

WILD TEXAS HISTORY

Wild Texas History Launches for Wildlife Enthusiasts

New website tells the history of Texas wildlife through the use of historical sources

AUSTIN, TX, May 15, 2020 – Debuting today, WildTexasHistory.com is a new website that tells the story of Texas wildlife through the use of historical periodicals and other primary source materials. The 40 stories collected for launch include articles about ocelots in San Antonio, bears in Austin and wolves near Houston.

Texas has a wild past that is quickly fading from our collective memory. Many Texans don't even realize the jaguar is native to our state. To call attention to this, the first feature on Wild Texas History is a deep dive into the history of the animal in Texas. It includes almost every recorded encounter with the big cats and a never-before-published image of the last jaguar killed here.

"I want Wild Texas History to inspire people to think about how wild Texas once was and how wild it could be again," said Scott Dubois, the website's creator and author.

The loss of biodiversity in Texas over the past 300 years is staggering, but stories of early conservation victories are also highlighted to show a positive way forward. Some of these wildlife stories are well known while others were buried in archives. Bringing them together creates an accessible resource for the Texas wildlife enthusiast.

All the articles are written with context and commentary, but the original source material is given center stage. Reading it is a window into the past. New content will be added to the website on a regular basis. The history of Texas wildlife runs deep, and there is a lot to cover.

For more information, visit <https://wildtexashistory.com/> or contact Scott Dubois at email@scottdub.com.

About the Author

Scott Dubois is a freelance writer, designer and creative director living in Austin, Texas. His obsession with researching Texas jaguars turned up so much information on Texas wildlife that he needed a place to share it all. When Scott isn't reading about wildlife, he likes to hike with his family and document Austin's urban wildlife on his Instagram account, @atxwildlife.