Using PollardBase

PollardBase is the data management system we use to record and submit our monitoring data. The PollardBase website is pollardbase.org, and it will be an important resource for all of our monitors.

Creating an account in PollardBase

- Go to pollardbase.org and click on "create a new account"

- Choose your username and create your account

- You will receive an email with a temporary link to create a password

- Once you have sent me your chosen route (or requested that a route be assigned to you!), you will be able to select that route as your favorite so that it will show up on the top of the Texas Butterfly Monitoring Network Page when you log in.

Entering Data

- Once you have a favorite route, you can select "Report Survey Results" underneath the route name and fill in the information from your data sheet. The data sheet has most of the same fields as the PollardBase data system, so it should be easy to enter in the data from your written data sheet.

- You will enter the butterflies one species at a time from a dropdown menu. This dropdown menu includes all the butterflies we expect monitors to see (plus some strays we might find in the area). It also includes likely "unknowns" such as "unknown sulfur" and unknown skippers of various varieties. If you see a butterfly that isn't on the list yet, please email butterflymonitorstx@gmail.com so that it can be added!

- There are many butterflies in the drop-down menu, so you can use the keyboard combination control + f to find various species. They are alphabetized by common name. In most cases the common name is the name used on the Butterflies and Moths of North America website (https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/).

Feel free to send a copy of your data sheet to butterflymonitorstx@gmail.com or to submit the sheet directly to your local TBMN Chapter Lead!