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Herp Hunt

Watch NRI's Toby Hibbitt's with the Katy Prairie Conservancy in an adventure unplugged

Little brown skink
Scincella lateralis

In the field: Herp hunt with Dr. Hibbitts
Follow along with NRI's Dr. Toby Hibbitts as he explores the Warren Ranch looking for reptiles and amphibians on a 'herp hunt' with the Katy Prairie Conservancy. Read more.

Meet a scientist: Lindsay Sansom
Growing up in the Texas Hill Country, Lindsay Sansom, Ph.D., fell in love with water. As an adult, she has spent her entire career helping others connect with — and protect — their local water sources. Read more.

A story map: Texas longleaf landscapes
Explore the historic southeast range of Texas longleaf with us as we dive into their richly diverse conservation value. Read more.

TWRI assistant director spotlight: Lucas Gregory
The Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR) interviewed Lucas Gregory, Ph.D., a TWRI assistant director and the lead UCOWR delegate at Texas A&M University, for the November 2020 member spotlight. Read more.

Becky Ruzicka

Quail Decline Initiative: A fond farewell
This month, the Reversing the Quail Decline Initiative draws to a close. We wrap things up by celebrating Mr. Kirby Quail's 6th birthday, highlighting some new resources, organizations and a license plate you'll want to take a look at. Thank you for sticking with us, and for your passion for Texas quail! Read more.

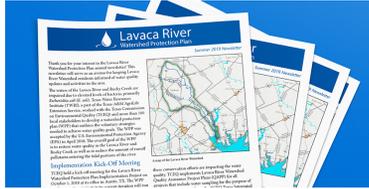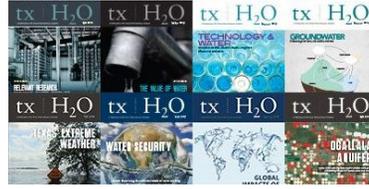The physics of a water main break
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New Texas Water Journal commentary from Texas state Sen. Charles Perry
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Texas Water Journal publishes new article on groundwater recoverability
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Top 10 TWRI articles from 2020
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Water, but no workers
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Events

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[Urban Stream Processes & Restorations - Advanced 3-Day](#)
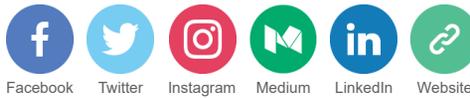January 20-22, Online

[Texas Watershed Planning Short Course](#),
April 26-29, Bandera

University land, water & wildlife news we are reading

- [Texas A&M researchers to address chemical pollution following Gulf Coast storms](#), Texas A&M Today
- [Texas A&M expert: Drought has returned to Texas](#), Texas A&M Today
- [Unique process 'cleans' crop water runoff when using dairy manure as fertilizer](#), AgriLife Today
- [Researchers model source of eruption on Jupiter's moon Europa](#), UT Geosciences
- [SFA graduate student investigates effect of tree coverage on roof-harvested rainwater quality](#), SFASU News
- [Mineral imbalances need to be considered in cattle deaths](#), AgriLife Today
- [Joint abiotic carbon dioxide research receives $1.18 million grant](#), Texas A&M Today

Resources

- Texas Water Journal
- Texas Water
- Wild Wonderings
- txH$_2$O
- Texas Land Trends
- Natural Resources Training Program Updates
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research

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