

# THE HORNED LIZARD'S HOMECOMING

## Reintroducing the Horned Lizard to the Texas Hill Country

*Sponsored by The Friends of the Fredericksburg Nature Center*

**Saturday, September 21, 2024 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Fredricksburg AgriLife Extension Office**

**38 Business Court, Fredericksburg, Texas**



Did you know that the Texas Horned Lizard, also known as a horny toad, is the official state reptile of Texas and was once found in large numbers throughout the state? Everyone loves horny toads, but for many Texans the fierce-looking yet good-natured reptile is only a fond childhood memory. Currently, the Texas Horned Lizard is listed as a threatened species, but thanks to the efforts of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and other interested organizations, this beloved reptile is being reintroduced in areas across the state where it has disappeared in recent years. But we need YOU to help in this conservation effort! To learn more about the plight of the horny toad and find out what you can do to ensure the return of this beloved reptile to the Texas Hill Country, make plans to attend this one-hour presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Fredericksburg Nature Center. [RSVP to Gracie at gwaggener@flow-apps.com](mailto:gwaggener@flow-apps.com). This presentation has been approved for one hour of Texas Master Naturalist advanced training credit.



Guest speaker Nathan Rains is a Regional Wildlife Diversity Biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He obtained a B.S. degree in Wildlife Biology in 1994 from Texas A&M University, and an M.S. degree in Wildlife Biology in 1998 from Louisiana State University. Upon graduation, Nathan began his employment with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as a Wildlife Biologist. From 2000 to 2008, he worked as a Private Lands Biologist with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and from 2008 to present he has served as a TPWD Regional Wildlife Diversity Biologist, working primarily with threatened and endangered species as well as species of greatest conservation need. Rains also specializes in research and conservation of reptiles.