

Our purpose is to document and publicize the values and conservation needs of horned lizards, to promote horned lizard conservation projects and to assist with horned lizard management initiatives throughout their ranges.

Citizen Science Program Passes a Milestone

By Lee Ann Linam

The 2006 season marked the tenth year that Texas volunteer scientists have helped Texas Parks and Wildlife Department gather data on our official state reptile, the Texas horned lizard (THL) (*Phrynosoma cornutum*). A 10-year summary report detailing the findings of the program is available from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, but here are a few of the highlights from the report:

186 volunteers have officially submitted data to the program.

Three volunteers and their families have collected data from a site during all ten years.

270 sites have been adopted for monitoring.

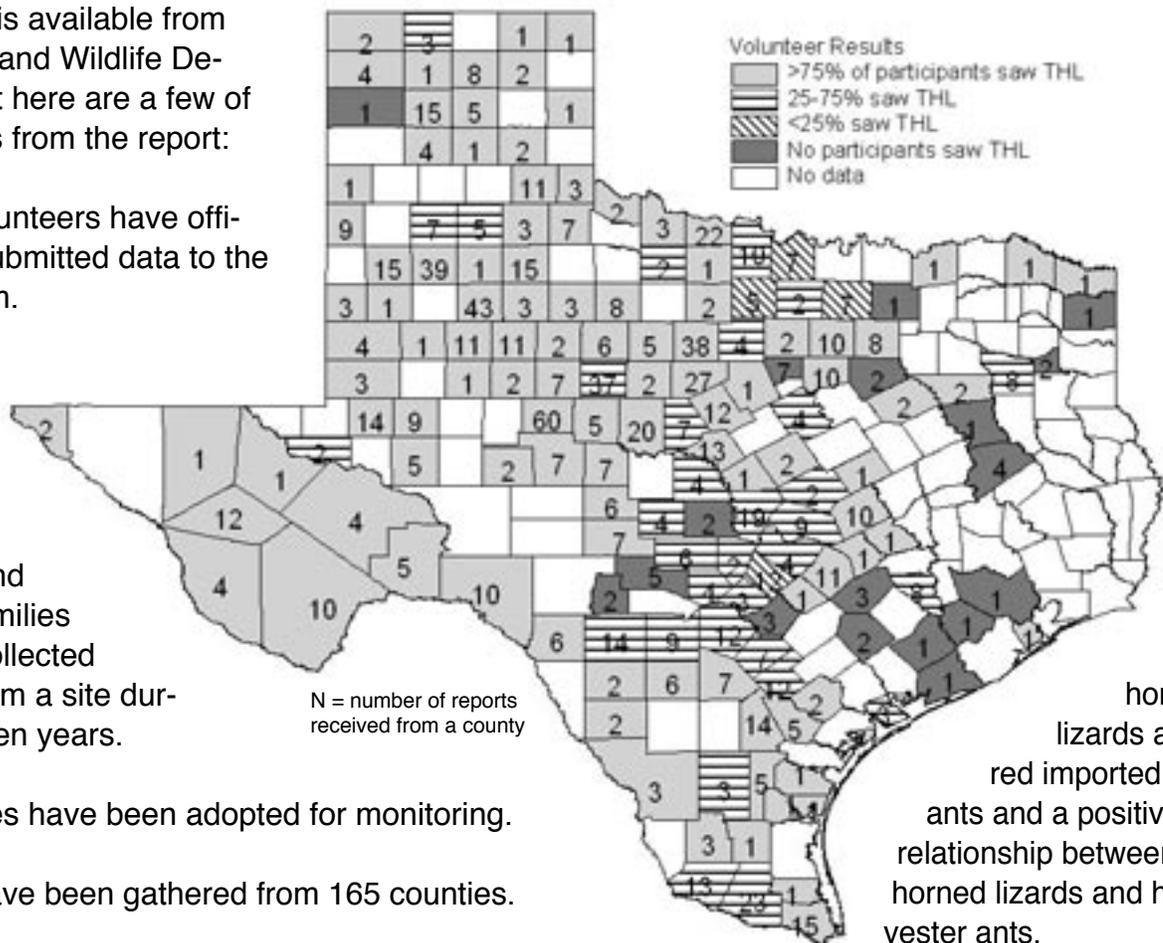
Data have been gathered from 165 counties.

THL have been reported from 146 counties.

Results have offered optimism

for horned lizards in some parts of Texas where they were previously thought to have disappeared.

Results show a negative relationship between



horns and red imported fire ants and a positive relationship between horned lizards and harvester ants.

Findings regarding horned lizard prevalence in *continued on page 3*

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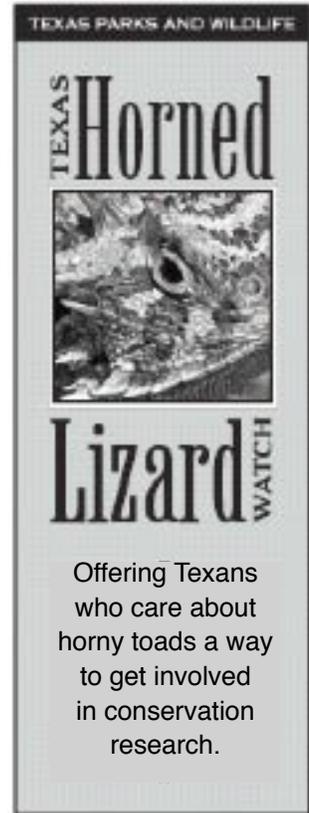
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different parts of the state are presented on the map on the front page.

Texas Horned Lizard Watch is an ongoing volunteer monitoring program. Data is still needed from around the state, even in those areas where horned lizards may be absent. To

receive a monitoring packet with data sheets or a copy of the 10-year report in its entirety, contact Lee Ann Linam at lalinam@wimberley-tx.com. The monitoring packet and report with color illustrations are also available on the TPWD website (www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hornedlizards).



2008 HLCS Conservation Grants

By Lee Ann Linam

HLCS is soliciting Conservation and Research Grant proposals for 2008. We will again be offering two \$500 grants in 2008. Preference in one will be given to people not associated with academic institutions; for the other, preference will be given to undergraduate or graduate students. For both, projects that have direct conservation implications, including through public education, will receive a higher priority.

To apply, send a proposal de-

tailoring the goal of the study, the rationale for it, and how your work would benefit from this opportunity. The proposal may not exceed 1000 words, excluding up to ten references. In addition, send a CV and have a single letter of reference sent to: Dr. Gad Perry, Department of Natural Resource Management, Texas Tech University, Box 42125, Lubbock, Texas 79409-2125, USA. Submission by e-mail (to Gad.Perry@TTU.edu) is greatly preferred. The deadline is 15 March 2008. The decision will be announced by April 30, 2008.

Please renew your annual HLCS membership!!!
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	<i>Lifetime</i> membership	\$300		

The HLCS welcomes contributions in any amount you wish to submit and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

New Horned Lizard References

By Wendy Hodges

References recently added to our Horned Lizard bibliography. For a more complete list of citations, please see "scientific literature" on our website: www.hornedlizards.org. We are up to 333 references and are constantly adding more. If you know of any not listed, please send the information to: references@hornedlizards.org

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Horned Lizard Beaded Jewelry

From Patsy Harper:



"The barrette is a loom-beaded piece with red edge-beading, done in Japanese delica beads (approximately a size 12 bead). The earrings were done in Japanese delicas also, in Cheyenne brick stitch. They represent a baby horned lizard and a red harvester ant. Folks are welcome to the PATTERN, it is my design totally on the earrings and barrette both, so I own the copyright on that, and I'll give it out free. Folks who can bead, should be able to look at the piece and copy the pattern of beads from there, and make their own. You can reach me at soquili@sprintpcs.com"



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by M. Hawley



"IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY 'URBAN BLIGHT'?"

HLCS National News

By Lee Ann Linam

It's winter, and, like the horned lizards, I've been forced underground to tackle winter activities, like writing reports and newsletter articles. (Unlike horned lizards, however, I seem to be putting on energy reserves during these holiday periods...) But spring will soon be here and, with it, the promise of new horned lizard activities. Some exciting opportunities are on the horizon.

HLCS Officer Elections

– Please note that we will be putting together a slate of officers to take your society into



the future. If you are willing to submit your name for the offices of President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, or At-large Director, or if you would like to nominate someone, please

contact Wendy Hodges at wendy@hornedlizards.org. See the announcement in this newsletter for more information, including deadlines.

Horned Lizard Conservation and Research Grants – HLCS will once again be offering two grants of up to \$500 to aid in horned lizard conservation and research. One grant will be



targeted toward academic researchers, while the other grant will be prioritized for non-academic conservation projects. All species of horned lizard are eligible. See the announcement in the newsletter for more details.

2008 Field Surveys – We're in need of coordinators and volunteers for surveys for 2008. In the past, HLCS has

been able to underwrite some of the travel costs for survey coordinators, so, if you know of a promising site in your state that needs a survey and you are willing to organize a survey effort, please let me know (lalinam@wimberley-tx.com). If you want to volunteer and stay up-to-date on the latest opportunities, then you'll want to include your name on Bill Brook's email contact list. Send him a note at bgbrooks@mail.utexas.edu to be on the mailing list.

Horned Lizard Working Group Meeting

– HLCS and the Horned Lizard Working Group will be sponsoring a paper session at the Southwest Partners in Reptile and Amphibian Conservation meeting in Austin on June 5-7, 2008. See the next page and/or contact Gad Perry (gad.perry@ttu.edu) for more information.

Looks like a busy spring and summer! So, join us in some horned lizard activities and burn off some of those holiday energy stores—it's a lot more fun than the gym!



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HLCS Working Group Meeting First Announcement

By Gad Perry

This year's working group meeting will be held in early June 2008 in Austin, Texas. We will take advantage of an unusual opportunity to meet together with two other groups interested in the conservation of herpetofauna:



Southwest PARC (Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, see their website at <http://chelydra.unm.edu/sw-parc/>) and



THS (Texas Herpetological Society (<http://www.kingsnake.com/thls/>)).

Participants will have an opportunity to enjoy a broad range of discussions, talks, and activities, beyond the time allocated for HLCS. The goal is to increase the value of the meeting for participants by improving the chances for sharing information and creating new relationships

with people working on similar issues in the southwest.

The meeting will be held at the J. J. Pickle Research Campus of UT, at The Commons (<http://www.utexas.edu/commons/>).



The dates are June 5-7, 2008, but the exact date for the HLCS symposium has not been chosen yet.

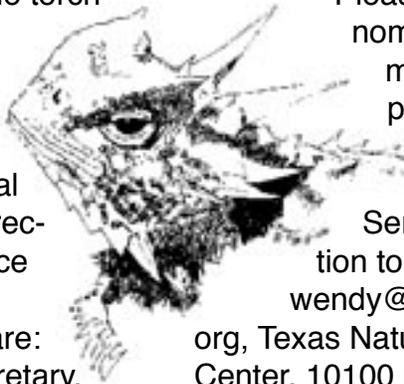
We will circulate a request for talks and posters in early 2008 and hope to see many of you there in June. Additional information will be available soon on the HLCS web site: www.hornedlizards.org



Get Involved – Serve on Our Board of Directors for 2008 - 2010

By Wendy Hodges

It's that time again – HLCS Elections! In 2008, the torch will be passed from President Lee Ann Linam to President-elect Joyce Roach. We need to fill several National Board of Directors positions as Joyce assumes the Presidency. The positions are: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and At-large Director.



If you would like to participate in a bigger capacity or would like

to nominate someone for a position, please notify Wendy Hodges with full contact information.

Please include the nominee's name, mailing address, phone number(s), and email address.

Send the information to: Wendy Hodges, wendy@hornedlizards.org.

org, Texas Natural Science Center, 10100 N. Burnet Road, PRC 176/R4000, Austin, TX, 78758. (For additional information about the positions, please send Wendy an email.)



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