. 29	Killer Queen - Worldwide Queen Tribute Band	acl-live.com

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