



MEMORIES OF THE TUSH HOG – HOWARD PEACOCK

My first memory of Howard was when he brought a group from a Houston museum to the Big Thicket Museum in the early 1970s. From 1969 to 1994, BTA maintained a building in Saratoga with exhibits of Big Thicket natural and cultural history [now a BTNP Field Research Station]. Museum volunteers had collected Thicket flora mounted on herbarium paper, and we wanted to use some in exhibits and create folders of orders / species / genera with some protection for handling. They suggested a laminator and soon Howard delivered that with the compliments of the group.

Howard began service on the BTA board of directors in 1972 and later served on the Advisory Board until his death. The Preserve Superintendent asked me to reorganize the association; after a poll of members, we reorganized.]

In 1974, Howard organized and presented Contemporary Science Seminars focusing on Big Thicket for the Houston Museum of Natural Science in cooperation with the University of Houston Continuing Education and the BTA. He has spoken eloquently for the Thicket on such TV programs as “Texas Country Roads,” “Ray Miller’s Texas,” and the national PBS hit “Wildflowers,” hosted by Helen Hayes.

Howard served as president of the Big Thicket Association in 1975-76 and chaired the Arid Sandylands Committee that worked with Arthur Temple of Temple-Eastex to establish the Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary. During his tenure as President, he led a “timber watch” on timber harvests and spite-cutting in areas authorized for protection in PL 93-439.

Probably his greatest contribution was his books and publications in numerous magazines including *Texas Highways* that encouraged support for protecting the Thicket and interpreted eloquently its quintessential beauty and diversity. (see following list of titles from Lamar University Library catalog online.)

His career included service at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, University of Houston Law School, Lamar University, and BigThicket Gardens in Woodville, but his works always included free-lance writing for numerous publications.

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#4 **QH105.T4 P43 1994** **1994**



Nature lover's guide to the Big Thicket *1st ed.*
Peacock, Howard H., 1925-

#5 **QH105.T4 N38 1990** **1990**



The Nature of Texas : a feast of native beauty from Texas highways magazine *1st ed.*
Peacock, Howard H., 1925-

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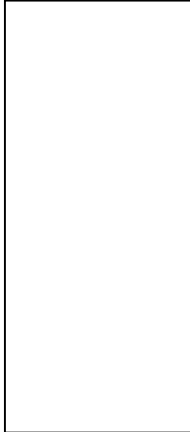
The Big Thicket of Texas : America's ecological wonder *1st ed.*
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The Big Thicket participant's handbook for the Contemporary Science Seminar, fall 1975
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