

LOUISIANA MASTER NATURALISTS

THE MANY WAYS TO MAKE SAVING THE
COAST A PERSONAL IMPERATIVE

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MANY STATES IN THE U.S. HAVE
PROGRAMS

IN LOUISIANA, IT ALL BEGAN IN 2010

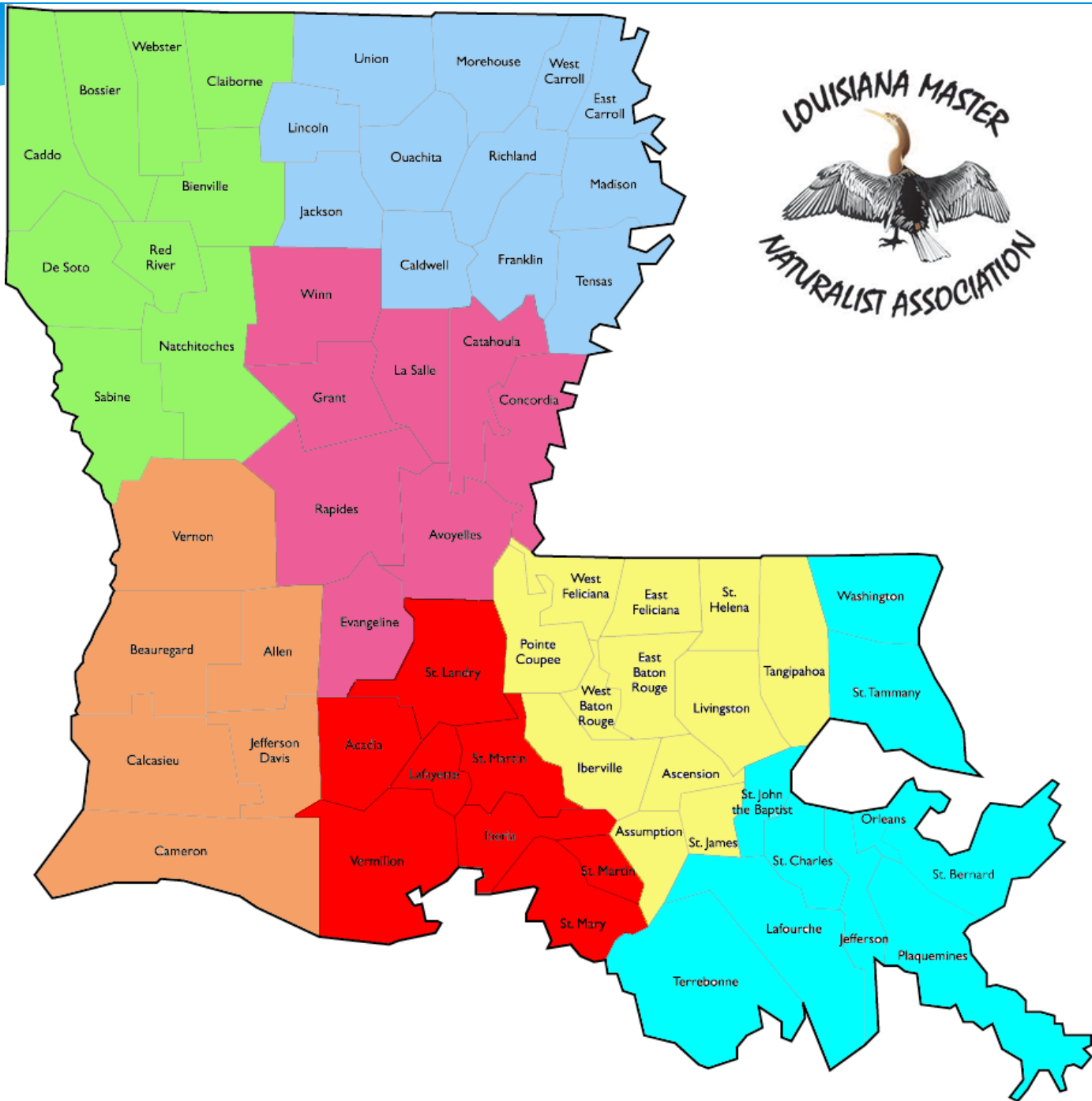
- * FIRST, A STATEWIDE STEERING COMMITTEE
- * LMN GREATER NEW ORLEANS – 2012
- * THEN THE CASCADE BEGAN
- * LOUISIANAMASTERNATURALIST.ORG – STATE WEBSITE
- * All 501(c)(3) organizations



Names

- * Louisiana Master Naturalists Association
- * Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans
- * Louisiana Master Naturalists of Acadiana
- * Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge
- * Louisiana Master Naturalists Northwest
- * Louisiana Master Naturalists Southwest
- * Louisiana Master Naturalists Northeast
- * Louisiana Master Naturalists Cenla





PURPOSES

- * To stimulate interest in the natural history of Louisiana
- * To further natural history training and understanding of the natural world
- * To enable citizens to make informed decisions
- * To make people marvel about “naturally Louisiana”
- * To provide a gathering place for like-minded people
- * To provide a break from our fast-paced lives and technology
- * To promote conservation and preservation of our natural world



COMMONALITIES

- * Have a state board
- * Certification
- * Training workshops
- * Annual volunteer hours required
- * Continuing education required
- * Annual dues
- * A non-activist organization
- * Websites with chapter and LMNA information
- * Focus on natural history of Louisiana
- * Rendezvous – annual field meet



EACH CHAPTER FASHIONS ITS AGENDA

- * One or two workshop courses per year
- * Acadiana has a workshop series focused on birds
- * All focus on natural history of their region of the state
- * GNO is implementing a graduated certification program
- * Southwest has an excellent newsletter
- * Some members have trained in more than one chapter









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