

APPENDIX C – WILDLIFE DOCUMENTS

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Project Name: Lake Ray Roberts Master Plan Revision

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Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, which may occur within the boundary of your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under section 7(a)(1) of the Act, Federal agencies are directed to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Under and 7(a)(2) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 et seq.), Federal agencies are required to determine whether their actions may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat. A Federal action is an activity or program authorized, funded, or carried out, in whole or in part, by a Federal agency (50 CFR 402.02).

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For Federal actions other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation (similar to a Biological Assessment) be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

After evaluating the potential effects of a proposed action on federally listed species, one of the following determinations should be made by the Federal agency:

1. *No effect* - the appropriate determination when a project, as proposed, is anticipated to have no effects to listed species or critical habitat. A "no effect" determination does not require section 7 consultation and no coordination or contact with the Service is necessary. However, the action agency should maintain a complete record of their evaluation, including the steps leading to the determination of affect, the qualified personnel conducting the evaluation, habitat conditions, site photographs, and any other related information.
2. *May affect, but is not likely to adversely affect* - the appropriate determination when a proposed action's anticipated effects to listed species or critical habitat are insignificant, discountable, or completely beneficial. Insignificant effects relate to the size of the impact and should never reach the scale where "take" of a listed species occurs. Discountable effects are those extremely unlikely to occur. Based on best judgment, a person would not be able to meaningfully measure, detect, or evaluate insignificant effects, or expect discountable effects to occur. This determination requires written concurrence from the Service. A biological evaluation or other supporting information justifying this determination should be submitted with a request for written concurrence.
3. *May affect, is likely to adversely affect* - the appropriate determination if any adverse effect to listed species or critical habitat may occur as a consequence of the proposed action, and the effect is not discountable or insignificant. This determination requires formal section 7 consultation.

The Service has performed up-front analysis for certain project types and species in your project area. These analyses have been compiled into *determination keys*, which allows an action agency, or its designated non-federal representative, to initiate a streamlined process for determining a proposed project's potential effects on federally listed species. The determination keys can be accessed through IPaC.

The Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species, and proposed critical habitat be addressed should consultation be necessary. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/service/section-7-consultations>

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (<https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/bald-and-golden-eagle-management>). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (<https://www.fws.gov/media/land-based-wind-energy-guidelines>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/recommended-best-practices-communication-tower-design-siting-construction-operation>. For additional information concerning migratory birds and eagle conservation plans, please contact the Service's Migratory Bird Office at 505-248-7882.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
 - USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
 - Migratory Birds
 - Wetlands
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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

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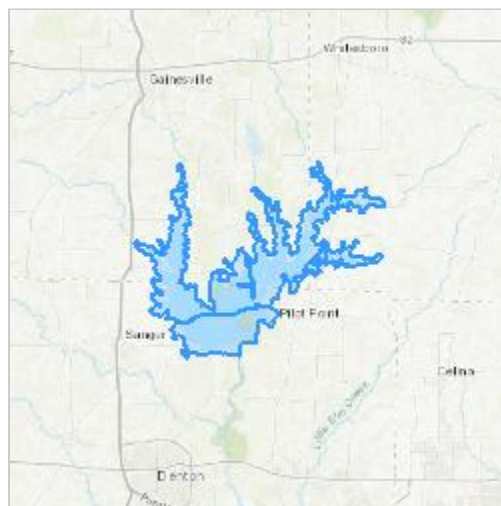
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Project Summary

Project Code: 2022-0035484
Event Code: None
Project Name: Lake Ray Roberts Master Plan Revision
Project Type: Land Management Plans - NWR
Project Description: The Ray Roberts Master Plan (Cooke, Denton, and Grayson Counties, Texas) is the long-term strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all the project's recreational, natural, and cultural resources within the federal fee boundary. Under the guidance of ER-1130-2-550 Change 7, the Plan guides the efficient and cost-effective development, management, and use of project lands. It is a dynamic tool that provides for the responsible stewardship and sustainability of the project's resources for the benefit of present and future generations. The Plan works in tandem with the Operational Management Plan (OMP), which is the implementation tool for the resource objectives and development needs identified in the Master Plan. The Master Plan guides and articulates the USACE responsibilities pursuant to federal laws. Efforts are under way to revise the current Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan revision will update land classifications, plan for the modernization of existing parks, and inform the management of wildlife and other resource lands within USACE managed property at Lake Ray Roberts for the next 25 years.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@33.371487000879114,-97.05866842852151,14z>



Counties: Cooke, Denton and Grayson counties, Texas

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 4 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 2 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Birds

| NAME | STATUS |
|--|------------|
| Piping Plover <i>Charadrius melodus</i> Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered. There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wind Energy Projects Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039 | Threatened |
| Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wind Energy Projects Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864 | Threatened |
| Whooping Crane <i>Grus americana</i> Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758 | Endangered |

Insects

| NAME | STATUS |
|--|-----------|
| Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743 | Candidate |

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

USFWS National Wildlife Refuge Lands And Fish Hatcheries

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

Migratory Birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act¹ and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act².

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described [below](#).

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1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
 2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

The birds listed below are birds of particular concern either because they occur on the [USFWS Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) list or warrant special attention in your project location. To learn more about the levels of concern for birds on your list and how this list is generated, see the FAQ [below](#). This is not a list of every bird you may find in this location, nor a guarantee that every bird on this list will be found in your project area. To see exact locations of where birders and the general public have sighted birds in and around your project area, visit the [E-bird data mapping tool](#) (Tip: enter your location, desired date range and a species on your list). For projects that occur off the Atlantic Coast, additional maps and models detailing the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species on your list are available. Links to additional information about Atlantic Coast birds, and other important information about your migratory bird list, including how to properly interpret and use your migratory bird report, can be found [below](#).

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, click on the PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY at the top of your list to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

| NAME | BREEDING SEASON |
|--|------------------------|
| American Golden-plover <i>Pluvialis dominica</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. | Breeds elsewhere |
| Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626 | Breeds Sep 1 to Jul 31 |

| NAME | BREEDING SEASON |
|--|-------------------------|
| Lesser Yellowlegs <i>Tringa flavipes</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679 | Breeds elsewhere |
| Prothonotary Warbler <i>Protonotaria citrea</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. | Breeds Apr 1 to Jul 31 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. | Breeds May 10 to Sep 10 |
| Sprague's Pipit <i>Anthus spragueii</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8964 | Breeds elsewhere |

Probability Of Presence Summary

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read and understand the FAQ "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

Probability of Presence (■)

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. (A year is represented as 12 4-week months.) A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort (see below) can be used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score. One can have higher confidence in the presence score if the corresponding survey effort is also high.

How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:

1. The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.
2. To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is $0.25/0.25 = 1$; at week 20 it is $0.05/0.25 = 0.2$.

3. The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

Breeding Season (■)

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

Survey Effort (|)

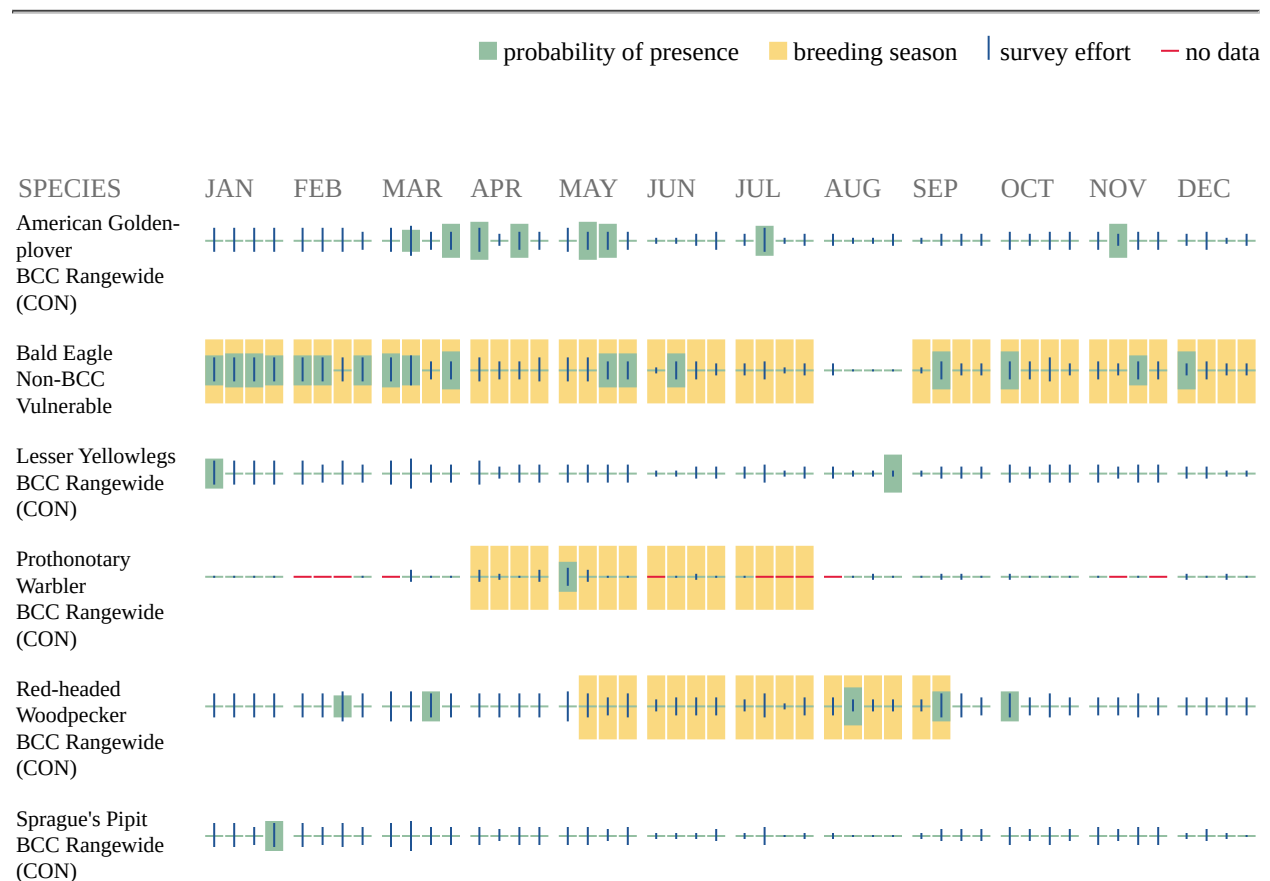
Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps. The number of surveys is expressed as a range, for example, 33 to 64 surveys.

No Data (—)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.



Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-birds/species>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incidental-take-migratory-birds>
- Nationwide conservation measures for birds <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf>

Migratory Birds FAQ

Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.

[Nationwide Conservation Measures](#) describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation of these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is a very helpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. [Additional measures](#) or [permits](#) may be advisable depending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFWS [Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects, and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a BCC species in that area, an eagle ([Eagle Act](#) requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area, please visit the [AKN Phenology Tool](#).

What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). This data is derived from a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#).

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and

how to interpret them, go the Probability of Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering, migrating or present year-round in my project area?

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may refer to the following resources: [The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Bird Guide](#), or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology Neotropical Birds guide](#). If a bird on your migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it, if that bird does occur in your project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are [Birds of Conservation Concern](#) (BCC) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA (including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);
2. "BCC - BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA; and
3. "Non-BCC - Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the [Eagle Act](#) requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts and requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#). The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the [NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf](#) project webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the [Diving Bird Study](#) and the [nanotag studies](#) or contact [Caleb Spiegel](#) or [Pam Loring](#).

What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to [obtain a permit](#) to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ "What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location". Please be aware this report provides the "probability of presence" of birds within the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or no data bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is not perfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in your project area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The list helps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about conservation measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds" at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

Wetlands

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

THERE ARE NO WETLANDS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

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| CROSS TIMBERS SPECIES OF GREATEST CONSERVATION NEED | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|---------|---|--|---|
| Scientific Name | Common Name | Status | | Abundance Ranking | | General Habitat Type(s) in Texas These are VERY broad habitat types as a starting place State of the practice resources are listed in each taxa line for more detailed information W.B. Davis and D.J. Schmidly. 1997 and 1994. Mammals of Texas (online and in print). Texas Tech University (1997) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (1994). http://www.nsrll.ttu.edu/tmot1/Default.htm (accessed 2011) | Other Notes | Endemic in Texas |
| | | Federal | State | Global | State | | | |
| MAMMALS | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Conepatus leuconotus</i> | Hog-nosed skunk | | | G5 | S4 | Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Barren/Sparse Vegetation, | | N |
| <i>Dipodomys elator</i> | Texas kangaroo rat | | T | G1G2 | S2 | Shrubland, Agricultural | status in review | Y |
| <i>Lutra canadensis</i> | River otter | | | G5 | S4 | Riparian | Appendix II, CITES | N |
| <i>Mustela frenata</i> | Long-tailed weasel | | | G5 | S5 | Forest, Woodland, Desert Scrub, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Statewide | N |
| <i>Myotis velifer</i> | Cave myotis | | | G5 | S4 | Caves/Karst, | | N |
| <i>Neovison vison</i> | Mink | | | G5 | S4 | Riparian, Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland | | N |
| <i>Puma concolor</i> | Mountain lion | | | G5 | S2 | Forest, Woodland, Desert Scrub, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Riparian | Statewide | N |
| <i>Spilogale putorius</i> | Eastern spotted skunk | | | G4T | S4 | Savanna/Open Woodland, Grassland | | N |
| <i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i> | Swamp rabbit | | | G5 | S5 | Riparian, Freshwater Wetland | | N |
| <i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i> | Brazilian free-tailed bat | | | G5 | S5 | Cave/Karst, Artificial Refugia | Statewide | N |
| <i>Taxidea taxus</i> | American badger | | | G5 | S5 | Grassland, Desert scrub, Woodland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Forest | | N |
| BIRDS | | | | | | The Birds of North America Online (A. Poole, Ed.). 2005 (with current updates by species). Retrieved from The Birds of North America Online database: http://bna.birds.cornell.edu/BNA/ (accessed 2011). Supported by information from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the American Ornithologists' Union (http://www.aou.org/). | | BIRDS ONLY: instead of endemism these numbers are for taxonomic sorting |
| <i>Anas acuta</i> | Northern Pintail | | | G5 | S3B,S5N | Lacustrine, freshwater wetland, saltwater wetland, coastal, marine | Winter | 2 |
| <i>Colinus virginianus</i> | Northern Bobwhite | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | deleted for CHIH | 4 |
| <i>Tympanuchus cupido</i> | Greater Prairie-Chicken (Interior) | | | G4 | S1B | Grassland | Year-round | 6 |
| <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> | Wild Turkey | | | G5 | S5B | Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Agricultural | Year-round, added <i>merriami</i> for CHIH | 8 |
| <i>Egretta thula</i> | Snowy Egret | | | G5 | S5B | Riparian, Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland, Estuary, Coastal, Cultural Aquatic | Breeding | 12 |
| <i>Egretta caerulea</i> | Little Blue Heron | | | G5 | S5B | Riparian, Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland, Estuary, Coastal, Cultural Aquatic | Breeding | 13 |
| <i>Butorides virescens</i> | Green Heron | | | G5 | S5B | Riparian, Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Cultural Aquatic | Breeding | 16 |
| <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i> | Mississippi Kite | | | G5 | S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed:Urban/Suburban/Rural | Breeding | 20 |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | Bald Eagle | | | G5 | S3B,S3N | Riparian, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland | Year-round, added CRTB | 22 |
| <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | Northern Harrier | | | G5 | S2B,S3N | Grassland, Shrubland | Year-round | 23 |
| <i>Buteo lineatus</i> | Red-shouldered Hawk | | | G5 | S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Freshwater Wetland | Year-round | 26 |
| <i>Buteo swainsoni</i> | Swainson's Hawk | | | G5 | S4B | Desert Scrub, Grassland, Shrubland | Breeding | 28 |
| <i>Pluvialis dominica</i> | American Golden-Plover | | | G5 | S3 | Grassland, Freshwater Wetland, Agricultural | Migrant | 39 |
| <i>Sternula antillarum</i> | Least Tern | LE* | E* | G4 | S3B | Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland, Estuary, Coastal, Marine, Developed: Industrial | Year-round; subspecies <i>athalassos</i> | 54 |
| <i>Athene cunicularia</i> | Burrowing Owl | | | G4 | S3B | Desert Scrub, Grassland, Shrubland, Agricultural, Developed | Year-round | 63 |
| <i>Asio flammeus</i> | Short-eared Owl | | | G5 | S4N | Grassland, Shrubland, Agricultural | Winter | 65 |
| <i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i> | Chuck-will's-widow | | | G5 | S3S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian | Breeding | 66 |
| <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i> | Red-headed Woodpecker | | | G5 | S3B | Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Year-round | 67 |
| <i>Tyrannus forficatus</i> | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | | | G5 | S3B | Desert Scrub, Grassland, Shrubland, Agricultural, Developed | Breeding | 71 |
| <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> | Loggerhead Shrike | | | G4 | S4B | Desert Scrub, Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Agricultural, Developed | Year-round | 73 |
| <i>Vireo bellii</i> | Bell's Vireo | | | G5 | S3B | Desert scrub, Shrubland, Riparian | Breeding | 74 |
| <i>Vireo atricapilla</i> | Black-capped Vireo | LE | E | G3 | S2B | Shrubland | Breeding | 75 |
| <i>Poecile carolinensis</i> | Carolina Chickadee | | | G5 | S5B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Year-round | 76 |
| <i>Anthus spragueii</i> | Sprague's Pipit | C | | G4 | S3N | Barren/Sparse Vegetation, Grassland, Shrubland, Agricultural | Winter | 80 |
| <i>Dendroica chrysoparia</i> * | Golden-cheeked Warbler | LE | E | G2 | S2B | Woodland | Breeding; *taxonomic change likely to <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> | 83 |
| <i>Aimophila cassinii</i> | Cassin's Sparrow | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland, Shrubland | Breeding | 92 |
| <i>Aimophila ruficeps</i> | Rufous-crowned Sparrow | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland | Year-round | 95 |
| <i>Spizella pusilla</i> | Field Sparrow | | | G5 | S5B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Year-round | 96 |
| <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> | Grasshopper Sparrow | | | G5 | S3B | Grassland, Agricultural | Year-round | 97 |
| <i>Chondestes grammacus</i> | Lark Sparrow | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Year-round | 98 |
| <i>Ammodramus leconteii</i> | Le Conte's Sparrow | | | | | Grassland | Winter | 101 |
| <i>Zonotrichia querula</i> | Harris's Sparrow | | | G5 | S4 | Shrubland, Agricultural | Winter | 103 |
| <i>Calcarius mccownii</i> | McCown's Longspur | | | G4 | S4 | Grassland, Agricultural | Winter, TBPR (northern), ECPL (northern) | 104 |
| <i>Piranga rubra</i> | Summer Tanager | | | G5 | S5B | Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Breeding | 106 |
| <i>Passerina ciris</i> | Painted Bunting | | | G5 | S4B | Shrubland, Agricultural | Breeding | 107 |
| <i>Spiza americana</i> | Dickcissel | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland, Agricultural | Breeding | 108 |
| <i>Sturnella magna</i> | Eastern Meadowlark | | | G5 | S5B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Year-round; subspecies <i>lilliana</i> added for CHIH | 109 |
| <i>Icterus spurius</i> | Orchard Oriole | | | G5 | S4B | Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Riparian | Breeding | 111 |
| REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS | | | | | | J.E. Werler and J.R. Dixon. 2000. Texas Snakes: Identification, Distribution, and Natural History. University of Texas Press, Austin. 519 pgs. J.R. Dixon. 1987. Amphibians and Reptiles of Texas. Texas A&M University Press, College Station. 434 pp. | | |
| <i>Anaxyrus (Bufo) woodhousii</i> | Woodhouse's toad | | | G5 | SU | woodland, forest, freshwater wetland | | N |
| <i>Apalone mutica</i> | smooth softshell turtle | | | | | riparian, riverine, lacustrine, freshwater wetland | added | N |
| <i>Cheylydra serpentina</i> | Common snapping turtle | | | | | riparina, riverine | added | N |

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| <i>Crotalus atrox</i> | Western diamondback rattlesnake | | | | S4 | barren/sparse vegetation, desert scrub, grassland, shrubland, savanna, woodland, caves/karst | | N |
| <i>Crotalus horridus</i> | Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake | | T | G4 | S4 | woodland, forest, riparian | | N |
| <i>Eurycea chisolmensis</i> | Salado Springs salamander | C | | G1 | S1 | freshwater wetland (springs) | | Y |
| <i>Eurycea naufragia</i> | Georgetown Salamander | C | | G1 | S1 | caves and karst, freshwater wetland (springs) | | Y |
| <i>Graptemys versa</i> | Texas map turtle | | | G4 | SU | riparian, riverine | | Y |
| <i>Heterodon nasicus</i> | Western hognosed snake | | | | | desert scrub, grassland, shrubland | added | N |
| <i>Macrochelys temminckii</i> | alligator snapping turtle | | T | G3G4 | S3 | riparian, riverine, cultural aquatic | added | N |
| <i>Nerodia harteri</i> | Brazos Water Snake | | T | | S1 | riparian, riverine, cultural aquatic | | Y |
| <i>Phrynosoma cornutum</i> | Texas horned lizard | | T | G4G5 | S4 | desert scrub, grassland, savanna | | N |
| <i>Pseudacris streckeri</i> | Strecker's Chorus Frog | | | G5 | S3 | grassland, savanna, woodland, riparian, cultural aquatic, freshwater wetland | | N |
| <i>Sistrurus catenatus</i> | massasauga | | | | | grassland, barren/sparse vegetation, shrubland, coastal, | added | N |
| <i>Terrapene ornata</i> | Ornate box turtle | | | G5 | S3 | grassland, barren/sparse vegetation, deset scrub, savanna, woodland | | N |
| <i>Thamnophis sirtalis annectans</i> | Texas Garter Snake (Eastern Texas/New Mexico) | | | G5 | S2 | riparian, around lacustrine and cultural aquatic sites | | Y |
| <i>Trachemys scripta</i> | Red-eared slider | | | | | riparian, riverine, lacustrine, freshwater wetland, cultural aquatic | added | N |
| FRESHWATER FISHES | | | | | | C. Thomas, T.H. Bonner and B.G. Whiteside. 2007. Freshwater Fishes of Texas: A Field Guide. Sponsored by The River Systems Institute at Texas State University, published by Texas A&M University Press. <i>Editor's Note: All freshwater fishes life history information in this table was sourced directly from the online version; citations are embedded in the online version at http://www.bio.txstate.edu/~tbonner/txfishes/</i> | Range in Texas, as known | |
| <i>Anguilla rostrata</i> | American eel | | | G4 | S5 | streams and reservoirs in drainages connected to marine environments | mouth upstream to and including the Kiamichi River), Sabine Lake (including minor | N |
| <i>Cycleptus elongatus</i> | Blue sucker | | T | G3G4 | S3 | large, deep rivers, and deeper zones of lakes | (including minor coastal drainages west to Galveston Bay), Galveston Bay (including | N |
| <i>Hiodon alosoides</i> | Goldeye | | | | | large lakes; backwaters | Red River | N |
| <i>Ictalurus lupus</i> | Headwater catfish | | | G3 | S2 | clear streams and rivers with moderate gradients, deep spring runs | Guadalupe, and Colorado basins, but appears to be extirpated from these systems | N |
| <i>Macryhbopsis storeriana</i> | Silver chub | | | | | common over silt or mud, turbid water with very soft sand/silt substrate | other populations of this species, which range through the Mississippi River Basin to | N |
| <i>Micropterus treculii</i> | Guadalupe bass | | | G3 | S3 | small lentic environments; commonly taken in flowing water | of the Brazos, Colorado, Guadalupe, and San Antonio basins; species also found outside | Y |
| <i>Notropis bairdi</i> | Red River shiner | | | | | streambeds with widely fluctuating flows subject to high summer temperatures, high rates of evaporation, | Red River, from the mouth upstream to and including the Kiamichi River | N |
| <i>Notropis oxyrhynchus</i> | Sharpnose shiner | C | | G3 | S3 | Moderate current velocities and depths, sand bottom | captured into the Red River drainage; introduced in Colorado River drainage | Y |
| <i>Notropis potteri</i> | Chub shiner | | T | G4 | S3 | turbid, flowing water with silt or sand substrate; tolerant of high salinities | Brazos River, Colorado River, San Jacinto River, Trinity Rivers, and Galveston Bay | N |
| <i>Polyodon spathula</i> | Paddlefish | | T | G4 | S3 | sized rivers, sluggish pools, backwaters, bayous, and oxbows with abundant zooplankton; large reservoirs if | eastward; currently only Red River, from the mouth upstream to and including the | N |
| INVERTEBRATES | | | | | | www.bugguide.net – good tool for identification and taxonomic information. www.texasento.net – compilation of information on insects in Texas www.odonatacentral.org – resource for identification and distribution of damselflies and dragonflies www.butterfliesandmoths.org – resource for identification and distribution of Lepidoptera www.texasmussels.wordpress.com – resource for information on freshwater mussels in Texas Howells, R. G., R. W. Neck and H. D. Murray. 1996. Freshwater Mussels of Texas. Texas Parks and Wildlife Press, Austin | | <i>Editor's Note: Most karst invertebrates are likely endemic</i> |
| <i>Amblycorypha uhleri</i> | A katydid | | | G2G3* | S2?* | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial - Insects - Grasshoppers | |
| <i>Arethaea ambulator</i> | A katydid | | | G2G3* | S2?* | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial - Insects - Grasshoppers | |
| <i>Bombus pensylvanicus</i> | American bumblebee | | | GU | SU* | Grassland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial - Insect - Bee/Wasp/Ant | |
| <i>Pleurobema riddellii</i> | Louisiana pigtoe | | T | G1G2 | S1 | Riverine | Aquatic - Freshwater - Mollusks; new state rank and threatened state status | |
| <i>Pogonomyrmex comanche</i> | Comanche harvester ant | | | G2G3* | S2* | Barren/Sparse Vegetation | Terrestrial - Insect - Bee/Wasp/Ant; ecoregions added | |
| <i>Potamilus amphichaenus</i> | Texas heelsplitter | | T | G1G2 | S1 | Riverine | Aquatic - Freshwater - Mollusks; new state rank and threatened state status | |
| <i>Quadrula aurea</i> | Golden orb | | T | G1 | S2* | Riverine | Aquatic - Freshwater - Mollusks; new state rank and threatened state status | Y |
| <i>Quadrula houstonensis</i> | Smooth pimpleback | | T | G2 | S1S2* | Riverine | Aquatic - Freshwater - Mollusks; new state rank and threatened state status | Y |
| <i>Quadrula mitchelli</i> | False Spike | | T | GH | SH | Riverine | Aquatic - Freshwater - Mollusks; new state rank and threatened state status | |
| <i>Taeniopteryx starki</i> | Texas willowfly | | | G1 | S1 | Riparian, Riverine | Aquatic - Insects - Stoneflies | |
| <i>Truncilla macrodon</i> | Texas fawnsfoot | | T | G2Q | S1* | Riverine | Aquatic - Freshwater - Mollusks; new state rank and threatened state status | Y |
| PLANTS | | | | | | J.M. Poole, W.R. Carr, D.M. Price and J.R. Singhurst. 2007. Rare Plants of Texas. Texas A&M University Press, College Station. D.S. Correll and M.C Johnston. 1979. Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas. The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson. M.C. Johnston. 1990. The Vascular Plants of Texas: A List Up-dating the Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas, 2nd Edition. Marshall C. Johnston, Austin. F.W. Gould. 1975. The Grasses of Texas. Texas A & M University Press, College Station. S.D. Jones, J.K. Wipff, and P.M. Montgomery. 1997. Vascular Plants of Texas: A Comprehensive Checklist including Synonymy; Bibliography, and Index. University of Texas Press, Austin. R.A. Vines. 2004. Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southwest. Blackburn Press. | | |
| <i>Agalinis auriculata</i> | earleaf false foxglove | | | G3 | SH | Savanna/Open Woodland; Grrassland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Agalinis densiflora</i> | Osage Plains false foxglove | | | G3 | S2 | Savanna/Open Woodland - Outcrops | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Argythamnia aphoroides</i> | Hill Country wild-mercury | | | G2G3 | S2S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Carex edwardsiana</i> | canyon sedge | | | G3G4S3S4 | S3S4 | Woodland (slopes above Riparian) | Wetland | Y |
| <i>Carex shinnerei</i> | Shinner's sedge | | | G3? | S2 | Grassland | Wetland | N |
| <i>Clematis texensis</i> | scarlet leather-flower | | | G3G4 | S3S4 | Woodland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Croton alabamensis</i> var. <i>texensis</i> | Texabama croton | | | G3T2 | S2 | Woodland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Cuscuta exaltata</i> | tree dodder | | | G3 | S3 | Woodland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Dalea reverchonii</i> | Comanche Peak prairie-clover | | | G2 | S2 | Savanna/Open Woodland; Grassland | Terrestrial | Y |

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| <i>Echinacea atrorubens</i> | Topeka purple-coneflower | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | N |
| <i>Festuca versuta</i> | Texas fescue | | | G3 | S3 | Woodland | Terrestrial | | N |
| <i>Gaura triangulata</i> | prairie butterfly-weed | | | G3G4 | S3 | Grassland | Terrestrial | | N |
| <i>Hexalectris nitida</i> | Glass Mountains coral-root | | | G3 | S3 | Woodland | Terrestrial | | N |
| <i>Ipomoea shumardiana</i> | Shumard's morning glory | | | G2G3 | S1 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | N |
| <i>Liatis glandulosa</i> | glandular gay-feather | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | Y |
| <i>Oenothera coryi</i> | Cory's Evening-primrose | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | Y |
| <i>Pediomelum cyphocalyx</i> | turnip-root scurfpea | | | G3G4 | S3S4 | Grassland | Terrestrial | | Y |
| <i>Pediomelum reverchonii</i> | Reverchon's curfpea | | | G3 | S3 | Grassland | Terrestrial | | N |
| <i>Physaria engelmannii</i> | Engelmann's bladderpod | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | Y |
| <i>Prunus minutiflora</i> | Texas almond | | | G3G4 | S3S4 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | N |
| <i>Schoenoplectus hallii</i> | Hall's baby bulrush | | | G2G3 | S1 | Freshwater Wetland (ponds) | Wetland | | N |
| <i>Senecio quaylei</i> | Quayle's butterweed | | | G1Q | S1 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | Y |
| <i>Styrax platanifolius</i> subsp. <i>platanifolius</i> | sycamore-leaf snowbell | | | G3T3 | S3 | Woodland | Terrestrial | | Y |
| <i>Valerianella stenocarpa</i> | bigflower cornsalad | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | Y |
| <i>Yucca necopina</i> | Glen Rose yucca | | | G1G2 | S1S2 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | | Y |

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| MAMMALS | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Blarina hylophaga plumblea</i> | Elliot's short-tailed shrew | | | G5T1Q | S1 | Savanna/Open Woodland | | N |
| <i>Geomys attwateri</i> | Attwater's pocket gopher | | | G4 | S4 | Shrubland | | Y |
| <i>Lutra canadensis</i> | River otter | | | G5 | S4 | Riparian | Appendix II, CITES | N |
| <i>Mustela frenata</i> | Long-tailed weasel | | | G5 | S5 | Forest, Woodland, Desert Scrub, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Statewide | N |
| <i>Myotis austroriparius</i> | Southeastern myotis | | | G3G4 | S3 | Caves/Karst, Forest, Riparian | | N |
| <i>Myotis velifer</i> | Cave myotis | | | G5 | S4 | Caves/Karst, | | N |
| <i>Puma concolor</i> | Mountain lion | | | G5 | S2 | Forest, Woodland, Desert Scrub, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Riparian | Statewide | N |
| <i>Spilogale putorius</i> | Eastern spotted skunk | | | G4T | S4 | Savanna/Open Woodland, Grassland | | N |
| <i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i> | Swamp rabbit | | | G5 | S5 | Riparian, Freshwater Wetland | | N |
| <i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i> | Brazilian free-tailed bat | | | G5 | S5 | Cave/Karst, Artificial Refugia | Statewide | N |
| <i>Taxidea taxus</i> | American badger | | | G5 | S5 | Grassland, Desert scrub, Woodland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Forest | | N |
| <i>Ursus americanus</i> | Black bear | SAT | T | G5 | S3 | Forest, Woodland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Desert Scrub, Shrubland | see also Louisiana black bear; may overlap with Louisiana black bear in TBPR, ECPL | N |
| BIRDS | | | | | | The Birds of North America Online (A. Poole, Ed.). 2005 (with current updates by species). Retrieved from The Birds of North America Online database: http://bna.birds.cornell.edu/BNV/ (accessed 2011). Supported by information from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the American Ornithologists' Union (http://www.aou.org/). | | BIRDS ONLY: instead of endemism these numbers are for taxonomic sorting |
| <i>Anas acuta</i> | Northern Pintail | | | G5 | S3B,S5N | Lacustrine, freshwater wetland, saltwater wetland, coastal, marine | Winter | 2 |
| <i>Colinus virginianus</i> | Northern Bobwhite | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | deleted for CHIH | 4 |
| <i>Tympanuchus cupido</i> | Greater Prairie-Chicken (Interior) | | | G4 | S1B | Grassland | Year-round | 6 |
| <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> | Wild Turkey | | | G5 | S5B | Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Agricultural | Year-round, added <i>merriami</i> for CHIH | 8 |
| <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> | Least Bittern | | | G5 | S4B | Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland, Estuary | Breeding | 11 |
| <i>Egretta thula</i> | Snowy Egret | | | G5 | S5B | Riparian, Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland, Estuary, Coastal, Cultural Aquatic | Breeding | 12 |
| <i>Egretta caerulea</i> | Little Blue Heron | | | G5 | S5B | Riparian, Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland, Estuary, Coastal, Cultural Aquatic | Breeding | 13 |
| <i>Butorides virescens</i> | Green Heron | | | G5 | S5B | Riparian, Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Cultural Aquatic | Breeding | 16 |
| <i>Mycteria americana</i> | Wood Stork | | T | G4 | SHB,S2N | Riverine, Freshwater wetland | Migrant | 18 |
| <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i> | Mississippi Kite | | | G5 | S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed:Urban/Suburban/Rural | Breeding | 20 |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | Bald Eagle | | | G5 | S3B,S3N | Riparian, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland | Year-round, added CRTB | 22 |
| <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | Northern Harrier | | | G5 | S2B,S3N | Grassland, Shrubland | Year-round | 23 |
| <i>Buteo lineatus</i> | Red-shouldered Hawk | | | G5 | S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Freshwater Wetland | Year-round | 26 |
| <i>Pluvialis dominica</i> | American Golden-Plover | | | G5 | S3 | Grassland, Freshwater Wetland, Agricultural | Migrant | 39 |
| <i>Charadrius montanus</i> | Mountain Plover | PT | | G3 | S2 | Agricultural, Grassland | Winter | 43 |
| <i>Scolopax minor</i> | American Woodcock | | | G5 | S2B,S3N | Woodland, Forest, Riparian | Winter (some breeding during that time) | 51 |
| <i>Sternula antillarum</i> | Least Tern | LE* | E* | G4 | S3B | Riverine, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland, Saltwater Wetland, Estuary, Coastal, Marine, Developed: Industrial | Year-round; subspecies <i>athalassos</i> | 54 |
| <i>Asio flammeus</i> | Short-eared Owl | | | G5 | S4N | Grassland, Shrubland, Agricultural | Winter | 65 |
| <i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i> | Chuck-will's-widow | | | G5 | S3S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian | Breeding | 66 |
| <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i> | Red-headed Woodpecker | | | G5 | S3B | Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Year-round | 67 |
| <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i> | Pileated Woodpecker | | | G5 | S4B | Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Year-round | 69 |
| <i>Tyrannus forficatus</i> | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | | | G5 | S3B | Desert Scrub, Grassland, Shrubland, Agricultural, Developed | Breeding | 71 |
| <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> | Loggerhead Shrike | | | G4 | S4B | Desert Scrub, Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Agricultural, Developed | Year-round | 73 |
| <i>Vireo bellii</i> | Bell's Vireo | | | G5 | S3B | Desert scrub, Shrubland, Riparian | Breeding | 74 |
| <i>Poecile carolinensis</i> | Carolina Chickadee | | | G5 | S5B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Year-round | 76 |
| <i>Thryomanes bewickii (bewickii)</i> | Bewick's Wren | | | G5 | S5B | Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Year-round, red-backed form only | 77 |
| <i>Cistothorus platensis</i> | Sedge Wren | | | G5 | S4 | Grassland, Freshwater Wetland | Winter | 78 |
| <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i> | Wood Thrush | | | G5 | S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian | Breeding | 79 |
| <i>Anthus spragueii</i> | Sprague's Pipit | C | | G4 | S3N | Barren/Sparse Vegetation, Grassland, Shrubland, Agricultural | Winter | 80 |
| <i>Dendroica dominica</i> | Yellow-throated Warbler | | | G5 | S4B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian | Breeding | 84 |
| <i>Protonotaria citrea</i> | Prothonotary Warbler | | | G5 | S3B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland | Breeding | 86 |
| <i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i> | Swainson's Warbler | | | G4 | S3B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian | Breeding | 88 |
| <i>Seiurus motacilla</i> | Louisiana Waterthrush | | | G5 | S3B | Woodland, Forest, Riparian | Breeding | 89 |
| <i>Oporornis formosus</i> | Kentucky Warbler | | | G5 | S3B | Woodland, Forest | Breeding | 90 |
| <i>Spizella pusilla</i> | Field Sparrow | | | G5 | S5B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Year-round | 96 |
| <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> | Grasshopper Sparrow | | | G5 | S3B | Grassland, Agricultural | Year-round | 97 |
| <i>Chondestes grammacus</i> | Lark Sparrow | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Year-round | 98 |
| <i>Ammodramus henslowii</i> | Henslow's Sparrow | | | G4 | S2S3N,SXB | Grassland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Winter | 100 |
| <i>Ammodramus leconteii</i> | Le Conte's Sparrow | | | | | Grassland | Winter | 101 |
| <i>Zonotrichia querula</i> | Harris's Sparrow | | | G5 | S4 | Shrubland, Agricultural | Winter | 103 |
| <i>Calcarius mccownii</i> | McCown's Longspur | | | G4 | S4 | Grassland, Agricultural | Winter, TBPR (northern), ECPL (northern) | 104 |

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| <i>Calcarius pictus</i> | Smith's Longspur | | | | | Grassland, Agricultural | Winter | 105 |
| <i>Piranga rubra</i> | Summer Tanager | | | G5 | S5B | Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Developed: Urban/Suburban/Rural | Breeding | 106 |
| <i>Passerina ciris</i> | Painted Bunting | | | G5 | S4B | Shrubland, Agricultural | Breeding | 107 |
| <i>Spiza americana</i> | Dickcissel | | | G5 | S4B | Grassland, Agricultural | Breeding | 108 |
| <i>Sturnella magna</i> | Eastern Meadowlark | | | G5 | S5B | Grassland, Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Year-round; subspecies <i>lilliana</i> added for CHIH | 109 |
| <i>Euphagus carolinus</i> | Rusty Blackbird | | | G4 | S3 | Woodland, Forest, Riparian, Lacustrine, Freshwater Wetland | Winter | 110 |
| <i>Icterus spurius</i> | Orchard Oriole | | | G5 | S4B | Shrubland, Savanna/Open Woodland, Woodland, Riparian | Breeding | 111 |
| REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS | | | | | | J.E. Werler and J.R. Dixon. 2000. Texas Snakes: Identification, Distribution, and Natural History. University of Texas Press, Austin. 519 pgs. J.R. Dixon. 1987. Amphibians and Reptiles of Texas. Texas A&M University Press, College Station. 434 pp. | | |
| <i>Anaxyrus (Bufo) woodhousii</i> | Woodhouse's toad | | | G5 | SU | woodland, forest, freshwater wetland | | N |
| <i>Apalone mutica</i> | smooth softshell turtle | | | | | riparian, riverine, lacustrine, freshwater wetland | added | N |
| <i>Apalone spinifera</i> | spiny softshell turtle | | | | | riparian, riverine, lacustrine, freshwater wetland | added, not AZNM | N |
| <i>Cheyleydra serpentina</i> | Common snapping turtle | | | | | riparina, riverine | added | N |
| <i>Crotalus atrox</i> | Western diamondback rattlesnake | | | | S4 | barren/sparse vegetation, desert scrub, grassland, shrubland, savanna, woodland, caves/karst | | N |
| <i>Crotalus horridus</i> | Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake | | T | G4 | S4 | woodland, forest, riparian | | N |
| <i>Graptemys caglei</i> | Cagle's map turtle | | T | G3 | S1 | riparian, riverine | | Y |
| <i>Graptemys versa</i> | Texas map turtle | | | G4 | SU | riparian, riverine | | Y |
| <i>Heterodon nasicus</i> | Western hognosed snake | | | | | desert scrub, grassland, shrubland | added | N |
| <i>Macrochelys temminckii</i> | alligator snapping turtle | | T | G3G4 | S3 | riparian, riverine, cultural aquatic | added | N |
| <i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i> | western slender glass lizard | | | | | grassland, savanna | added | N |
| <i>Phrynosoma cornutum</i> | Texas horned lizard | | T | G4G5 | S4 | desert scrub, grassland, savanna | | N |
| <i>Pseudacris streckeri</i> | Strecker's Chorus Frog | | | G5 | S3 | grassland, savanna, woodland, riparian, cultural aquatic, freshwater wetland | | N |
| <i>Sistrurus catenatus</i> | massasauga | | | | | grassland, barren/sparse vegetation, shrubland, coastal, | added | N |
| <i>Terrapene carolina</i> | Eastern box turtle | | | G5 | S3 | grasslands, savanna, woodland | | N |
| <i>Terrapene ornata</i> | Ornate box turtle | | | G5 | S3 | grassland, barren/sparse vegetation, deset scrub, savanna, woodland | | N |
| <i>Thamnophis sirtalis annectans</i> | Texas Garter Snake (Eastern Texas/ New Mexico) | | | G5 | S2 | riparian, around lacustrine and cultural aquatic sites | | Y |
| <i>Trachemys scripta</i> | Red-eared slider | | | | | riparian, riverine, lacustrine, freshwater wetland, cultural aquatic | added | N |
| FRESHWATER FISHES | | | | | | C. Thomas, T.H. Bonner and B.G. Whiteside. 2007. Freshwater Fishes of Texas: A Field Guide. Sponsored by The River Systems Institute at Texas State University, published by Texas A&M University Press. <i>Editor's Note: All freshwater fishes life history information in this table was sourced directly from the online version; citations are embedded in the online version at http://www.bio.txstate.edu/~tbonner/txfishes/</i> | Range in Texas, as known | |
| <i>Anguilla rostrata</i> | American eel | | | G4 | S5 | streams and reservoirs in drainages connected to marine environments | mouth upstream to and including the Kiamichi River), Sabine Lake (including minor | N |
| <i>Atractosteus spatula</i> | alligator gar | | | | | channel snag, pool-snag complex, pool-edge, and pool-vegetation habitat | (including minor coastal drainages west to Galveston Bay), Galveston Bay (including | N |
| <i>Cycleptus elongatus</i> | Blue sucker | | T | G3G4 | S3 | large, deep rivers, and deeper zones of lakes | (including minor coastal drainages west to Galveston Bay), Galveston Bay (including | N |
| <i>Etheostoma fonticola</i> | Fountain darter | LE | E | G1 | S1 | usually in dense beds of <i>Vallisneria</i> , <i>Elodia</i> , <i>Ludwigia</i> and other aquatic plants; substrate normally mucky | Note: original population in the Comal River extirpated in mid-1950's when Comal Springs | Y |
| <i>Macryhbopsis storeriana</i> | Silver chub | | | | | common over silt or mud, turbid water with very soft sand/silt substrate | other populations of this species, which range through the Mississippi River Basin to | N |
| <i>Micropterus treculii</i> | Guadalupe bass | | | G3 | S3 | small lentic environments; commonly taken in flowing water | of the Brazos, Colorado, Guadalupe, and San Antonio basins; species also found outside of | Y |
| <i>Notropis atrocaudalis</i> | Blackspot shiner | | | | | backwater and swiftest currents | (including minor coastal drainages west to Galveston Bay), Galveston Bay (including | N |
| <i>Notropis bairdi</i> | Red River shiner | | | | | streambeds with widely fluctuating flows subject to high summer temperatures, high rates of evaporation, | Red River, from the mouth upstream to and including the Kiamichi River | N |
| <i>Notropis buccula</i> | Small eye shiner | C | | G2Q | S2 | broad condition tolerances (turbidity, salinity, oxygen). | Brazos River; historically as far south as Hempstead (Waller County) | Y |
| <i>Notropis chalybaeus</i> | Ironcolor shiner | | | | | Plain streams and rivers of low to moderate gradient; often at the upstream ends of pools, with a moderate to | (including minor coastal drainages west to Galveston Bay), San Antonio Bay (including | N |
| <i>Notropis oxyrhynchus</i> | Sharpnose shiner | C | | G3 | S3 | Moderate current velocities and depths, sand bottom | captured into the Red River drainage; introduced in Colorado River drainage | Y |
| <i>Notropis potteri</i> | Chub shiner | | T | G4 | S3 | turbid, flowing water with silt or sand substrate; tolerant of high salinities | Brazos River, Colorado River, San Jacinto River, Trinity Rivers, and Galveston Bay | N |
| <i>Notropis shumardi</i> | Silverband shiner | | | | | channel with moderate to swift current velocities and moderate to deep depths; associated with turbid water | (including minor coastal drainages west to Galveston Bay), Galveston Bay (including | N |
| <i>Percina apristis</i> | Guadalupe darter | | | | | collections from the clearest waters tributary to the Guadalupe, namely spring heads and the main river west | from the headwaters of the Blanco and the entirety of the San Antonio River | Y |
| <i>Polyodon spathula</i> | Paddlefish | | T | G4 | S3 | sized rivers, sluggish pools, backwaters, bayous, and oxbows with abundant zooplankton; large reservoirs if | eastward; currently only Red River, from the mouth upstream to and including the | N |
| <i>Satan eurystomus</i> | Widemouth blindcat | | T | G1 | S1 | Karst: Subterranean waters | (Edwards Limestone, Lower Cretaceous) in the vicinity of San Antonio (Bexar County) | Y |
| <i>Trogloglanis pattersoni</i> | Toothless blindcat | | T | G1 | S1 | Karst: Subterranean waters | (Edwards Limestone, Lower Cretaceous) in the vicinity of San Antonio (Bexar County) | Y |
| INVERTEBRATES | | | | | | www.bugguide.net – good tool for identification and taxonomic information. www.texasento.net – compilation of information on insects in Texas www.odonatacentral.org – resource for identification and distribution of damselflies and dragonflies www.butterfliesandmoths.org – resource for identification and distribution of Lepidoptera www.texasmussels.wordpress.com – resource for information on freshwater mussels in Texas Howells, R. G., R. W. Neck and H. D. Murray. 1996. Freshwater Mussels of Texas. Texas Parks and Wildlife Press. Austin | | |
| <i>Bombus pensylvanicus</i> | American bumblebee | | | GU | SU* | Grassland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial - Insect - Bee/Wasp/Ant | |
| <i>Chimarra holzenthali</i> | Holzenthals Philopotamid caddisfly | | | G1G2 | S1 | Riparian, Riverine | Aquatic - Insects - Caddisflies; added TBPR, ECPL | |
| <i>Cotinis boylei</i> | A scarab beetle | | | G2* | S2* | Grassland, Shrubland, Woodland | Terrestrial - Insect - Beetles | |
| <i>Nicrophorus americanus</i> | American Burying Beetle | LE | | G1 | S1 | Grassland, Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial - Insect - Beetles | |
| <i>Potamilus amphichaenus</i> | Texas heelsplitter | | T | G1G2 | S1 | Riverine | Aquatic - Freshwater - Mollusks; new state rank and threatened state status | |
| <i>Procambarus regalis</i> | Regal burrowing crayfish | | | G2G3 | S2?* | Freshwater Wetland, Grassland | Aquatic - Crustaceans - Crayfish | |

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| <i>Procambarus steigmani</i> | Parkhill prairie crayfish | | | G1G2 | S1S2* | Freshwater Wetland, Grassland | Aquatic - Crustaceans - Crayfish | |
| <i>Pseudocentroptiloides morihari</i> | A mayfly | | | G2G3 | S2?* | Riverine, Riparian | Aquatic - Insects - Mayflies | |
| <i>Sphinx eremitoides</i> | Sage sphinx | | | G1G2 | S1?* | Grassland | Terrestrial - Insect - Butterflies/Moths | |
| <i>Susperatus tonkawa</i> | A mayfly | | | G1 | S1* | Riparian, Riverine | Aquatic - Insects - Mayflies | |
| PLANTS | | | | | | J.M. Poole, W.R. Carr, D.M. Price and J.R. Singhurst. 2007. Rare Plants of Texas. Texas A&M University Press, College Station. D.S. Correll and M.C Johnston. 1979. Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas. The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson. M.C. Johnston. 1990. The Vascular Plants of Texas: A List Up-dating the Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas, 2nd Edition. Marshall C. Johnston, Austin. F.W. Gould. 1975. The Grasses of Texas. Texas A & M University Press, College Station. S.D. Jones, J.K. Wipff, and P.M. Montgomery. 1997. Vascular Plants of Texas: A Comprehensive Checklist including Synonymy; Bibliography, and Index. University of Texas Press, Austin. R.A. Vines. 2004. Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southwest. Blackburn Press. | | |
| <i>Agalinis densiflora</i> | Osage Plains false foxglove | | | G3 | S2 | Savanna/Open Woodland - Outcrops | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Astragalus reflexus</i> | Texas milk vetch | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Calopogon oklahomensis</i> | Oklahoma grass pink | | | G3 | S1S2 | Savanna/Open Woodland; Grassland; Freshwater Wetland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Carex edwardsiana</i> | canyon sedge | | | G3G4S3S4 | S3S4 | Woodland (slopes above Riparian) | Wetland | Y |
| <i>Carex shinnerei</i> | Shinner's sedge | | | G3? | S2 | Grassland | Wetland | N |
| <i>Crataegus dallasiana</i> | Dallas hawthorn | | | G3Q | S3 | Riparian (creeks in the Blackland Prairie) | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Cuscuta exaltata</i> | tree dodder | | | G3 | S3 | Woodland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Dalea hallii</i> | Hall's prairie-clover | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland; Grassland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Echinacea atrorubens</i> | Topeka purple-coneflower | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Hexalectris nitida</i> | Glass Mountains coral-root | | | G3 | S3 | Woodland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Hexalectris warnockii</i> | Warnock's coral-root | | | G2G3 | S2 | Woodland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Hymenoxys pygmaea</i> | Pygmy prairie dawn | | | G1 | S1 | Barren/Sparse Vegetation with Grassland matrix (saline prairie) | currently being described | Y |
| <i>Liatris glandulosa</i> | glandular gay-feather | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Paronychia setacea</i> | bristle nailwort | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Phlox oklahomensis</i> | Oklahoma phlox | | | G3 | SH | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | N |
| <i>Physaria engelmannii</i> | Engelmann's bladderpod | | | G3 | S3 | Savanna/Open Woodland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Polygonella parksii</i> | Parks' jointweed | | | G2 | S2 | Savanna/Open Woodland (sandhills); Grassland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Prunus texana</i> | Texas peachbush | | | G3G4 | S3S4 | Savanna/Open Woodland; Grassland | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Thalictrum texanum</i> | Texas meadow-rue | | | G2 | S2 | Savanna/Open Woodland; Riparian (bottomland forest) | Terrestrial | Y |
| <i>Zizania texana</i> | Texas wild rice | LE | E | G1 | S1 | Riverine (spring-fed, clear, thermally constant, moderate current, sand to gravel substrate) | Aquatic | Y |

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AMPHIBIANS

Eastern Tiger Salamander *Ambystoma tigrinum*

Terrestrial adults generally occur under cover objects or in burrows surrounding a variety of lentic freshwater habitats, such as ponds, lakes, bottomland wetlands, or upland ephemeral pools. The specific terrestrial habitats are also varied and the occurrence of this species seems to be more closely associated with sandy, loamy or other soils which have easy burrowing properties, rather than any particular ecological system type. Requires fishless breeding pools for successful reproduction.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

southern crawfish frog *Lithobates areolatus areolatus*

Terrestrial and aquatic: The terrestrial habitat is primarily grassland and can vary from pasture to intact prairie; it can also include small prairies in the middle of large forested areas. Aquatic habitat is any body of water but preferred habitat is ephemeral wetlands.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T4 | State Rank: S3 |

Strecker's chorus frog *Pseudacris streckeri*

Terrestrial and aquatic: Wooded floodplains and flats, prairies, cultivated fields and marshes. Likes sandy substrates.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Woodhouse's toad *Anaxyrus woodhousii*

Terrestrial and aquatic: A wide variety of terrestrial habitats are used by this species, including forests, grasslands, and barrier island sand dunes. Aquatic habitats are equally varied.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: SU |

BIRDS

bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

Found primarily near rivers and large lakes; nests in tall trees or on cliffs near water; communally roosts, especially in winter; hunts live prey, scavenges, and pirates food from other birds

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3B,S3N |

Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis*

Salt, brackish, and freshwater marshes, pond borders, wet meadows, and grassy swamps; nests in or along edge of marsh, sometimes on damp ground, but usually on mat of previous years dead grasses; nest usually hidden in marsh grass or at base of Salicornia

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| Federal Status: LT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2 |

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BIRDS

Chestnut-collared Longspur *Calcarius ornatus*

Occurs in open shortgrass settings especially in patches with some bare ground. Also occurs in grain sorghum fields and Conservation Reserve Program lands

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Franklin's gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*

This species is only a spring and fall migrant throughout Texas. It does not breed in or near Texas. Winter records are unusual consisting of one or a few individuals at a given site (especially along the Gulf coastline). During migration, these gulls fly during daylight hours but often come down to wetlands, lake shore, or islands to roost for the night.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2N |

interior least tern *Sternula antillarum athalassos*

Sand beaches, flats, bays, inlets, lagoons, islands. Subspecies is listed only when inland (more than 50 miles from a coastline); nests along sand and gravel bars within braided streams, rivers; also know to nest on man-made structures (inland beaches, wastewater treatment plants, gravel mines, etc); eats small fish and crustaceans, when breeding forages within a few hundred feet of colony

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: N |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T3Q | State Rank: S1B |

piping plover *Charadrius melodus*

Beaches, sandflats, and dunes along Gulf Coast beaches and adjacent offshore islands. Also spoil islands in the Intracoastal Waterway. Based on the November 30, 1992 Section 6 Job No. 9.1, Piping Plover and Snowy Plover Winter Habitat Status Survey, algal flats appear to be the highest quality habitat. Some of the most important aspects of algal flats are their relative inaccessibility and their continuous availability throughout all tidal conditions. Sand flats often appear to be preferred over algal flats when both are available, but large portions of sand flats along the Texas coast are available only during low-very low tides and are often completely unavailable during extreme high tides or strong north winds. Beaches appear to serve as a secondary habitat to the flats associated with the primary bays, lagoons, and inter-island passes. Beaches are rarely used on the southern Texas coast, where bayside habitat is always available, and are abandoned as bayside habitats become available on the central and northern coast. However, beaches are probably a vital habitat along the central and northern coast (i.e. north of Padre Island) during periods of extreme high tides that cover the flats. Optimal site characteristics appear to be large in area, sparsely vegetated, continuously available or in close proximity to secondary habitat, and with limited human disturbance.

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| Federal Status: LT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2N |

Rufa Red Knot *Calidris canutus rufa*

Habitat: Primarily seacoasts on tidal flats and beaches, herbaceous wetland, and Tidal flat/shore. Bolivar Flats in Galveston County, sandy beaches Mustang Island, few on outer coastal and barrier beaches, tidal mudflats and salt marshes

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| Federal Status: LT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T2 | State Rank: S2N |

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BIRDS

western burrowing owl *Athene cunicularia hypugaea*

Open grasslands, especially prairie, plains, and savanna, sometimes in open areas such as vacant lots near human habitation or airports; nests and roosts in abandoned burrows

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T4 | State Rank: S2 |

white-faced ibis *Plegadis chihi*

Prefers freshwater marshes, sloughs, and irrigated rice fields, but will attend brackish and saltwater habitats; currently confined to near-coastal rookeries in so-called hog-wallow prairies. Nests in marshes, in low trees, on the ground in bulrushes or reeds, or on floating mats.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S4B |

whooping crane *Grus americana*

Small ponds, marshes, and flooded grain fields for both roosting and foraging. Potential migrant via plains throughout most of state to coast; winters in coastal marshes of Aransas, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.

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| Federal Status: LE | State Status: E | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G1 | State Rank: S1S2N |

wood stork *Mycteria americana*

Prefers to nest in large tracts of baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*) or red mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*); forages in prairie ponds, flooded pastures or fields, ditches, and other shallow standing water, including salt-water; usually roosts communally in tall snags, sometimes in association with other wading birds (i.e. active heronries); breeds in Mexico and birds move into Gulf States in search of mud flats and other wetlands, even those associated with forested areas; formerly nested in Texas, but no breeding records since 1960

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: SHB,S2N |

FISH

american eel *Anguilla rostrata*

Originally found in all river systems from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Aquatic habitats include large rivers, streams, tributaries, coastal watersheds, estuaries, bays, and oceans. Spawns in Sargasso Sea, larva move to coastal waters, metamorphose, and begin upstream movements. Females tend to move further upstream than males (who are often found in brackish estuaries). American Eel are habitat generalists and may be found in a broad range of habitat conditions including slow- and fast-flowing waters over many substrate types. Extirpation in upstream drainages attributed to reservoirs that impede upstream migration.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S4 |

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FISH

blue sucker *Cycleptus elongatus*

Blue Sucker usually inhabit rapids, riffles, runs and pools with moderate to fast current, with bottoms of exposed bedrock sometimes in combination with hard clay, sand, gravel, and boulders; generally intolerant of highly turbid conditions. Adults winter in deep pools and move upstream in spring to spawn on riffles. Current distribution in Texas includes the Red River downstream of Lake Texoma, Sabine and Neches rivers, and Colorado River downstream of Austin, Texas. May occur in other river systems (Warren et al. 2000).

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S3 |

chub shiner *Notropis potteri*

Brazos, Colorado, San Jacinto, and Trinity river basins. Flowing water with silt or sand substrate

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S2 |

goldeye *Hiodon alosoides*

Restricted to the Red River basin; adults in quiet turbid water of medium to large lowland rivers, small lakes, marshes and muddy shallows connected to them.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

orangebelly darter *Etheostoma radiosum*

Streams, creeks, and small to moderate-sized rivers in the Red River basin. Riffle areas of gravel-bottoms streams with moderate to high currents.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S3 |

paddlefish *Polyodon spathula*

Species occurred in every major river drainage from the Trinity Basin eastward, but its numbers and range had been substantially reduced by the 1950's; recently reintroduced into Big Cypress drainage upstream of Caddo Lake. Prefers large, free-flowing rivers but will frequent impoundments with access to spawning sites.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S3 |

Red River shiner *Notropis bairdi*

Red River basin; typically found in turbid waters of broad, shallow channels of main stream, over bottom mostly of silt and shifting sand.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S3 |

shovelnose sturgeon *Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*

Found only in the Red River below Denison Dam (Lake Texoma). Evidence of the presence of this species in the lower Pecos River, during prehistoric times, strongly suggests that it likely occurred in many Texas rivers. Inhabits flowing water over sandy bottoms or near rocky points or bars.

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| Federal Status: SAT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S2 |

silver chub *Macrhybopsis storeriana*

Red River and Brazos River basins. Mainly restricted to large, often silty rivers. Ranges over gravel to silt substrates but found more commonly over silt or mud bottom.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

INSECTS

American bumblebee *Bombus pensylvanicus*

Habitat description is not available at this time.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: SNR |

No accepted common name *Bombus variabilis*

Habitat description is not available at this time.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: | Global Rank: G1G2 | State Rank: SNR |

MAMMALS

big brown bat *Eptesicus fuscus*

Any wooded areas or woodlands except south Texas. Riparian areas in west Texas.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

black bear *Ursus americanus*

Generalist. Historically found throughout Texas. In Chisos, prefers higher elevations where pinyon-oaks predominate; also occasionally sighted in desert scrub of Trans-Pecos (Black Gap Wildlife Management Area) and Edwards Plateau in juniper-oak habitat. For ssp. luteolus, bottomland hardwoods, floodplain forests, upland hardwoods with mixed pine; marsh. Bottomland hardwoods and large tracts of inaccessible forested areas.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

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GRAYSON COUNTY

MAMMALS

eastern red bat *Lasiurus borealis*

Red bats are migratory bats that are common across Texas. They are most common in the eastern and central parts of the state, due to their requirement of forests for foliage roosting. West Texas specimens are associated with forested areas (cottonwoods). Also common along the coastline. These bats are highly mobile, seasonally migratory, and practice a type of "wandering migration". Associations with specific habitat is difficult unless specific migratory stopover sites or wintering grounds are found. Likely associated with any forested area in East, Central, and North Texas but can occur statewide.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S4 |

eastern spotted skunk *Spilogale putorius*

Generalist; open fields prairies, croplands, fence rows, farmyards, forest edges & woodlands. Prefer wooded, brushy areas & tallgrass prairies. S.p. ssp. interrupta found in wooded areas and tallgrass prairies, preferring rocky canyons and outcrops when such sites are available.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S1S3 |

hoary bat *Lasiurus cinereus*

Hoary bats are highly migratory, high-flying bats that have been noted throughout the state. Females are known to migrate to Mexico in the winter, males tend to remain further north and may stay in Texas year-round. Commonly associated with forests (foliage roosting species) but are found in unforested parts of the state and lowland deserts. Tend to be captured over water and large, open flyways.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S4 |

long-tailed weasel *Mustela frenata*

Includes brushlands, fence rows, upland woods and bottomland hardwoods, forest edges & rocky desert scrub. Usually live close to water.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

mountain lion *Puma concolor*

Generalist; found in a wide range of habitats statewide. Found most frequently in rugged mountains & riparian zones.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2S3 |

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*

Found in fresh or brackish marshes, lakes, ponds, swamps, and other bodies of slow-moving water. Most abundant in areas with cattail. Dens in bank burrow or conical house of vegetation in shallow vegetated water. It is primarily found in the Rio Grande near El Paso and in SE Texas in the Houston area.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

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GRAYSON COUNTY

MAMMALS

swamp rabbit

Sylvilagus aquaticus

Primarily found in lowland areas near water including: cypress bogs and marshes, floodplains, creeks and rivers.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S5

tricolored bat

Perimyotis subflavus

Forest, woodland and riparian areas are important. Caves are very important to this species.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G2G3

State Rank: S2

MOLLUSKS

Texas Heelsplitter

Potamilus amphichaenus

Occurs in small streams to large rivers in standing to slow-flowing water; most common in banks, backwaters and quiet pools; adapts to some reservoirs. Often found in soft substrates such as mud, silt or sand (Howells et al. 1996; Randklev et al. 2017a). [Mussels of Texas 2019]

Federal Status:

State Status: T

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G1G3

State Rank: S1

REPTILES

common garter snake

Thamnophis sirtalis

Terrestrial and aquatic: Habitats used include the grasslands and modified open areas in the vicinity of aquatic features, such as ponds, streams or marshes. Damp soils and debris for cover are thought to be critical.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: N

Endemic:

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S2

eastern box turtle

Terrapene carolina

Terrestrial: Eastern box turtles inhabit forests, fields, forest-brush, and forest-field ecotones. In some areas they move seasonally from fields in spring to forest in summer. They commonly enters pools of shallow water in summer. For shelter, they burrow into loose soil, debris, mud, old stump holes, or under leaf litter. They can successfully hibernate in sites that may experience subfreezing temperatures.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S3

Prairie Skink

Plestiodon septentrionalis

The prairie skink can occur in any native grassland habitat across the Rolling Plains, Blackland Prairie, Post Oak Savanna and Pineywoods ecoregions.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S5

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REPTILES

slender glass lizard

Ophisaurus attenuatus

Terrestrial: Habitats include open grassland, prairie, woodland edge, open woodland, oak savannas, longleaf pine flatwoods, scrubby areas, fallow fields, and areas near streams and ponds, often in habitats with sandy soil.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S3

smooth softshell

Apalone mutica

Aquatic: Large rivers and streams; in some areas also found in lakes and impoundments (Ernst and Barbour 1972). Usually in water with sandy or mud bottom and few aquatic plants. Often basks on sand bars and mudflats at edge of water. Eggs are laid in nests dug in high open sandbars and banks close to water, usually within 90 m of water (Fitch and Plummer 1975).

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S3

Texas horned lizard

Phrynosoma cornutum

Terrestrial: Open habitats with sparse vegetation, including grass, prairie, cactus, scattered brush or scrubby trees; soil may vary in texture from sandy to rocky; burrows into soil, enters rodent burrows, or hides under rock when inactive. Occurs to 6000 feet, but largely limited below the pinyon-juniper zone on mountains in the Big Bend area.

Federal Status:

State Status: T

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G4G5

State Rank: S3

timber (canebrake) rattlesnake

Crotalus horridus

Terrestrial: Swamps, floodplains, upland pine and deciduous woodland, riparian zones, abandoned farmland. Limestone bluffs, sandy soil or black clay. Prefers dense ground cover, i.e. grapevines, palmetto.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G4

State Rank: S4

western box turtle

Terrapene ornata

Terrestrial: Ornate or western box turtles inhabit prairie grassland, pasture, fields, sandhills, and open woodland. They are essentially terrestrial but sometimes enter slow, shallow streams and creek pools. For shelter, they burrow into soil (e.g., under plants such as yucca) (Converse et al. 2002) or enter burrows made by other species.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S3

western chicken turtle

Deirochelys reticularia miaria

Aquatic and terrestrial: This species uses aquatic habitats in the late winter, spring and early summer and then terrestrial habitats the remainder of the year. Preferred aquatic habitats seem to be highly vegetated shallow wetlands with gentle slopes. Specific terrestrial habitats are not well known.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5T5

State Rank: S2S3

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PLANTS

bigflower cornsalad

Valerianella stenocarpa

Usually along creekbeds or in vernal moist grassy open areas (Carr 2015).

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: Y

Global Rank: G3

State Rank: S3

Hall's prairie clover

Dalea hallii

In grasslands on eroded limestone or chalk and in oak scrub on rocky hillsides; Perennial; Flowering May-Sept; Fruiting June-Sept

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: Y

Global Rank: G3

State Rank: S2

Sutherland hawthorn

Crataegus viridis var. *glabriuscula*

In mesic soils of woods or on edge of woods, treeline/fenceline, or thicket. Above/near creeks and draws, in river bottoms. Flowering Mar-Apr; fruiting May-Oct.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5T3T4

State Rank: S3

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AMPHIBIANS

Strecker's chorus frog *Pseudacris streckeri*

Terrestrial and aquatic: Wooded floodplains and flats, prairies, cultivated fields and marshes. Likes sandy substrates.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Woodhouse's toad *Anaxyrus woodhousii*

Terrestrial and aquatic: A wide variety of terrestrial habitats are used by this species, including forests, grasslands, and barrier island sand dunes. Aquatic habitats are equally varied.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: SU |

BIRDS

bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

Found primarily near rivers and large lakes; nests in tall trees or on cliffs near water; communally roosts, especially in winter; hunts live prey, scavenges, and pirates food from other birds

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3B,S3N |

Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis*

Salt, brackish, and freshwater marshes, pond borders, wet meadows, and grassy swamps; nests in or along edge of marsh, sometimes on damp ground, but usually on mat of previous years dead grasses; nest usually hidden in marsh grass or at base of Salicornia

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| Federal Status: LT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2 |

Chestnut-collared Longspur *Calcarius ornatus*

Occurs in open shortgrass settings especially in patches with some bare ground. Also occurs in grain sorghum fields and Conservation Reserve Program lands

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Franklin's gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*

This species is only a spring and fall migrant throughout Texas. It does not breed in or near Texas. Winter records are unusual consisting of one or a few individuals at a given site (especially along the Gulf coastline). During migration, these gulls fly during daylight hours but often come down to wetlands, lake shore, or islands to roost for the night.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2N |

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BIRDS

interior least tern

Sternula antillarum athalassos

Sand beaches, flats, bays, inlets, lagoons, islands. Subspecies is listed only when inland (more than 50 miles from a coastline); nests along sand and gravel bars within braided streams, rivers; also know to nest on man-made structures (inland beaches, wastewater treatment plants, gravel mines, etc); eats small fish and crustaceans, when breeding forages within a few hundred feet of colony

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: N |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T3Q | State Rank: S1B |

mountain plover

Charadrius montanus

Breeding: nests on high plains or shortgrass prairie, on ground in shallow depression; nonbreeding: shortgrass plains and bare, dirt (plowed) fields; primarily insectivorous

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2 |

piping plover

Charadrius melodus

Beaches, sandflats, and dunes along Gulf Coast beaches and adjacent offshore islands. Also spoil islands in the Intracoastal Waterway. Based on the November 30, 1992 Section 6 Job No. 9.1, Piping Plover and Snowy Plover Winter Habitat Status Survey, algal flats appear to be the highest quality habitat. Some of the most important aspects of algal flats are their relative inaccessibility and their continuous availability throughout all tidal conditions. Sand flats often appear to be preferred over algal flats when both are available, but large portions of sand flats along the Texas coast are available only during low-very low tides and are often completely unavailable during extreme high tides or strong north winds. Beaches appear to serve as a secondary habitat to the flats associated with the primary bays, lagoons, and inter-island passes. Beaches are rarely used on the southern Texas coast, where bayside habitat is always available, and are abandoned as bayside habitats become available on the central and northern coast. However, beaches are probably a vital habitat along the central and northern coast (i.e. north of Padre Island) during periods of extreme high tides that cover the flats. Optimal site characteristics appear to be large in area, sparsely vegetated, continuously available or in close proximity to secondary habitat, and with limited human disturbance.

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| Federal Status: LT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2N |

Rufa Red Knot

Calidris canutus rufa

Habitat: Primarily seacoasts on tidal flats and beaches, herbaceous wetland, and Tidal flat/shore. Bolivar Flats in Galveston County, sandy beaches Mustang Island, few on outer coastal and barrier beaches, tidal mudflats and salt marshes

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| Federal Status: LT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T2 | State Rank: S2N |

western burrowing owl

Athene cunicularia hypugaea

Open grasslands, especially prairie, plains, and savanna, sometimes in open areas such as vacant lots near human habitation or airports; nests and roosts in abandoned burrows

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T4 | State Rank: S2 |

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BIRDS

white-faced ibis

Plegadis chihi

Prefers freshwater marshes, sloughs, and irrigated rice fields, but will attend brackish and saltwater habitats; currently confined to near-coastal rookeries in so-called hog-wallow prairies. Nests in marshes, in low trees, on the ground in bulrushes or reeds, or on floating mats.

Federal Status:

State Status: T

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S4B

whooping crane

Grus americana

Small ponds, marshes, and flooded grain fields for both roosting and foraging. Potential migrant via plains throughout most of state to coast; winters in coastal marshes of Aransas, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.

Federal Status: LE

State Status: E

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G1

State Rank: S1S2N

INSECTS

American bumblebee

Bombus pensylvanicus

Habitat description is not available at this time.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic:

Global Rank: G3G4

State Rank: SNR

No accepted common name

Arethaea ambulator

Habitat description is not available at this time.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic:

Global Rank: GNR

State Rank: SNR

MAMMALS

big brown bat

Eptesicus fuscus

Any wooded areas or woodlands except south Texas. Riparian areas in west Texas.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S5

big free-tailed bat

Nyctinomops macrotis

Habitat data sparse but records indicate that species prefers to roost in crevices and cracks in high canyon walls, but will use buildings, as well; reproduction data sparse, gives birth to single offspring late June-early July; females gather in nursery colonies; winter habits undetermined, but may hibernate in the Trans-Pecos; opportunistic insectivore

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S3

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MAMMALS

black-tailed prairie dog *Cynomys ludovicianus*

Dry, flat, short grasslands with low, relatively sparse vegetation, including areas overgrazed by cattle; live in large family groups

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S3 |

eastern red bat *Lasiurus borealis*

Red bats are migratory bats that are common across Texas. They are most common in the eastern and central parts of the state, due to their requirement of forests for foliage roosting. West Texas specimens are associated with forested areas (cottonwoods). Also common along the coastline. These bats are highly mobile, seasonally migratory, and practice a type of "wandering migration". Associations with specific habitat is difficult unless specific migratory stopover sites or wintering grounds are found. Likely associated with any forested area in East, Central, and North Texas but can occur statewide.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S4 |

eastern spotted skunk *Spilogale putorius*

Generalist; open fields prairies, croplands, fence rows, farmyards, forest edges & woodlands. Prefer wooded, brushy areas & tallgrass prairies. S.p. ssp. interrupta found in wooded areas and tallgrass prairies, preferring rocky canyons and outcrops when such sites are available.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S1S3 |

hoary bat *Lasiurus cinereus*

Hoary bats are highly migratory, high-flying bats that have been noted throughout the state. Females are known to migrate to Mexico in the winter, males tend to remain further north and may stay in Texas year-round. Commonly associated with forests (foliage roosting species) but are found in unforested parts of the state and lowland deserts. Tend to be captured over water and large, open flyways.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S4 |

long-tailed weasel *Mustela frenata*

Includes brushlands, fence rows, upland woods and bottomland hardwoods, forest edges & rocky desert scrub. Usually live close to water.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

mountain lion *Puma concolor*

Generalist; found in a wide range of habitats statewide. Found most frequently in rugged mountains & riparian zones.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2S3 |

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DENTON COUNTY

MAMMALS

Muskrat

Ondatra zibethicus

Found in fresh or brackish marshes, lakes, ponds, swamps, and other bodies of slow-moving water. Most abundant in areas with cattail. Dens in bank burrow or conical house of vegetation in shallow vegetated water. It is primarily found in the Rio Grande near El Paso and in SE Texas in the Houston area.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

swamp rabbit

Sylvilagus aquaticus

Primarily found in lowland areas near water including: cypress bogs and marshes, floodplains, creeks and rivers.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

tricolored bat

Perimyotis subflavus

Forest, woodland and riparian areas are important. Caves are very important to this species.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G2G3 | State Rank: S2 |

western hog-nosed skunk

Conepatus leuconotus

Habitats include woodlands, grasslands & deserts, to 7200 feet, most common in rugged, rocky canyon country; little is known about the habitat of the ssp. *telmalestes*

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S4 |

MOLLUSKS

Louisiana Pigtoe

Pleurobema riddellii

Occurs in small streams to large rivers in slow to moderate currents in substrates of clay, mud, sand, and gravel. Not known from impoundments (Howells 2010f; Randklev et al. 2013b; Troia et al. 2015). [Mussels of Texas 2019]

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G1G2 | State Rank: S1 |

Sandbank Pocketbook

Lampsilis satura

Occurs in small streams to large rivers in slow to moderate current in sandy mud to sand and gravel substrate. Can occur in a variety of habitats but most common in littoral habitats such as banks or backwaters or in protected areas along point bars (Randklev et al. 2013b; Randklev et al. 2014a; Troia et al. 2015). [Mussels of Texas 2019]

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: | Global Rank: G2? | State Rank: S1 |

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MOLLUSKS

Texas Heelsplitter *Potamilus amphichaenus*

Occurs in small streams to large rivers in standing to slow-flowing water; most common in banks, backwaters and quiet pools; adapts to some reservoirs. Often found in soft substrates such as mud, silt or sand (Howells et al. 1996; Randklev et al. 2017a). [Mussels of Texas 2019]

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G1G3 | State Rank: S1 |

REPTILES

common garter snake *Thamnophis sirtalis*

Terrestrial and aquatic: Habitats used include the grasslands and modified open areas in the vicinity of aquatic features, such as ponds, streams or marshes. Damp soils and debris for cover are thought to be critical.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: N |
| Endemic: | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2 |

eastern box turtle *Terrapene carolina*

Terrestrial: Eastern box turtles inhabit forests, fields, forest-brush, and forest-field ecotones. In some areas they move seasonally from fields in spring to forest in summer. They commonly enters pools of shallow water in summer. For shelter, they burrow into loose soil, debris, mud, old stump holes, or under leaf litter. They can successfully hibernate in sites that may experience subfreezing temperatures.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Prairie Skink *Plestiodon septentrionalis*

The prairie skink can occur in any native grassland habitat across the Rolling Plains, Blackland Prairie, Post Oak Savanna and Pineywoods ecoregions.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

slender glass lizard *Ophisaurus attenuatus*

Terrestrial: Habitats include open grassland, prairie, woodland edge, open woodland, oak savannas, longleaf pine flatwoods, scrubby areas, fallow fields, and areas near streams and ponds, often in habitats with sandy soil.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

smooth softshell *Apalone mutica*

Aquatic: Large rivers and streams; in some areas also found in lakes and impoundments (Ernst and Barbour 1972). Usually in water with sandy or mud bottom and few aquatic plants. Often basks on sand bars and mudflats at edge of water. Eggs are laid in nests dug in high open sandbars and banks close to water, usually within 90 m of water (Fitch and Plummer 1975).

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

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DENTON COUNTY

REPTILES

Texas garter snake *Thamnophis sirtalis annectens*

Terrestrial and aquatic: Habitats used include the grasslands and modified open areas in the vicinity of aquatic features, such as ponds, streams or marshes. Damp soils and debris for cover are thought to be critical.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: Y | Global Rank: G5T4 | State Rank: S1 |

Texas horned lizard *Phrynosoma cornutum*

Terrestrial: Open habitats with sparse vegetation, including grass, prairie, cactus, scattered brush or scrubby trees; soil may vary in texture from sandy to rocky; burrows into soil, enters rodent burrows, or hides under rock when inactive. Occurs to 6000 feet, but largely limited below the pinyon-juniper zone on mountains in the Big Bend area.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4G5 | State Rank: S3 |

timber (canebrake) rattlesnake *Crotalus horridus*

Terrestrial: Swamps, floodplains, upland pine and deciduous woodland, riparian zones, abandoned farmland. Limestone bluffs, sandy soil or black clay. Prefers dense ground cover, i.e. grapevines, palmetto.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S4 |

western box turtle *Terrapene ornata*

Terrestrial: Ornate or western box turtles inhabit prairie grassland, pasture, fields, sandhills, and open woodland. They are essentially terrestrial but sometimes enter slow, shallow streams and creek pools. For shelter, they burrow into soil (e.g., under plants such as yucca) (Converse et al. 2002) or enter burrows made by other species.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

western chicken turtle *Deirochelys reticularia miaria*

Aquatic and terrestrial: This species uses aquatic habitats in the late winter, spring and early summer and then terrestrial habitats the remainder of the year. Preferred aquatic habitats seem to be highly vegetated shallow wetlands with gentle slopes. Specific terrestrial habitats are not well known.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5T5 | State Rank: S2S3 |

western rattlesnake *Crotalus viridis*

Terrestrial: Dry desert and prairie grasslands, shrub desert rocky hillsides; edges of arid and semi-arid river breaks.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

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DENTON COUNTY

PLANTS

Glen Rose yucca

Yucca necopina

Grasslands on sandy soils and limestone outcrops; flowering April-June

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: Y

Global Rank: G1G2

State Rank: S3

Sutherland hawthorn

Crataegus viridis var. *glabriuscula*

In mesic soils of woods or on edge of woods, treeline/fenceline, or thicket. Above/near creeks and draws, in river bottoms. Flowering Mar-Apr; fruiting May-Oct.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5T3T4

State Rank: S3

Topeka purple-coneflower

Echinacea atrorubens

Occurring mostly in tallgrass prairie of the southern Great Plains, in blackland prairies but also in a variety of other sites like limestone hillsides; Perennial; Flowering Jan-June; Fruiting Jan-May

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G3

State Rank: S3

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COOKE COUNTY

AMPHIBIANS

Strecker's chorus frog *Pseudacris streckeri*

Terrestrial and aquatic: Wooded floodplains and flats, prairies, cultivated fields and marshes. Likes sandy substrates.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Woodhouse's toad *Anaxyrus woodhousii*

Terrestrial and aquatic: A wide variety of terrestrial habitats are used by this species, including forests, grasslands, and barrier island sand dunes. Aquatic habitats are equally varied.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: SU |

BIRDS

bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

Found primarily near rivers and large lakes; nests in tall trees or on cliffs near water; communally roosts, especially in winter; hunts live prey, scavenges, and pirates food from other birds

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3B,S3N |

Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis*

Salt, brackish, and freshwater marshes, pond borders, wet meadows, and grassy swamps; nests in or along edge of marsh, sometimes on damp ground, but usually on mat of previous years dead grasses; nest usually hidden in marsh grass or at base of Salicornia

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| Federal Status: LT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2 |

Chestnut-collared Longspur *Calcarius ornatus*

Occurs in open shortgrass settings especially in patches with some bare ground. Also occurs in grain sorghum fields and Conservation Reserve Program lands

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Franklin's gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*

This species is only a spring and fall migrant throughout Texas. It does not breed in or near Texas. Winter records are unusual consisting of one or a few individuals at a given site (especially along the Gulf coastline). During migration, these gulls fly during daylight hours but often come down to wetlands, lake shore, or islands to roost for the night.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2N |

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COOKE COUNTY

BIRDS

interior least tern

Sternula antillarum athalassos

Sand beaches, flats, bays, inlets, lagoons, islands. Subspecies is listed only when inland (more than 50 miles from a coastline); nests along sand and gravel bars within braided streams, rivers; also know to nest on man-made structures (inland beaches, wastewater treatment plants, gravel mines, etc); eats small fish and crustaceans, when breeding forages within a few hundred feet of colony

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: N

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G4T3Q

State Rank: S1B

Lark Bunting

Calamospiza melanocorys

Overall, it's a generalist in most short grassland settings including ones with some brushy component plus certain agricultural lands that include grain sorghum. Short grasses include sideoats and blue gramas, sand dropseed, prairie junegrass (*Koeleria*), buffalograss also with patches of bluestem and other mid-grass species. This bunting will frequent smaller patches of grasses or disturbed patches of grasses including rural yards. It also uses weedy fields surrounding playas. This species avoids urban areas and cotton fields.

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G5

State Rank: S4B

mountain plover

Charadrius montanus

Breeding: nests on high plains or shortgrass prairie, on ground in shallow depression; nonbreeding: shortgrass plains and bare, dirt (plowed) fields; primarily insectivorous

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G3

State Rank: S2

piping plover

Charadrius melodus

Beaches, sandflats, and dunes along Gulf Coast beaches and adjacent offshore islands. Also spoil islands in the Intracoastal Waterway. Based on the November 30, 1992 Section 6 Job No. 9.1, Piping Plover and Snowy Plover Winter Habitat Status Survey, algal flats appear to be the highest quality habitat. Some of the most important aspects of algal flats are their relative inaccessibility and their continuous availability throughout all tidal conditions. Sand flats often appear to be preferred over algal flats when both are available, but large portions of sand flats along the Texas coast are available only during low-very low tides and are often completely unavailable during extreme high tides or strong north winds. Beaches appear to serve as a secondary habitat to the flats associated with the primary bays, lagoons, and inter-island passes. Beaches are rarely used on the southern Texas coast, where bayside habitat is always available, and are abandoned as bayside habitats become available on the central and northern coast. However, beaches are probably a vital habitat along the central and northern coast (i.e. north of Padre Island) during periods of extreme high tides that cover the flats. Optimal site characteristics appear to be large in area, sparsely vegetated, continuously available or in close proximity to secondary habitat, and with limited human disturbance.

Federal Status: LT

State Status: T

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G3

State Rank: S2N

Rufa Red Knot

Calidris canutus rufa

Habitat: Primarily seacoasts on tidal flats and beaches, herbaceous wetland, and Tidal flat/shore. Bolivar Flats in Galveston County, sandy beaches Mustang Island, few on outer coastal and barrier beaches, tidal mudflats and salt marshes

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State Status: T

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G4T2

State Rank: S2N

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COOKE COUNTY

BIRDS

western burrowing owl *Athene cunicularia hypugaea*

Open grasslands, especially prairie, plains, and savanna, sometimes in open areas such as vacant lots near human habitation or airports; nests and roosts in abandoned burrows

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4T4 | State Rank: S2 |

white-faced ibis *Plegadis chihi*

Prefers freshwater marshes, sloughs, and irrigated rice fields, but will attend brackish and saltwater habitats; currently confined to near-coastal rookeries in so-called hog-wallow prairies. Nests in marshes, in low trees, on the ground in bulrushes or reeds, or on floating mats.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S4B |

whooping crane *Grus americana*

Small ponds, marshes, and flooded grain fields for both roosting and foraging. Potential migrant via plains throughout most of state to coast; winters in coastal marshes of Aransas, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.

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| Federal Status: LE | State Status: E | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G1 | State Rank: S1S2N |

FISH

chub shiner *Notropis potteri*

Brazos, Colorado, San Jacinto, and Trinity river basins. Flowing water with silt or sand substrate

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S2 |

goldeye *Hiodon alosoides*

Restricted to the Red River basin; adults in quiet turbid water of medium to large lowland rivers, small lakes, marshes and muddy shallows connected to them.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

paddlefish *Polyodon spathula*

Species occurred in every major river drainage from the Trinity Basin eastward, but its numbers and range had been substantially reduced by the 1950's; recently reintroduced into Big Cypress drainage upstream of Caddo Lake. Prefers large, free-flowing rivers but will frequent impoundments with access to spawning sites.

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FISH

Red River pupfish

Cyprinodon rubrofluviatilis

Native to the upper Red River and Brazos River basins where it is typically found in saline waters of main channels and in saline springs. Introduced populations also exist in the Canadian River and Colorado River basins. River edges, channels, backwaters, over sand bottoms. Males establish spawning territories typically in shallowest waters up to 50 cm over sandy shoals and in small coves with little or no current.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2 |

Red River shiner

Notropis bairdi

Red River basin; typically found in turbid waters of broad, shallow channels of main stream, over bottom mostly of silt and shifting sand.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S3 |

shovelnose sturgeon

Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus

Found only in the Red River below Denison Dam (Lake Texoma). Evidence of the presence of this species in the lower Pecos River, during prehistoric times, strongly suggests that it likely occurred in many Texas rivers. Inhabits flowing water over sandy bottoms or near rocky points or bars.

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| Federal Status: SAT | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S2 |

silver chub

Macrhybopsis storeriana

Red River and Brazos River basins. Mainly restricted to large, often silty rivers. Ranges over gravel to silt substrates but found more commonly over silt or mud bottom.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

INSECTS

American bumblebee

Bombus pensylvanicus

Habitat description is not available at this time.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: SNR |

MAMMALS

big brown bat

Eptesicus fuscus

Any wooded areas or woodlands except south Texas. Riparian areas in west Texas.

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| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

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MAMMALS

black-tailed prairie dog *Cynomys ludovicianus*

Dry, flat, short grasslands with low, relatively sparse vegetation, including areas overgrazed by cattle; live in large family groups

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S3 |

eastern red bat *Lasiurus borealis*

Red bats are migratory bats that are common across Texas. They are most common in the eastern and central parts of the state, due to their requirement of forests for foliage roosting. West Texas specimens are associated with forested areas (cottonwoods). Also common along the coastline. These bats are highly mobile, seasonally migratory, and practice a type of "wandering migration". Associations with specific habitat is difficult unless specific migratory stopover sites or wintering grounds are found. Likely associated with any forested area in East, Central, and North Texas but can occur statewide.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S4 |

eastern spotted skunk *Spilogale putorius*

Generalist; open fields prairies, croplands, fence rows, farmyards, forest edges & woodlands. Prefer wooded, brushy areas & tallgrass prairies. S.p. ssp. interrupta found in wooded areas and tallgrass prairies, preferring rocky canyons and outcrops when such sites are available.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S1S3 |

hoary bat *Lasiurus cinereus*

Hoary bats are highly migratory, high-flying bats that have been noted throughout the state. Females are known to migrate to Mexico in the winter, males tend to remain further north and may stay in Texas year-round. Commonly associated with forests (foliage roosting species) but are found in unforested parts of the state and lowland deserts. Tend to be captured over water and large, open flyways.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S4 |

long-tailed weasel *Mustela frenata*

Includes brushlands, fence rows, upland woods and bottomland hardwoods, forest edges & rocky desert scrub. Usually live close to water.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

mountain lion *Puma concolor*

Generalist; found in a wide range of habitats statewide. Found most frequently in rugged mountains & riparian zones.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2S3 |

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*

Found in fresh or brackish marshes, lakes, ponds, swamps, and other bodies of slow-moving water. Most abundant in areas with cattail. Dens in bank burrow or conical house of vegetation in shallow vegetated water. It is primarily found in the Rio Grande near El Paso and in SE Texas in the Houston area.

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swamp rabbit *Sylvilagus aquaticus*

Primarily found in lowland areas near water including: cypress bogs and marshes, floodplains, creeks and rivers.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

tricolored bat *Perimyotis subflavus*

Forest, woodland and riparian areas are important. Caves are very important to this species.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G2G3 | State Rank: S2 |

MOLLUSKS

Texas Heelsplitter *Potamilus amphichaenus*

Occurs in small streams to large rivers in standing to slow-flowing water; most common in banks, backwaters and quiet pools; adapts to some reservoirs. Often found in soft substrates such as mud, silt or sand (Howells et al. 1996; Randklev et al. 2017a). [Mussels of Texas 2019]

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G1G3 | State Rank: S1 |

REPTILES

common garter snake *Thamnophis sirtalis*

Terrestrial and aquatic: Habitats used include the grasslands and modified open areas in the vicinity of aquatic features, such as ponds, streams or marshes. Damp soils and debris for cover are thought to be critical.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: N |
| Endemic: | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2 |

eastern box turtle *Terrapene carolina*

Terrestrial: Eastern box turtles inhabit forests, fields, forest-brush, and forest-field ecotones. In some areas they move seasonally from fields in spring to forest in summer. They commonly enters pools of shallow water in summer. For shelter, they burrow into loose soil, debris, mud, old stump holes, or under leaf litter. They can successfully hibernate in sites that may experience subfreezing temperatures.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Pigmy Rattlesnake *Sistrurus miliarius*

The pygmy rattlesnake occurs in a variety of wooded habitats from bottomland coastal hardwood forests to upland savannas. The species is frequently found in association with standing water.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S2S3 |

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COOKE COUNTY

REPTILES

Prairie Skink *Plestiodon septentrionalis*

The prairie skink can occur in any native grassland habitat across the Rolling Plains, Blackland Prairie, Post Oak Savanna and Pineywoods ecoregions.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

slender glass lizard *Ophisaurus attenuatus*

Terrestrial: Habitats include open grassland, prairie, woodland edge, open woodland, oak savannas, longleaf pine flatwoods, scrubby areas, fallow fields, and areas near streams and ponds, often in habitats with sandy soil.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

smooth softshell *Apalone mutica*

Aquatic: Large rivers and streams; in some areas also found in lakes and impoundments (Ernst and Barbour 1972). Usually in water with sandy or mud bottom and few aquatic plants. Often basks on sand bars and mudflats at edge of water. Eggs are laid in nests dug in high open sandbars and banks close to water, usually within 90 m of water (Fitch and Plummer 1975).

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S3 |

Texas horned lizard *Phrynosoma cornutum*

Terrestrial: Open habitats with sparse vegetation, including grass, prairie, cactus, scattered brush or scrubby trees; soil may vary in texture from sandy to rocky; burrows into soil, enters rodent burrows, or hides under rock when inactive. Occurs to 6000 feet, but largely limited below the pinyon-juniper zone on mountains in the Big Bend area.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: T | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4G5 | State Rank: S3 |

timber (canebrake) rattlesnake *Crotalus horridus*

Terrestrial: Swamps, floodplains, upland pine and deciduous woodland, riparian zones, abandoned farmland. Limestone bluffs, sandy soil or black clay. Prefers dense ground cover, i.e. grapevines, palmetto.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S4 |

western box turtle *Terrapene ornata*

Terrestrial: Ornate or western box turtles inhabit prairie grassland, pasture, fields, sandhills, and open woodland. They are essentially terrestrial but sometimes enter slow, shallow streams and creek pools. For shelter, they burrow into soil (e.g., under plants such as yucca) (Converse et al. 2002) or enter burrows made by other species.

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COOKE COUNTY

REPTILES

western massasauga *Sistrurus tergeminus*

Terrestrial: Shortgrass or mixed grass prairie, with gravel or sandy soils. Often found associated with draws, floodplains, and more mesic habitats within the arid landscape. Frequently occurs in shrub encroached grasslands.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3G4 | State Rank: S3 |

western rattlesnake *Crotalus viridis*

Terrestrial: Dry desert and prairie grasslands, shrub desert rocky hillsides; edges of arid and semi-arid river breaks.

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G5 | State Rank: S5 |

PLANTS

Engelmann's bladderpod *Physaria engelmannii*

Grasslands and calcareous rock outcrops in a band along the eastern edge of the Edwards Plateau, ranging as far north as the Red River (Carr 2015).

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G4 | State Rank: S3 |

Hall's prairie clover *Dalea hallii*

In grasslands on eroded limestone or chalk and in oak scrub on rocky hillsides; Perennial; Flowering May-Sept; Fruiting June-Sept

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: Y | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2 |

Osage Plains false foxglove *Agalinis densiflora*

Most records are from grasslands on shallow, gravelly, well drained, calcareous soils; Prairies, dry limestone soils; Annual; Flowering Aug-Oct

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2 |

Reverchon's scurfpea *Pedimelum reverchonii*

Mostly in prairies on shallow rocky calcareous substrates and limestone outcrops; Perennial; Flowering Jun-Sept; Fruiting June-July

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S3 |

Shinner's sedge *Carex shimmersii*

Occurs in ditches and swales in prairie landscapes (Carr 2015).

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| Federal Status: | State Status: | SGCN: Y |
| Endemic: N | Global Rank: G3 | State Rank: S2 |

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COOKE COUNTY

PLANTS

Shumard's morning glory *Ipomoea shumardiana*

Known only from two specimens, both collected in 1941 from one site along the Red River, gravelly roadside prairie; Perennial; Flowering June-Aug; Fruiting July

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

Global Rank: G2G3

State Rank: S1

Topeka purple-coneflower *Echinacea atrorubens*

Occurring mostly in tallgrass prairie of the southern Great Plains, in blackland prairies but also in a variety of other sites like limestone hillsides; Perennial; Flowering Jan-June; Fruiting Jan-May

Federal Status:

State Status:

SGCN: Y

Endemic: N

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| Common Name | Scientific Name | G RANK | S RANK (Provisional) | ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM <i>added where relationship can be made at this scale</i> | ECOREGIONS (Note: other ecoregions are included for cross reference and conservation action coordination if needed) | | | | | | | | | | | | Known COUNTIES | Endemic | Known PROTECTED AREAS | TERR | WETL | AQU | Comments |
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| Bur Oak - Shumard Oak Mixed Bottomland Forest | Quercus macrocarpa - Quercus shumardii - Chasmanthium latifolium Forest | G3? | S3? | South-Central Interior Large Floodplain CES202.705 | TBPR | ECPL | CRTB | | | | | | | | | | Anderson, Navarro, Red River and Tarrant | N | | X | | Newly described association (not in NatureServe). Probably in other North Texas counties. | |
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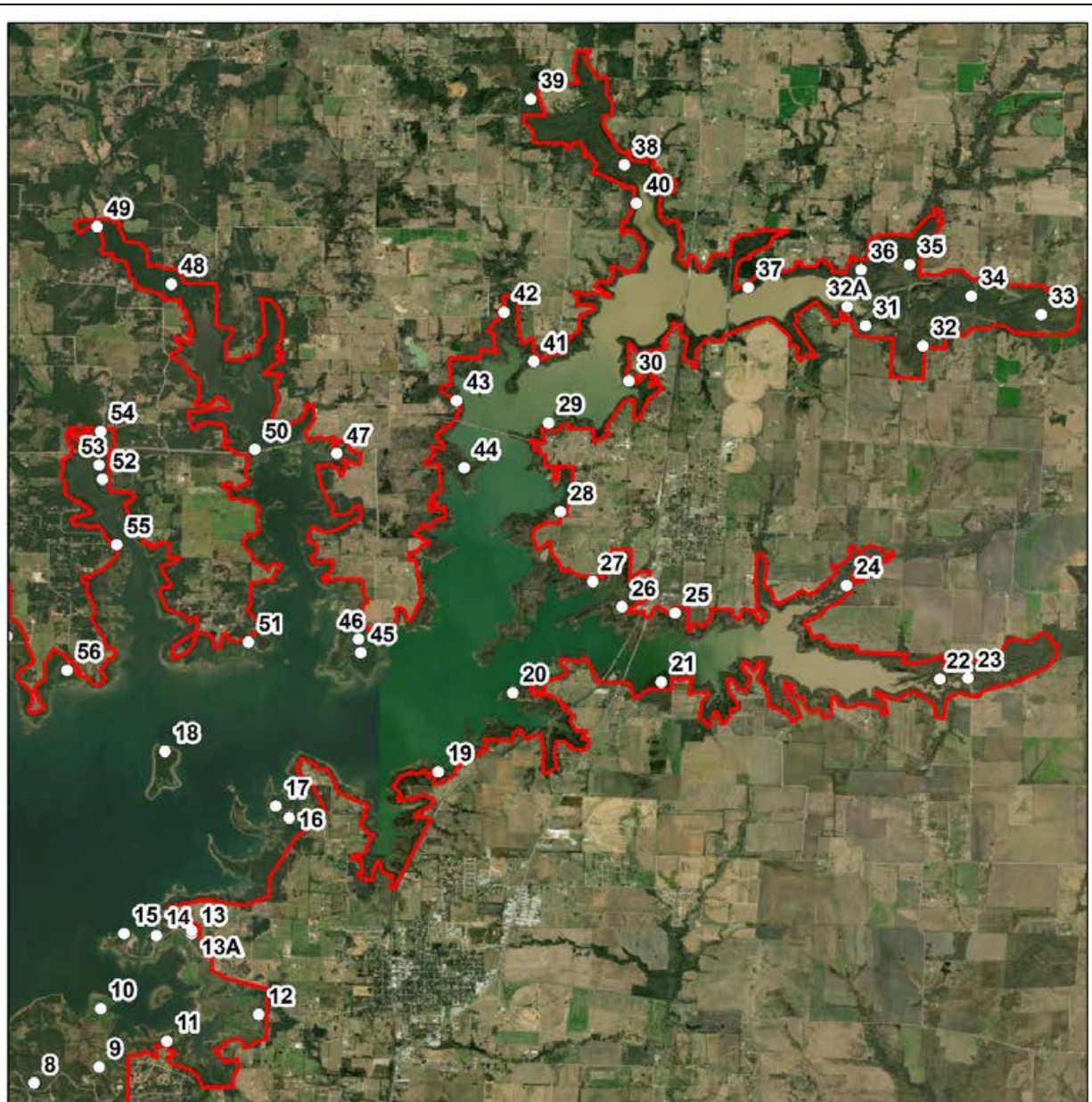
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Introduction

Habitat assessments were conducted at Ray Roberts Lake on October 5-8, 2020 using Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Procedure ([WHAP] TPWD 1995). WHAP survey point locations were based on points believed or known to have various habitat types and features based on aerial imagery from existing Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data as well as from local knowledge of the area. A total of 87 WHAP points were surveyed, all within U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) fee boundary (Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C).

The purpose of this report is to describe wildlife habitat quality within the USACE Ray Roberts Lake fee-owned property in Cooke, Denton, and Grayson Counties, Texas. This report is being prepared by the USACE Regional Planning and Environmental Center to provide habitat quality information and inform land classifications as part of the Ray Roberts Lake Master Plan revision process.



Ray Roberts Lake WHAP

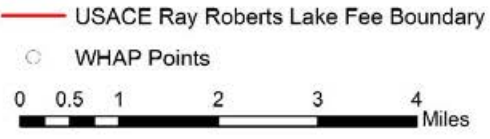


Figure 1. Distribution of WHAP Points within the Eastern Boundary of Ray Roberts Lake

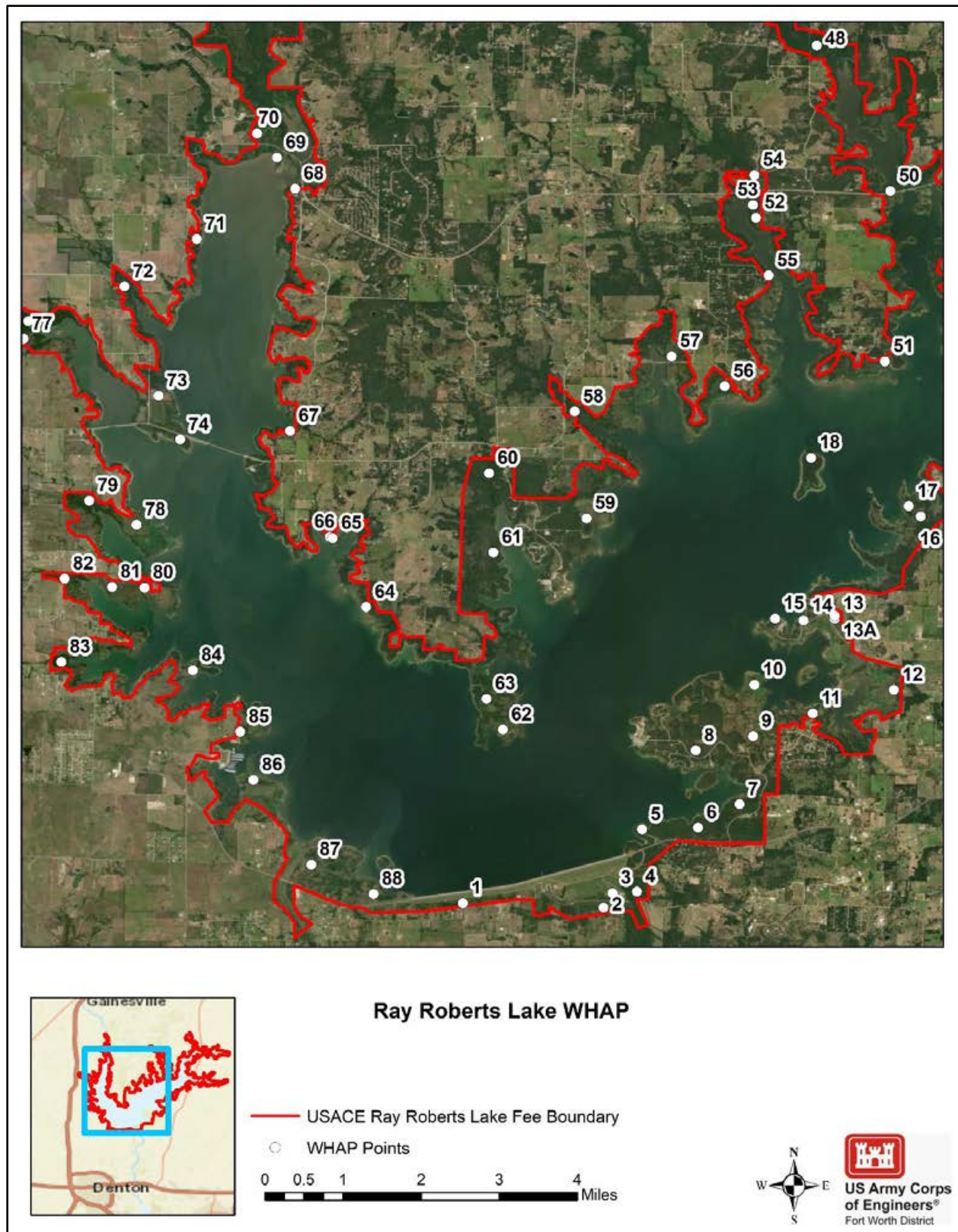


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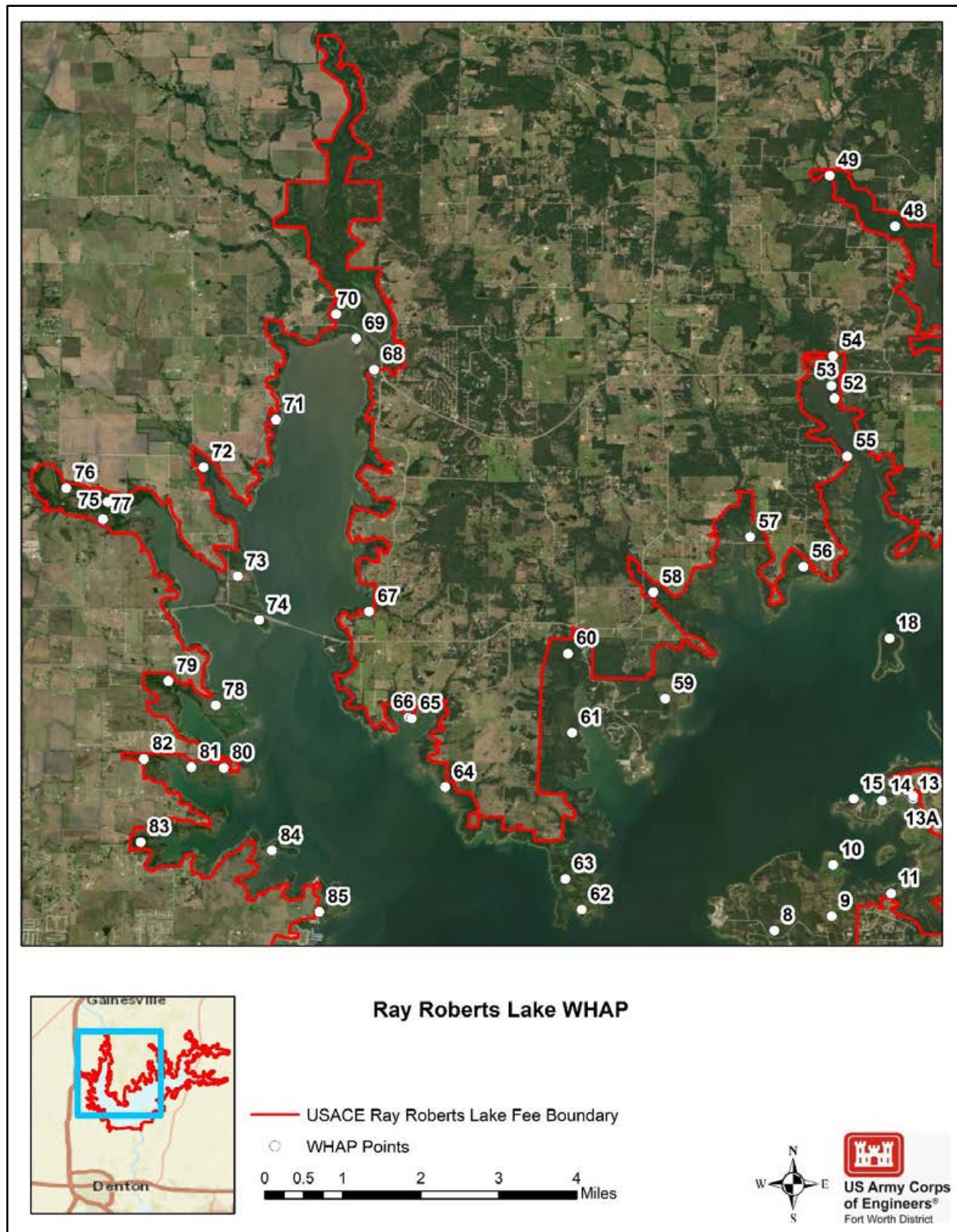


Figure 3. Distribution of WHAP Points within the Western Boundary at Ray Roberts Lake

Study Area

USACE fee owned property at Ray Roberts Lake, approximately 8,745 acres, is located just north of Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in north central Texas as displayed in Figure 4 below. More specifically, the lake sits primarily between the cities of Denton and Gainesville, Texas within the Cross Timbers and Texas Blackland Ecoregion. Ray Roberts Lake lies on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. The major tributaries to the Clear Fork are Denton Creek, Hickory Creek, Clear Creek, Isle Du Bois Creek and Little Elm Creek. Downstream of the Ray Roberts Lake dam, the Elm Fork meanders until its confluence with Lewisville Lake.

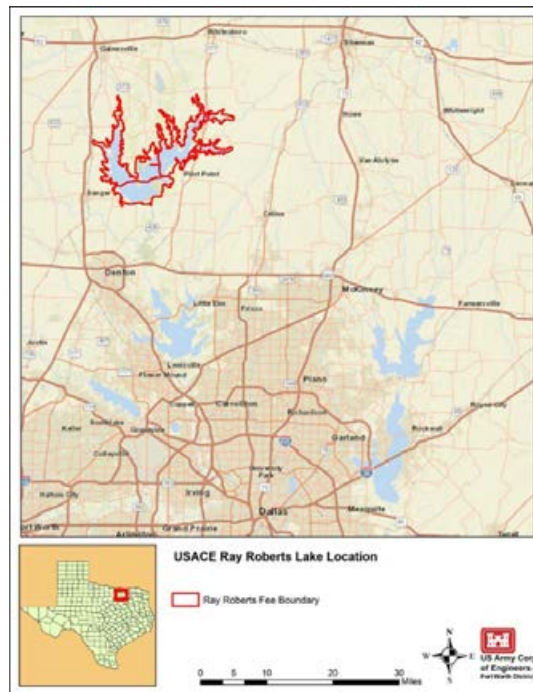


Figure 4 Ray Roberts Lake Vicinity Map

The WHAP requires evaluating representative sites of each cover type present within an area of interest. For this project, a search area of 0.1 acre (circle with radius of 37.2 feet) was used at each WHAP site to compile a list of plant species occurring at each site and to complete the Biological Components Field Evaluation Form (TPWD 1995). Field data collected on the form at each WHAP site included the following components:

1. Site Potential
2. Temporal Development of Existing Successional Stage
3. Uniqueness and Relative Abundance
4. Vegetation Species Diversity
5. Vertical Vegetation Stratification
6. Additional Structural Diversity
7. Condition of Existing Vegetation

The TPWD developed the WHAP to allow a qualitative, holistic evaluation of wildlife habitat for particular tracts of land statewide without imposing significant time requirements in regard to field work and compilation of data (TPWD 1995). The WHAP was not designed to evaluate habitat quality in relation to specific wildlife species.

The WHAP is based on the following assumptions:

1. Vegetation structure including species composition and physiognomy is itself sufficient to define the habitat suitability for wildlife;
2. A positive relationship exists between vegetation diversity and wildlife species diversity;
3. Vegetation composition and primary productivity directly influence population densities of wildlife species.

As designed, the WHAP is intended to be used for the following applications:

1. Evaluating impacts upon wildlife populations from specific development project alternatives.
2. Establishing baseline data prior to anticipated or proposed changes in habitat conditions for specific areas.
3. Comparing tracts of land that are candidates for land acquisition or mitigation.
4. Evaluating general habitat quality and wildlife management potential for tracts of land over large geographical areas, including wildlife planning units.

At each site, a 1/10th acre plot was evaluated and points were assigned to all applicable components based on field conditions. A habitat quality score, where values range from 0.0 (low quality) to 1.0 (high quality), was then calculated for each site by adding together all points and multiplying by 0.01. Habitat quality was then determined for all sites within the same habitat type. The scores for each site can be found in Attachment A. Photographs were taken at each site and are included as Attachment B.

The WHAP protocol can be used to assess a wide range of habitats; however, it was originally developed to assess and develop mitigation requirements for loss of bottomland hardwoods and other aquatic habitats. Scores can yield higher results for these habitats based on how the scoring is allotted to each WHAP habitat component. Upland forest and grassland habitat types cannot reach a score indicative of high quality habitat, although they may exhibit high quality features. Subsequently, high quality upland habitat may not be identified or can be overlooked.

Grasslands, in particular, fall into this category. The Site Potential component has a maximum score of 0.25 points and allocates more points based on higher hydrologic connectivity. In order to receive the highest score for this component, the area must exhibit at least one of the following: periodically support predominately hydrophytic vegetation, have predominately undrained hydric soil and supports or is capable of supporting hydrophytic vegetation, and/or is saturated with water or covered by shallow water during 1-2 months of the growing season each year. In a grassland setting, when conditions become conducive to hydrophytic plant growth, a successional shift from a grassland to herbaceous wetlands, swamps, or riparian forest is likely to occur.

Therefore, grasslands would almost always be limited to a maximum score of 0.12 points (uplands with thick surface layers).

Similarly, grasslands would be limited to a maximum of 0.12 points for the Temporal Development of Existing Successional Stage component, whereas other forested habitats could receive the full 0.25 points.

High value grasslands may not have any woody vegetation, nor vegetation that is more than 12 feet tall, and very little additional structural components. To account for this, total scores for areas categorized as grasslands do not reflect the Vegetation Species Diversity component and makes the maximum score for Vertical Vegetation Stratification component as a value of 4 and Additional Structural Diversity component as 1.

These components regularly exclude grassland habitat from receiving the maximum score of 1.00 on the WHAP point scale. In order to identify the maximum score each habitat type can receive, USACE environmental staff scored each criteria given ideal conditions for riparian/bottomland hardwood forest (BHF), upland forest (includes all non-riparian/BHF forests), grassland, and marsh habitats. The maximum value scores, shown in Table 1, were then used to normalize scores for habitats that are prevented from reaching the maximum WHAP score. This is primarily due to arbitrary low scores in the two WHAP components described above. Normalizing habitat scores will identify high quality habitat that would otherwise not be detected.

Table 1. Cover Types and Maximum Total Scores

| Cover Type | Component Number | | | | | | | | Maximum Total Score |
|---------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|---------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7B | |
| Marsh | 25 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NA | 5 | 10 | NA | 1.00 |
| Riparian/BHF | 25 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1.00 |
| Upland Forest | 12 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0.87 |
| Grassland | 12 | 12 | 20 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0.59 |

Riparian/BHF habitats can achieve the maximum score, therefore, no normalization of scores were made for that habitat type. Upland forests and grasslands, however, can only reach within 0.13 and 0.41 points of the maximum WHAP score, even in ideal conditions.

To evaluate all habitat types on an even scoring basis, upland forest and grassland scores were normalized by dividing their original scores by the maximum possible score for their respective habitat types. For example, if a grassland site received an initial score of 0.42, it would be divided by the maximum total points a grassland site can

receive, 0.59. The normalized total score used for further analysis for the grassland site would be 0.75.

This adjustment allows habitat type scores to be analyzed and compared to their corresponding habitat type maximum total score. Rather than, for instance, a grassland being evaluated on a bottomland hardwood scoring scale.

All WHAP scores analyzed and discussed from here forward reflect the normalized total scores. As mentioned above riparian/BHF habitat was not normalized because it already can achieve the maximum score. Grassland scores were normalized by dividing initial scores by 0.59, while all upland forest scores were normalized by dividing the initial score by 0.87.

Habitat

Using TPWD's Texas Ecological Mapping Systems (TPWD 2020), Ray Roberts Lake lies within the Cross Timbers and Blackland Prairie ecoregions. The most common habitat types include marsh, riparian/BHF, upland forest, and grassland (Elliot, 2014). Table 2 displays all habitats surveyed and the number of points surveyed within each respective habitat type.

Table 2. Survey Points per Habitat Type

| Habitat Type | Points Surveyed |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Riparian/BHF | 20 |
| Upland Forest | 41 |
| Grassland | 23 |
| Marsh | 3 |
| Total Points Surveyed | 87 |

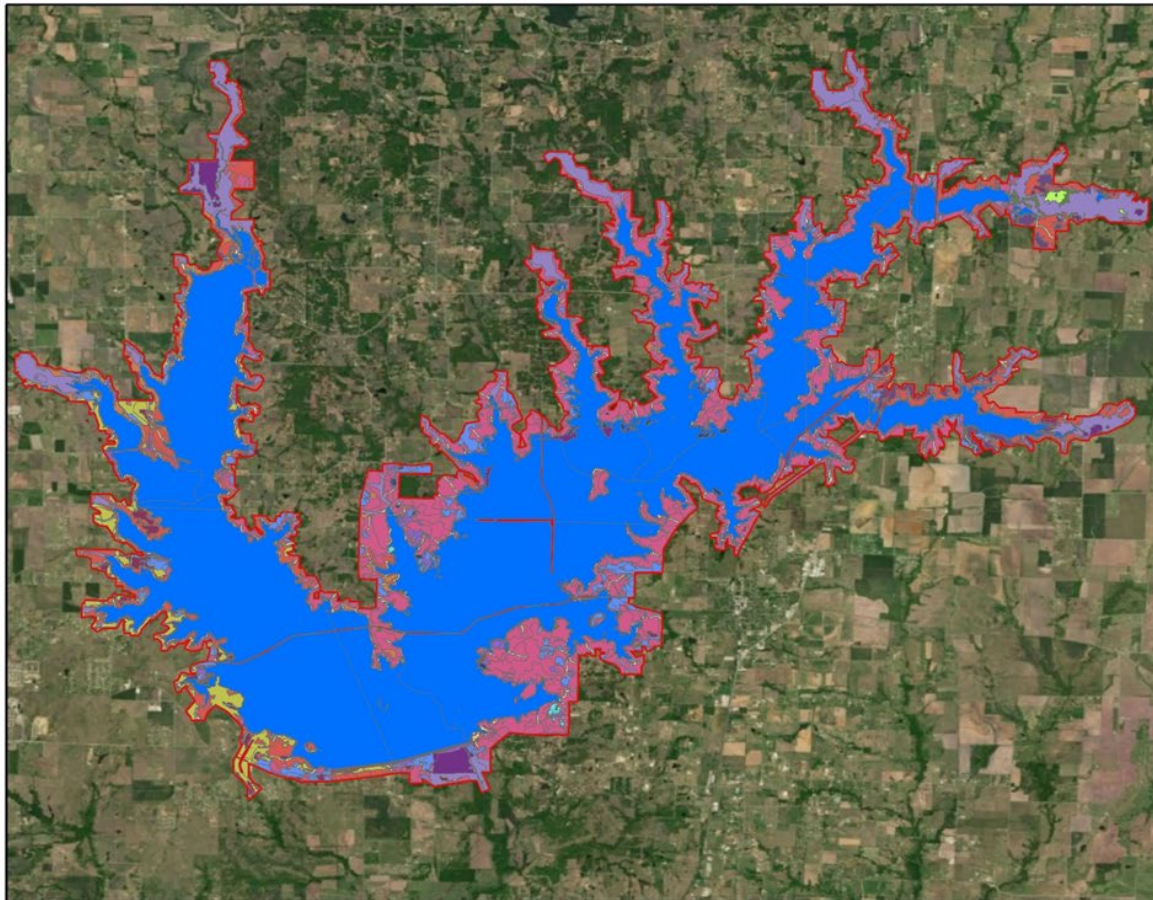
Elliot (2014) provided general habitat type descriptions and associated vegetation communities for the Ecological Systems Classification and Mapping Project in support of the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. These descriptions were meant to be broad and depict typical vegetative assemblages across vast areas as the observable vegetation communities can vary based on local conditions.

Historically, tallgrass prairies consisting of little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardi*), yellow Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), eastern gamagrass (*Tripsacum dactyloides*) and many forbs, such as asters (*Aster spp.*), clovers (*Trifolium spp.*), and black-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) dominated the region. Before nearly all of the prairie was developed, bison (*Bison bison*) and pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*), greater prairie chickens (*Tympanuchus cupido*), and even ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) utilized this area. Only an estimated 5,000 widely scattered acres in small tracts remain of the original 12 million

acres of the region, or less than one-tenth of one percent of remaining prairie. Riparian hardwoods, primarily bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), Shumard oak (*Quercus shumardii*), sugar hackberry (*Celtis laevigata*), elm (*Ulmus spec.*), ash (*Fraxinus spec.*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), and pecan (*Carya illinoensis*), meander this prairie. The headwaters of several east Texas rivers begin in the Blackland Prairie region. In addition, the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado Rivers, and many tributaries of nearly every major system feeding the Gulf of Mexico, originate in or cross the Blackland Prairies (TPWD, 2012B).

Early settlers found the Cross Timbers' woodlands thick and impenetrable. Dominated by post (*Quercus stellate*) and blackjack oak (*Quercus marilandica*), these woodlands were often cleared for farming. Those few remaining woodland tracts can contain trees reaching 200-500 years old. Today juniper (*Juniperus spp.*) and yaupon (*Ilex vomitoria*) are a more abundant component of the Cross Timbers, pockets of prairie are spread throughout agriculture, oil and gas, and urban use areas (TPWD, 2012A). The ecoregion is characterized by moderate but sporadic rainfall. Typical vegetation that can be found in the Cross Timbers include: post oak, blackjack oak, black hickory (*Carya texana*), bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*), dwarf chinkapin oak (*Quercus prinoides*), cedar elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*), oak (*Quercus spp*), little bluestem, sumac (*Rhus spp*), eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) and honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*).

Figure 5 displays the distribution of habitat types within the USACE boundary at Ray Roberts Lake. For analysis purposes, habitat types were pooled into one of four categories: marsh, riparian/BHF, upland forest, and grasslands.



Ray Roberts Lake Ecological Habitat Types



Figure 5. Distribution of Habitat Types within the Fee Owned Boundary at Ray Roberts Lake.

Results and Discussion

The total habitat score for each point surveyed is a representation of multiple habitat attributes including vegetative diversity and structure, site soil potential, successional stage, and uniqueness of that habitat across the landscape. Data analysis highlights are discussed below, while detailed data for each point surveyed can be found in Attachment A: Ray Roberts Lake WHAP Summary Results of this report.

Upland forest (41 sampled) and grassland (23 sampled) were the most abundant habitat types surveyed. Upland forest scores ranged from 0.65 to 0.90 while grassland scores ranged from 0.84 to 1.00. The lower minimum scores, especially for these normally drier upland habitats, may be partly due to long-term flooding that occurred at Ray Roberts Lake in recent years, thus leading to reduced plant diversity. Flooding at lower elevations in the flood pool of Ray Roberts Lake almost certainly led to mortality of the typically upland species of herbaceous plant growth. This certainly affected survey metrics within the inundated areas. Long-term flooding of federal lands is a routine occurrence at typical USACE lakes having a primary mission of flood risk reduction.

The average, maximum, and minimum total scores observed for each habitat type surveyed are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Average, Minimum, and Maximum Scores per Habitat Type

| Habitat Type | Average Total Score | Maximum Total Score | Minimum Total Score |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Marsh | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.52 |
| Riparian/BHF | 0.64 | 0.81 | 0.41 |
| Upland Forest | 0.65 | 0.90 | 0.46 |
| Grassland | 0.84 | 1.00 | 0.51 |

Figure 6, Figure 7, and Figure 8 show the range of total scores for all points surveyed (87 sampled) as well as the 3 additional points that were skipped due to inaccessibility or multiple points occurring in the same area. Skipped points show a total score of 0 in Figure 6, Figure 7, and Figure 8. Overall, grassland and riparian/BHF habitats exhibited the highest average total score (0.84 and 0.65). The difference between upland forest and Riparian/BHF is that the Average Total Score is 0.01. With such a close margin, these two habitats are equal in value, which is proof of how the normalizing of scores helps the sites to be evaluated on an equal basis.

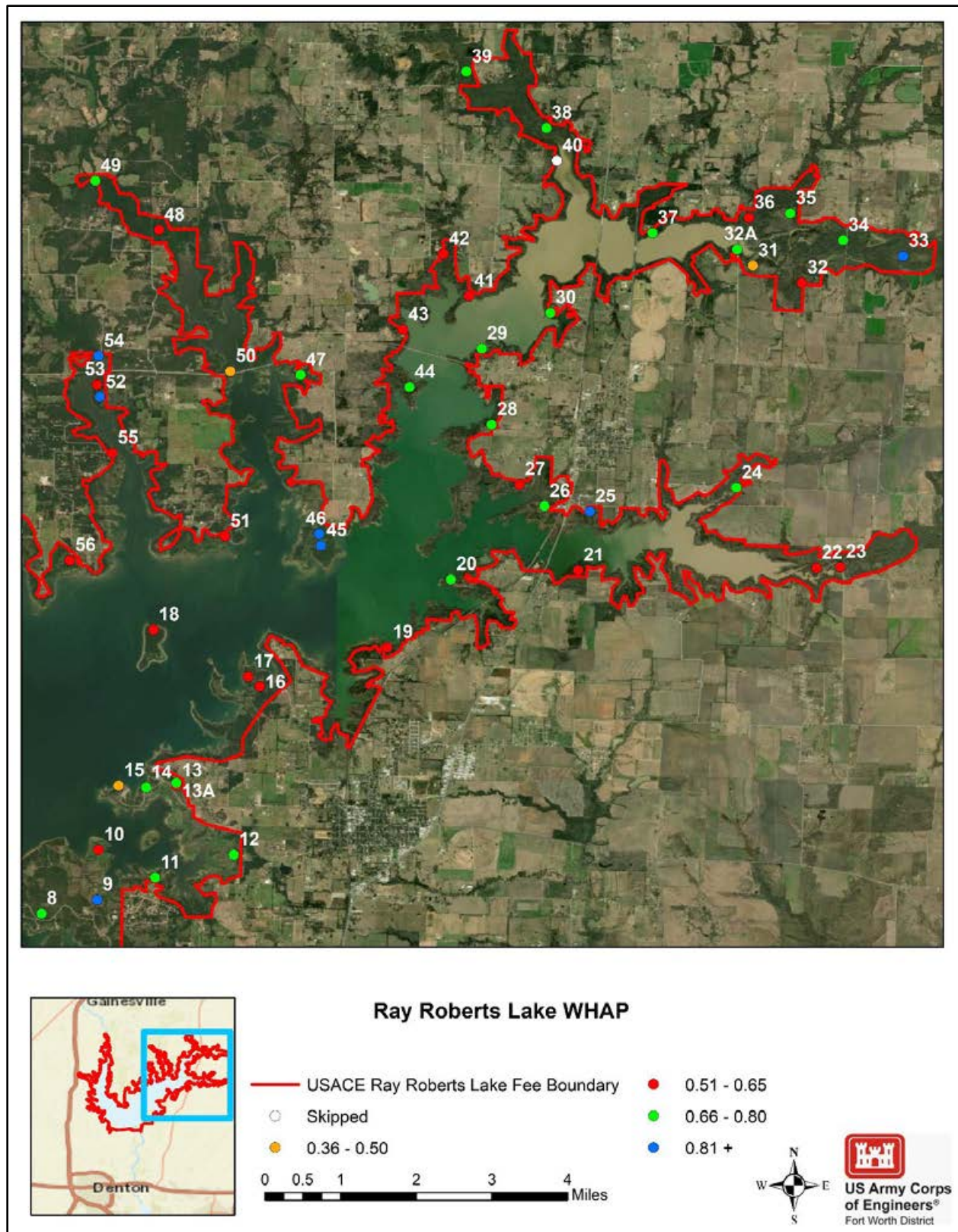


Figure 6. Total Score Range for All Points Surveyed on the Eastern Boundary of Ray Roberts Lake

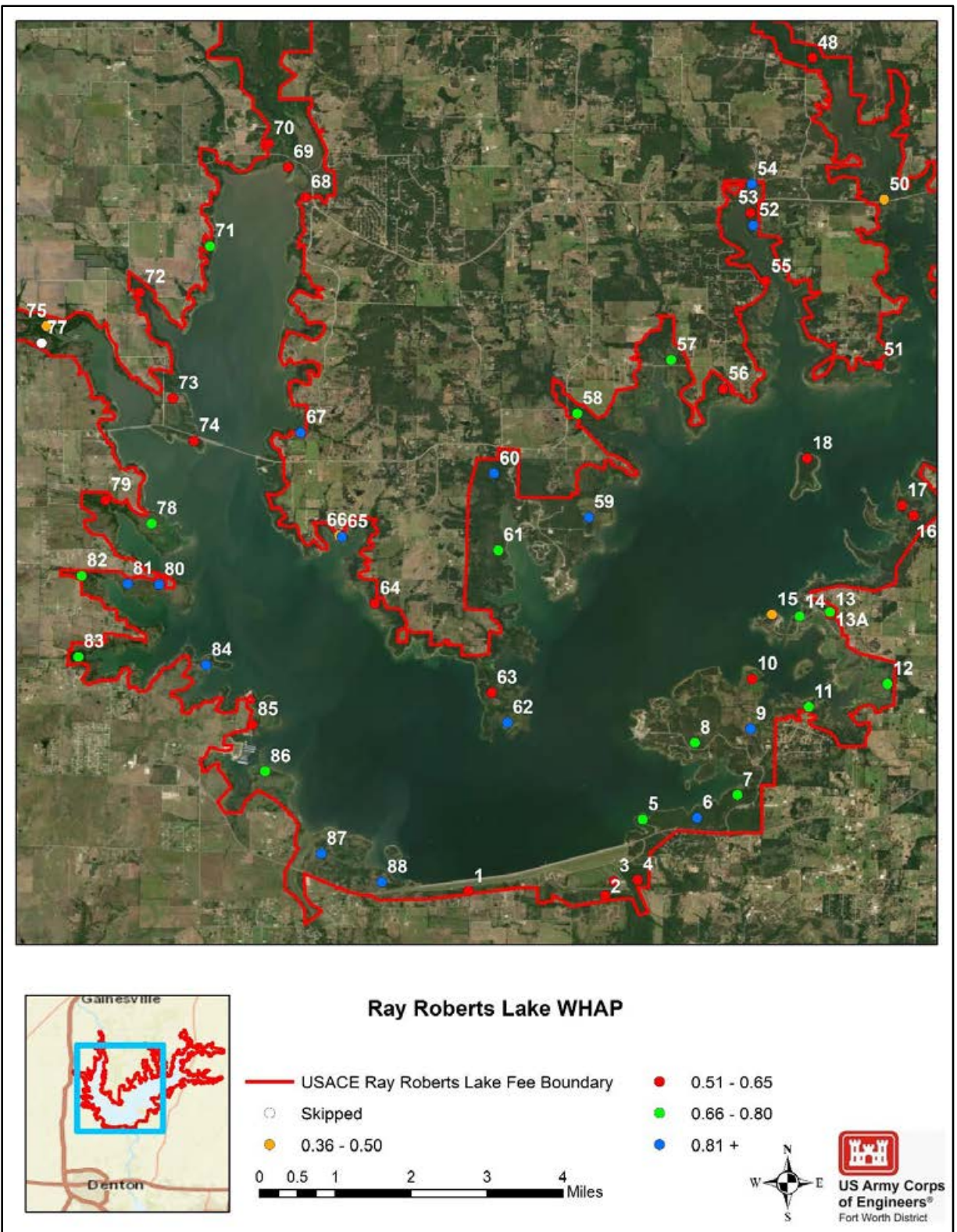


Figure 7. Total Score Range for All Points Surveyed within the Center of Ray Roberts Lake

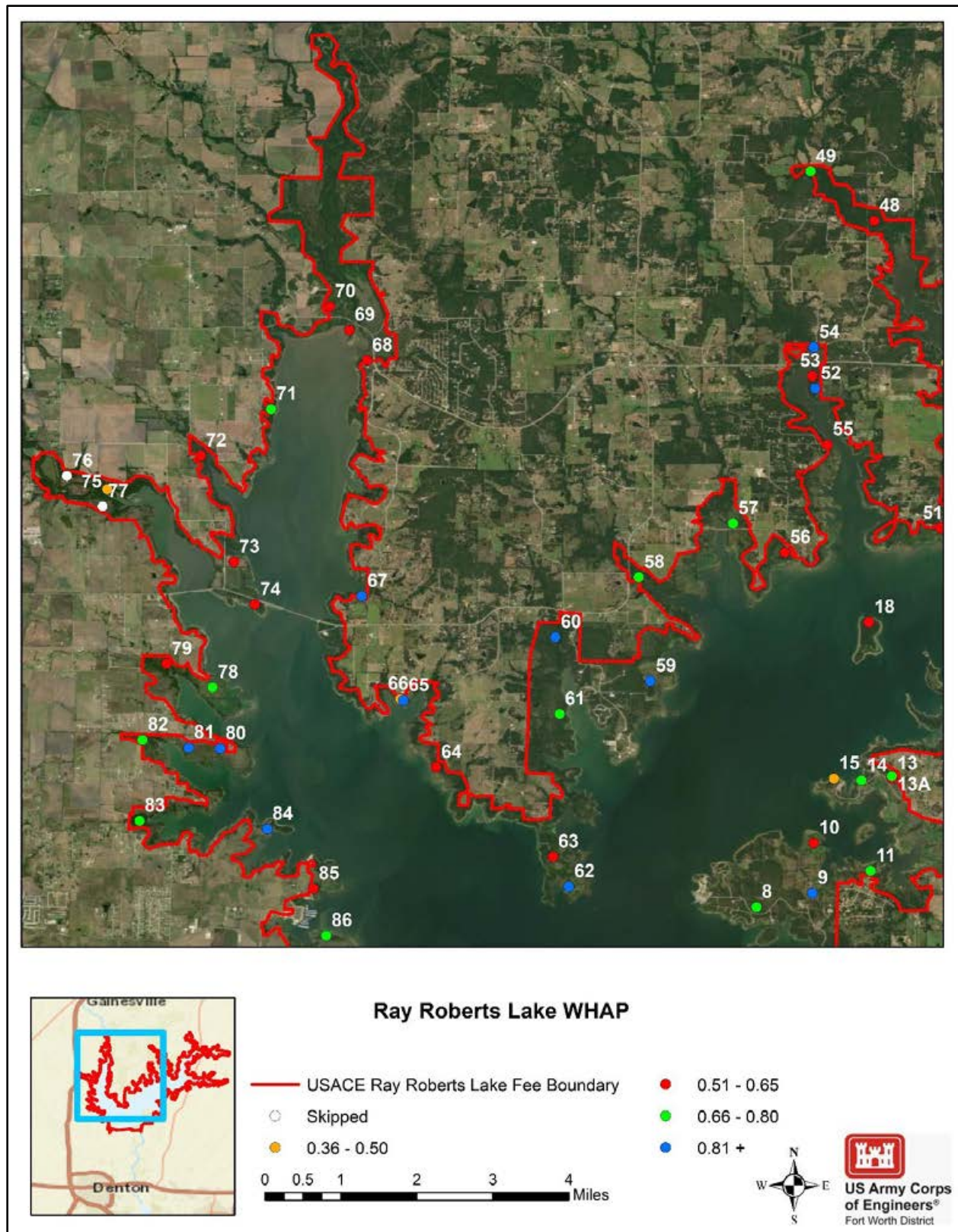


Figure 8. Total Score Range for All Points Surveyed on the Western Boundary of Ray Roberts Lake

Beyond vegetative diversity, the three major metrics within the WHAP scoring criteria that allocate points are for site potential, successional stage, and uniqueness and relative abundance. Table 4 shows these metrics' average score per habitat type.

Table 4. Average Site Potential, Successional Stage, and Uniqueness and Relative Abundance Scores per Habitat Type

| Habitat Type | Average Site Potential | Average Successional Stage | Average Uniqueness and Relative Abundance |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Marsh | 23.33 | 5.00 | 11.67 |
| Riparian/BHF | 20.20 | 9.30 | 10.65 |
| Upland Forest | 12.37 | 9.71 | 10.24 |
| Grassland | 13.04 | 6.09 | 10.74 |

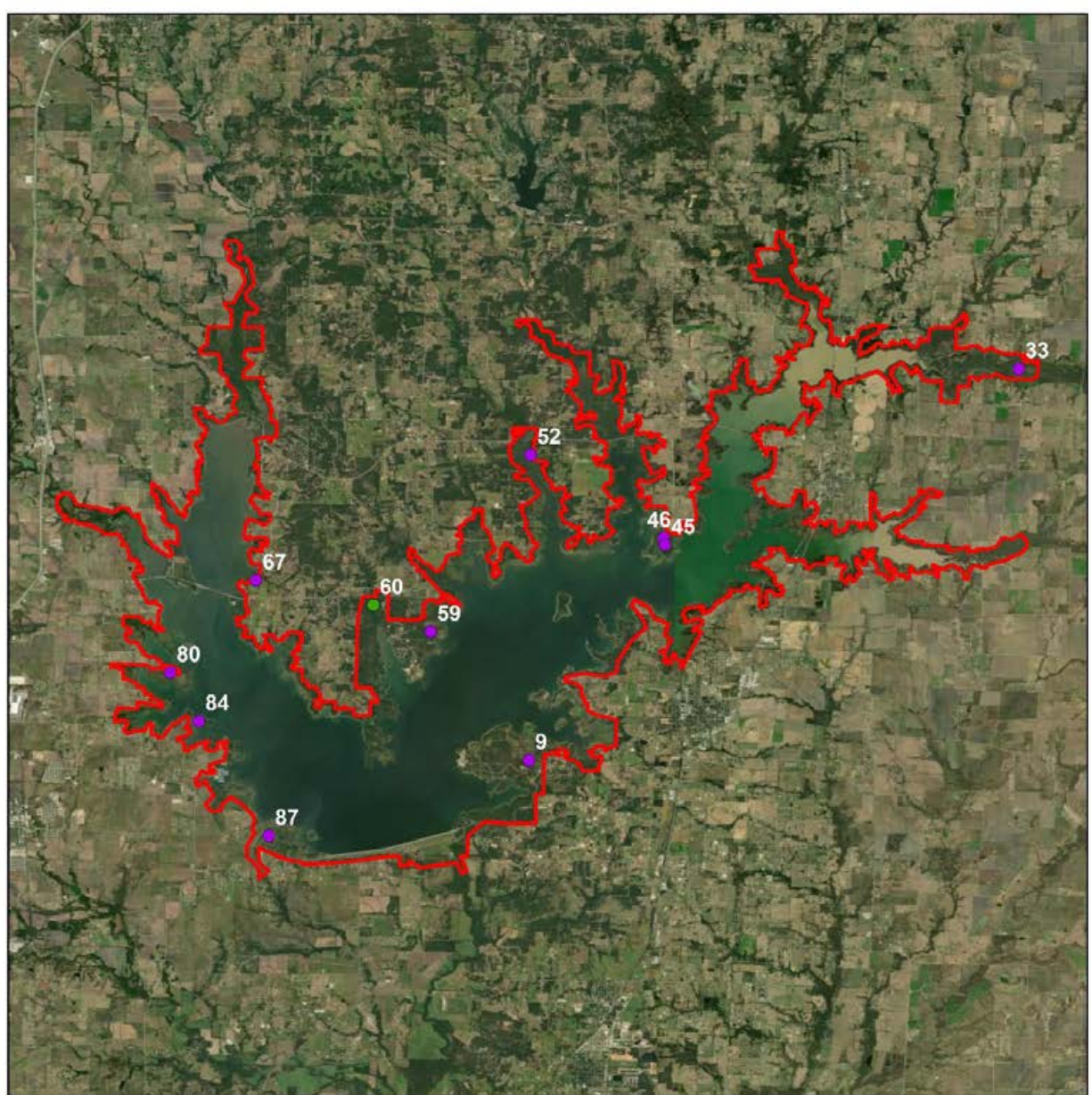
Site potential allocates more points based on soil substrates characteristics and hydrologic connectivity that can support hydrophytic habitats, such as marshes, swamps, and bottomland hardwood forests that are often considered to be higher quality, more diverse habitat. This allows areas to score higher even though a recent disturbance, such as fire or flood, may have removed most of the vegetation. Areas scoring high in site potential but low in other metrics can be targeted for management efforts as these areas' vegetation community response should be favorable, thus increasing habitat value.

Successional stage refers to the age of the vegetative community. Older, mature forests and climax prairies, score higher than younger pole stands or disturbed grasslands because they provide more diverse forage, cover, and niche habitats. These scores are expected to increase across the habitats, except in areas that may not have the soil types to support hydrophytic vegetation or are flooded frequently enough to limit upland forest or grassland growth and development.

Uniqueness and Relative Abundance takes into consideration the rarity of a habitat or vegetative community and its abundance in the region. Ongoing urban expansion has significantly influenced the region's remaining habitat composition. Few large, contiguous patches of habitat remain within the DFW metroplex.

Ray Roberts Lake and the surrounding terrestrial habitat represents one of the remaining patches that have become less abundant across the region. As urban development continues, the remaining habitat at Ray Roberts Lake will likely increase in overall wildlife value and uniqueness.

In total, 11 points (9, 33, 45, 46, 52, 59, 60, 67, 80, 84, and 87) surveyed received a score over 0.90 indicating high quality habitat (Figure 9) in comparison to all the other points. All but one were found in a grassland habitat, but they all had maxed scores for site potential. However; if Figures 6, 7, and 8 WHAP Total Scores are compared to Figure 10 WHAP Maxed Out Site Potential, three areas were identified as to having the greatest potential for improvement. These areas can be found around below Ray Roberts Dam west of Greenbelt Corridor Rd(both sides of the river), north of FM 3002 and east of Co Rd 231, and the area immediately north of Ray Roberts Marina.



Ray Roberts Lake WHAP
All Sites with Total Scores over 0.90

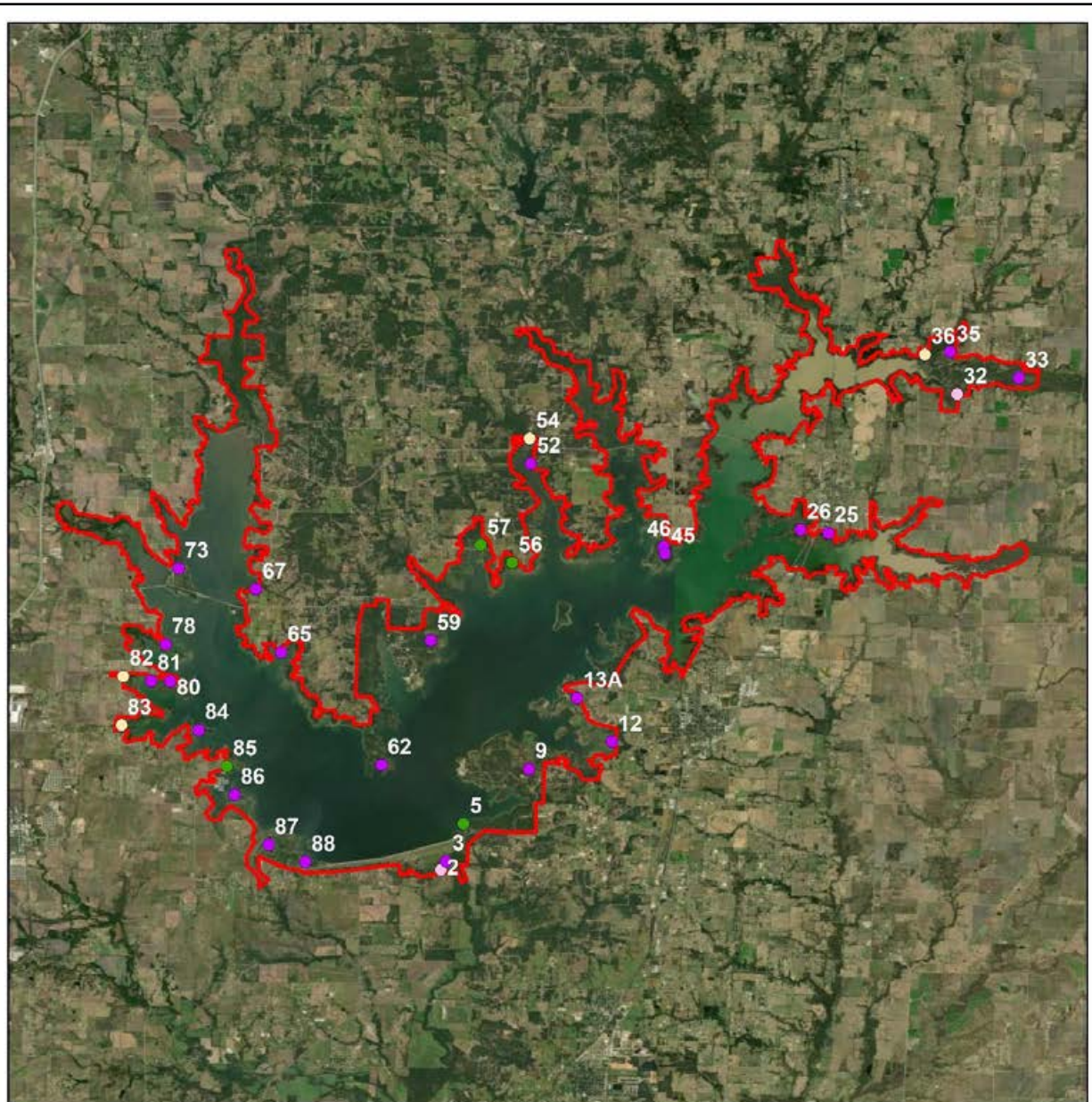
● Grassland ● Upland Forest

— USACE Ray Roberts Lake Fee Boundary

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Figure 9. All Sites with Total Scores over 0.90



**Ray Roberts Lake WHAP
All Sites with Maxed Out Site Potential**

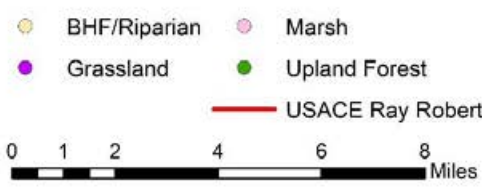
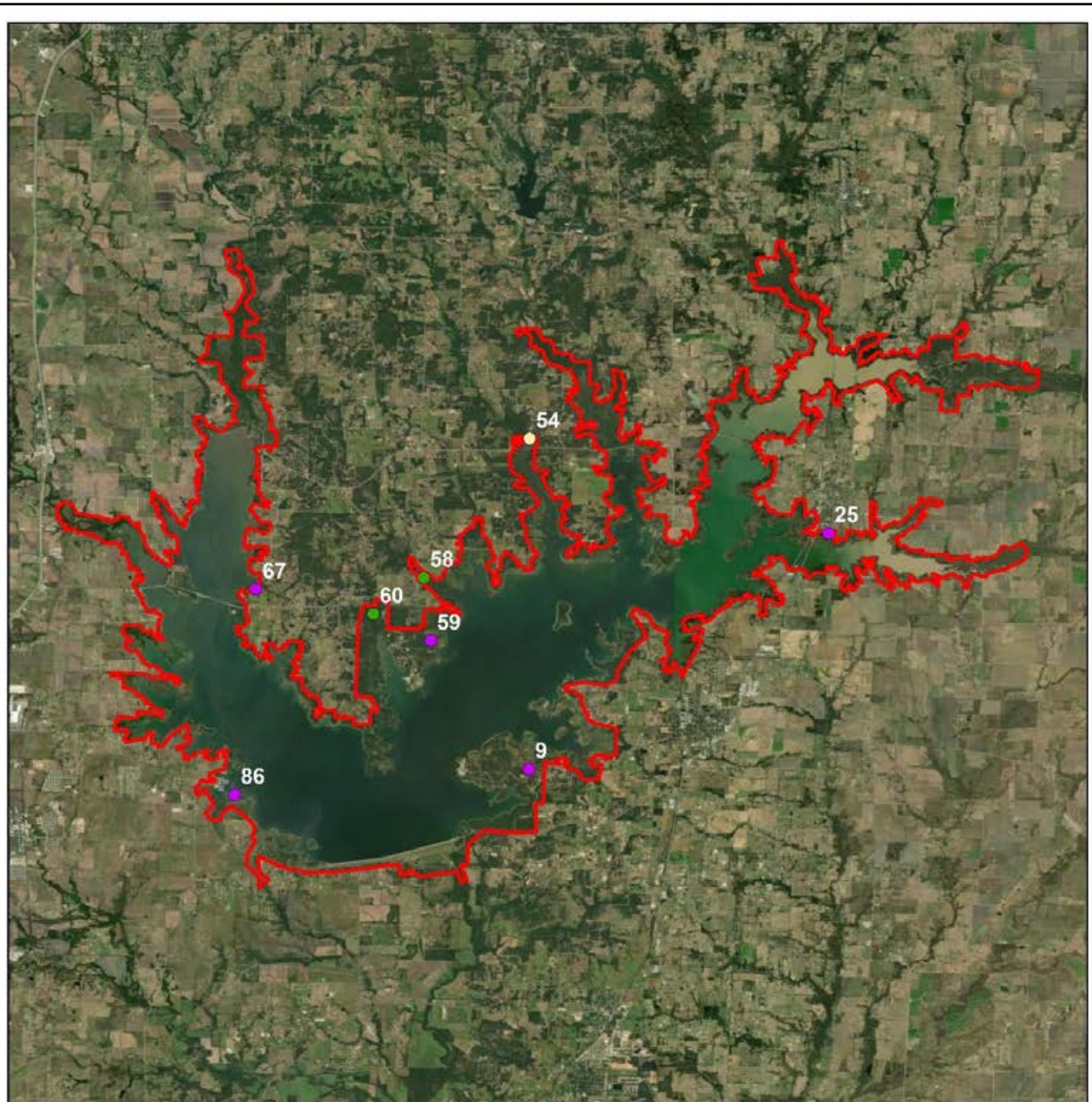


Figure 10. All Sites with Maxed Out Site Potential



Ray Roberts Lake WHAP
All Sites with Maxed Out Successional Stage



Figure 11. All Sites with Maxed Out Successional Stage

Recommendations

Even with planned and unplanned disturbances, there are numerous areas of valuable wildlife habitat remaining on USACE fee owned property at Ray Roberts Lake.

Overall, habitat management has proven effective in maintaining medium- to high-quality wildlife habitat on USACE lands at Ray Roberts Lake.

Based on the results of the WHAP survey efforts, areas to consider for Wildlife Management or Environmentally Sensitive Areas land classifications include those areas with highest maximum scores. The planning team for the Ray Roberts Lake Master Plan revision will take into account the WHAP scores when making land classification decision.

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Attachment A: Ray Roberts Lake WHAP Results Summary

| Point Number | Habitat Type | Final Score | Berry Drupe | Legume/Pod | Acorn | Nut Nutlike | Samara | Cone | Achene | All Others | Herbaceous Species | Notes |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--|---|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Upland Forest | 0.56 | Hackberry, Privet, Poison Ivy, Sumac, Balloon Vine, | Honey Locust | NA | NA | Cedar Elm, | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Johnson Grass, Giant Ragweed, Canadian Wildrye, Goldenrod, Western Ragweed, Sedge, Texas Croton, unknown grass, Aster spec., Rain Lily | NA |
| 2 | Marsh | 0.61 | Balloon Vine, | NA | NA | NA | Cedar Elm | NA | NA | Buttonbush, Duckweed | White Aster, Goldenrod, Sumpweed, Giant Ragweed, Cattail, Woolly Croton, Cocklebur, Foxtail Grass, Oxalis, Bushy Bluestem, Purpletop Tridens, Boneset, Hibiscus, Rosette Grass, Sedge, Lovegrass | Wildlife dam, beaver or muskrat |
| 3 | Grassland | 0.51 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | White Tridens, Johnson Grass, King Ranch Bluestem, Aster spec., Milkweed, Dropseed, Windmill Grass, Powderpuff Mimosa | Hayfield |
| 4 | BHF/Riparian | 0.52 | Hackberry, Privet, Smilax Spec., Poison Ivy, Coralberry, Dewberry, Mulberry, Persimmon | Lespedeza | NA | Hickory, Post Oak | Cedar Elm, American Elm, Ash | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Virginia Wildrye, White Heath Aster, Inland Sea Oats, Ruellia, Noseburn, Giant Ragweed, Sedge, Purpletop Tridens, Avens spec., Silverleaf Nightshade, Panicum spec., Pony's Foot | NA |
| 5 | Upland Forest | 0.76 | Hackberry, Coralberry, Hackberry, Smilax Spec., American Beautyberry, Poison Ivy, Virginia Creeper, Yellow Passionvine | Legume vine, Lespedeza | Post Oak, Blackjack Oak, | Hickory | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Rosette Grass, Sedge, Bedstraw, St. Andrew Cross, Parlin's Pussytoe, Stiff Sunflower | NA |
| 6 | Upland Forest | 0.83 | Poison Ivy, American Beautyberry, Smilax Spec., Coralberry, Privet, Dewberry, Hackberry, Mulberry, | Sweet Pea, Lespedeza, | Blackjack Oak | Hickory | Cedar Elm, Prickly Ash | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | St. John Wort, Rosette Grass, Doveweed, Tall Boneset, Purpletop, Lonestar Gumweed, Ironweed, Lovegrass | Sandy with sandstone outcrop, typical crosstimbres |
| 7 | Upland Forest | 0.69 | Dewberry, Persimmon, Virginia Creeper, Smilax Spec., Hackberry, Privet, Coralberry, Mulberry | Sweet Pea, | Blackjack Oak, Unknown Oak | Hickory | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., Loblolly Pine | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Lovegrass, Rosette Grass, Canadian Wildrye, Panic Grass, Saint John's Wort, Bullnettle, Purpletop | Sandy soil, majority pine in entire are |
| 8 | Upland Forest | 0.74 | Poison Ivy, Smilax Spec. | Butterfly Pea, Lespedeza | Post Oak, Blackjack Oak, | Hickory | Cedar Elm, Prickly Ash | NA | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Purpletop, Little Bluestem, Goldenrod, Lovegrass, Bullnettle, Rosette Grass, Boneset, Horsetweed, Sedge | NA |
| 9 | Grassland | 1.00 | Persimmon, Dewberry | Partridge Pea, Lespedeza | Blackjack Oak, | NA | Winged Elm | NA | NA | NA | Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, White Heath Aster, Purple Aster, Goldenrod, Tall Boneset, Dandelion, Western Ragweed, Aster, Snow on the Prairie, Three Awn, Foxtail, Paspalum spec., | Very good grassland, great habitat |
| 10 | BHF/Riparian | 0.58 | Persimmon | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Buttonbush, Black Willow | Cyperus x2, Smartweed, Buttonweed, Snow on the Prairie, Boneset, Marsh Fleabane, Johnson Grass, Foxtail, Rush | NA |
| 11 | Upland Forest | 0.72 | NA | Honey Mesquite | Blackjack Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Foxtail, Big Bluestem, Splitbeard Bluestem, Gay Feather, Goldenrod, Soft Leave Aster, Sand Dropseed, Heath Aster, Indian Grass, Carex, Texas Grama | NA |
| 12 | Grassland | 0.68 | NA | Honey Mesquite, Partridge Pea | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Snow on the Prairie, Splitbeard Bluestem, Western Ragweed, Johnson Grass, Japanese Brome, Queen Ann's Lace, Scribner Panicum, Bermuda Grass, Gumweed, Dropseed, Boneset, Cypress, Canary Grass | NA |
| 13 | BHF/Riparian | 0.62 | Persimmon, Possumhaw, Sumac, Poison Ivy, Dewberry, Ground Cherry, | Honey Locust, Partridge Pea, Dewberry, Poison Ivy | NA | NA | Cedar Elm, | NA | NA | Baccharis | Sedge, Sumpweed, Tridens, Bristlegrass, Boneset, Goldenrod, Passion Flower, Avens spec., Rosette Grass | NA |
| 13A | Grassland | 0.68 | Plum, Gum Bumelia | Partridge Pea, Lespedeza | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Panicum spec., Tridens, White Tridens, Canadian Wildrye, Old World Bluestem, Ragweed, Milkweed, Goldenrod, Croton spec. x2, Prairie Tea, Three Awn, Yarrow, Thistle, American Germander, American Basketflower | Monarch Caterpillars on Milkweed |

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|--------------|---------------|-------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 14 | Upland Forest | 0.69 | Plum, Smilax Spec., Coral Berry, Gum Bumelia | Honey Locust, Lespedeza | Blackjack Oak, Post Oak | NA | American Elm, Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | Osage Orange, Prickly Pear Cactus | Canadian Wildrye, Oxalis, Panicum spec., Noseburn, Sedge, Rosette Grass, Tridens, Boneset, | NA |
| 15 | Upland Forest | 0.46 | Gum Bumelia, Coral Berry, Smilax Spec. | NA | Post Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | NA | Rosette Grass, Canadian Wildrye | NA |
| 16 | Upland Forest | 0.54 | Gum Bumelia, Smilax Spec., | NA | Post Oak, Blackjack Oak, | NA | Cedar Elm, Winged Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Carax | NA |
| 17 | Upland Forest | 0.64 | Persimmon, Smilax Spec., Plum, Yaupon Holly | Lespedeza | Blackjack Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Splitbeard Bluestem, Soft Leaf Aster, Late Purple Aster, Noseburn, Panicum spec., Broomweed, Paspalum spec., | NA |
| 18 | Upland Forest | 0.59 | Hackberry, Smilax Spec. | Honey Locust, Honey Mesquite | Post Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Carex, Virginia Wildrye, Noseburn, Dropseed, Bermuda Grass, Bardyard Grass, Boneset, Purpletop | NA |
| 19 | Upland Forest | 0.62 | Rubus spec., Wild Plum, Poison Ivy, Hercules Club, Smilax Spec. | Lespedeza | NA | Pecan | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Virginia Wildrye, Johnson Grass, Cocklebur, Western Ragweed, Giant Ragweed, Purpletop Tridens, Woolly Tridens, Purple Passion Flower, Bitter Sneezeweed, Little Bluestem, Guara | NA |
| 20 | Upland Forest | 0.68 | Smilax Spec., Persimmon, Hackberry | Honey Locust, Lespedeza | Post Oak | Hickory | Winged Elm, Green Ash, Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Inland Seaots, Sedge, Rosette Grass, American Germander, Wood Meadow Grass, Boneset | NA |
| 21 | Upland Forest | 0.60 | Smilax Spec. | Downy Milkpea | Blackjack Oak, Post Oak | Hickory | Cedar Elm, Winged Elm, | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Sedge | Good habitat |
| 22 | BHF/Riparian | 0.64 | Hackberry, Balloon Vine, Soapberry | Memosa, Honey Locust | NA | NA | Green Ash, American Elm | NA | NA | Black Willow | Giant Ragweed, Sumpweed, Virginia Wildrye, Smartweed, Sedge | NA |
| 23 | BHF/Riparian | 0.55 | Hackberry, Snailseed, Balloon Vine, | Honey Locust | NA | NA | Cedar Elm, Ash | NA | NA | NA | Sedge | Good access to water |
| 24 | Upland Forest | 0.71 | Smilax Spec. | Locust | Post Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | NA | NA | Willow | Broomweed, Milkweed, King Ranch Bluestem, unknown weed, Western Ragweed, Tickseed, Foxtail, Fuzzy Cocklebur, Croton spec., Blazing Star, Brome spec., Broomsedge Bluestem, Oldfield Aster, Goldenrod, Milkweed, Silver Bluestem, Hysop, Western Ragweed, Blazing Star, Brome spec., Tickseed, Broomweed | Highly variable habitat |
| 25 | Grassland | 0.88 | Blackberry, | Honey Mesquite | NA | NA | NA | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Sumpweed., Broomsedge, Blazing Star, Western Ragweed, Smooth White Oldfield Aster, Hysop, Goldenrod | NA |
| 26 | Grassland | 0.73 | NA | NA | NA | NA | Winged Elm, Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | | NA |
| 27 | Upland Forest | 0.63 | Smilax Spec., Persimmon, Chicasaw Plum, Privet, Hackberry, Poison Ivy, Yaupon | Honey Locust | NA | Pecan | Slippery Elm, Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | Black Willow | Sedge, Cutleaf Grape Fern, Canadian Wildrye, Smartweed, Aster spec. | drainage pond, hog rooted |
| 28 | Upland Forest | 0.67 | Hackberry, Smilax Spec., Poison Ivy, Western Soapberry, Rubus spec., Virginia Creeper, Possumhaw Holly, Tupelo | Honey Locust | Schumard Oak | Pecan | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Virginia Wildrye, Honeysuckle, Sedge, 3 unknown herb, Jepsonia spec., | NA |
| 29 | Upland Forest | 0.70 | Smilax Spec., Box Elder, Western Soapberry, Haw spec., Hackberry | Eastern Redbud, Locust | Schumard Oak, Post Oak, | NA | Green Ash, Cedar Elm, American Elm | NA | NA | NA | Virginia Wildrye, Sedge | NA |
| 30 | Upland Forest | 0.68 | Smilax Spec., Gum Bumelia, Poison Ivy, Smooth Leaf Sumac, Roughleaf Dogwood | Mesquite | Schumard Oak, White Oak | Pecan | Cedar Elm, Green Ash | Juniper spec. | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Sedge, Gayfeather, Goldenrod | NA |

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| 41 | Upland Forest | 0.64 | Smilax Spec., Possumhaw Holly, Blackhaw, Coralberry, Poison Ivy, Hackberry | Honey Locust | Blackjack Oak, Schumard Oak, Post Oak | Pecan | Green Ash | Juniper spec., | American Elm, Cedar Elm | NA | Virginia Wildrye | NA |
| 42 | Upland Forest | 0.64 | Smilax Spec., Poison Ivy, Coralberry | Honey Locust, Mimosa, Lespedeza | Post Oak, Bur Oak | Pecan | Cedar Elm, Winged Elm, Green Ash | Juniper spec., | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Brome spec., Giant Ragweed, Sedge, Virginia Wildrye, Dandelion, Annual Ragweed, Aster spec., Goldenrod | NA |
| 43 | Upland Forest | 0.64 | Smilax Spec., Plum, Coralberry, Yaupon, Poison Ivy, American Beautyberry, Mulberry, unknown vine | Honey Locust, | Post Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Goldenrod, Sedge, Wood Meadow Grass | NA |
| 44 | Upland Forest | 0.66 | Mexican Plum, Hackberry, Smilax Spec., Gum Bumelia, Coralberry, Privet, Winged Sumac, Poison Ivy, Summer Grape, Persimmon, Deciduous Holly | Honey Locust | Post Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec. | NA | NA | Inland Seaots, American Germander, Canadian Wildrye, Rosette Grass, Sedge, Scribner Panicum | Hog heaven |
| 45 | Grassland | 1.00 | NA | Honey Locust, Lespedeza | NA | Pecan | Green Ash, Cedar Elm | NA | NA | Narrowleaf Willow | Thoroughwort, Sumpweed, Woolly Croton, Smartweed, Sedge, Western Ragweed, Bristlegrass, Sand Dropseed, Goldenrod, Stinging Nettle, Broomsedge Bluestem | NA |
| 46 | Grassland | 0.93 | Wild Plum, Silverleaf Nightshade, Blackberry | Lespedeza | NA | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | Black Willow | Little Bluestem, Goldenrod, King Ranch Bluestem, Broomweed, Western Ragweed, Aster spec., Canadian Wildrye, Broomsedge Bluestem | NA |
| 47 | BHF/Riparian | 0.68 | Smilax Spec. x 2, Hackberry, Unknown Ivy, | Honey Locust | NA | Pecan | American Elm | NA | NA | Black Willow, Buttonbush | Sedge, Smartweed, Ironweed, Cocklebur, Purple Passion Flower | NA |
| 48 | BHF/Riparian | 0.65 | Hackberry, Smilax Spec., Poison Ivy, Possumhaw Holly, Soapberry, Gum Bumelia, Peppervine | NA | NA | Pecan | Ash, Box Elder, Cedar Elm, American Elm | NA | NA | Osage Orange, Moss | Sedge, Smartweed, Ragweed, Boneset, Mistflower, Cockle, Morning Glory, Inland Seaots, Oxalis, Dayflower, Grass | Some large mature pecans, ground bare from flood |
| 49 | Upland Forest | 0.71 | Poison Ivy, American Beautyberry, Coral Berry, Soapberry, Snailseed, Dewberry, Privet, American Beautyberry, Coral Berry, Possumhaw Holly | Honey Locust, | Shumard Oak, Northern Red Oak, Water Oak, Post Oak, Blackjack Oak | Hickory | Ash, Cedar Elm, Box Elder | Juniper spec., | NA | Osage Orange, Moss | Inland Seaots, Sedge, Avens spec., Canadian Wildrye, Aster spec. | Emergent hardwood, |
| 50 | Upland Forest | 0.47 | Persimmon, Smilax Spec. | NA | | Pecan | Winged Elm, American Elm, Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | Fern | Sedge, Aster spec. | NA |
| 51 | Upland Forest | 0.54 | Persimmon, Hawthorn, Smilax Spec., Dewberry, Poison Ivy, Sumac, | Honey Locust, Lespedeza | NA | NA | Winged Elm, Ash | Juniper spec., | NA | Cottonwood | Golden Rod, Sedge, Canadian Wildrye, Scribner Panicum, Pokeweed, Purpletop Tridens, Giant Ragweed, Cocklebur, nonative Mulberry, Boneset, Frogfruit, Pony Foot, Knotroot Bristlegrass, Western Ragweed, White Heath Aster, Halberd-leaf Rosemallow | Emergent hardwood, prior disturbed area |
| 52 | Grassland | 0.90 | Dewberry, Sand Plum, Chinese Privet, | NA | NA | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | NA | Goldenrod, Beebalm, American Basketflower, Bermuda Grass, Aster spec., Camphor Weed, Aster, Indian Grass, Croton spec., Tall Boneset, Mercury, Western Ragweed, Japanese Brome, Bluebeard | NA |

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| 53 | Upland Forest | 0.64 | American Beautyberry, Coralberry, Gum Bumelia, Smilax Spec., Poison Ivy | NA | Blackjack Oak | NA | Green Ash, Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | NA | Virginia Wildrye, Boneset, Sedge | NA |
| 54 | BHF/Riparian | 0.81 | Smilax Spec., Persimmon, Trumpet Vine, Balloon Vine, unknown vine spec., | NA | NA | NA | Green Ash, Cedar Elm | NA | NA | Black Willow | Cardinal Flower, Cypress, Marsh Fleabane, Smartweed, Barnyard Grass, Carex, Foxtail | NA |
| 55 | Upland Forest | 0.63 | NA | NA | Post Oak, Bur Oak, Blackjack Oak, | Black Hickory | Winged Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Buckwheat | NA |
| 56 | Upland Forest | 0.61 | Poison Ivy, Hackberry, Chinese Privet | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Wild Mercury, Panicum spec., Smartweed, Cypress, Splitbeard Bluestem, Virginia Wildrye, American Germander, Carex Spec., Aster spec. Buck Wheat | NA |
| 57 | Upland Forest | 0.72 | Persimmon | Honey Locust | NA | NA | Cedar Elm, Green Ash, American Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | NA | Smartweed, Giant Ragweed, Cypress, Carex, Rush, Panicum spec., Sumpweed, Goldenrod, Splitbeard Bluestem, Virginia Wildrye, Boneset | NA |
| 58 | Upland Forest | 0.79 | Hackberry, Poison Ivy, Grapevine, Coralberry, Virginia Creeper, Smilax Spec., Red Mulberry, Mexican Plum | NA | Shumard Oak | Pecan | American Elm, Cedar Elm, Box Elder, | Juniper spec., | NA | NA | Panicum spec., Cyperus, Sedge x2 | NA |
| 59 | Grassland | 1.00 | American Persimmon, | Honey Mesquite | NA | NA | Cedar Elm | NA | NA | NA | Giant Ragweed, Splitbeard Bluestem, Goldenrod, Sumpweed, Aster, Broomweed, Skeleton Weed, Ragweed, Aster, Slim Tridens, Winged Loosestrife | NA |
| 60 | Upland Forest | 0.90 | Hackberry, Smilax Spec. spec., Coralberry, American Beautyberry, Poison Ivy | Wild Pea | Blackjack Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | Chinese Privet | Sedge, Inland Sea Oats, 4 unknowns, Panicum Spec., Buckwheat | NA |
| 61 | Upland Forest | 0.72 | Smilax Spec. spec.,, Poison Ivy, Roughleaf Dogwood, Mulberry, Grape spec., Persimmon | Lespedeza | Post Oak, Schumard Oak | NA | Cedar Elm, Slippery Elm, | Juniper spec., | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Canadian Wildrye, Two Leaved Senna, Wood Meadow Grass, Japanese Brome, Sedge, Fuzzy Croton, Bedstraw, Unknown | NA |
| 62 | Grassland | 0.81 | Dewberry, Smilax Spec., Balloon Vine | Honey Locust | NA | NA | Cedar Elm | NA | NA | Black Willow | Sumpweed, Smartweed, Cocklebur, Little Bluestem, Goldenrod, Foxtail, Hyssop, Yellow Bluestem, American Germander, Western Ragweed, Bitteweed, Beggar's Tick | NA |
| 63 | Upland Forest | 0.61 | Hackberry, Soapberry, Coralberry, Smilax Spec., Privet | Honey Locust | Post Oak | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | Osage Orange | Virginia Wildrye, Sedge, Scribner's Panicum, Switchgrass | NA |
| 64 | Upland Forest | 0.64 | Smilax Spec., Dewberry, Gum Bumelia, Hackberry | Honey Locust, Honey Mesquite | NA | NA | NA | Juniper spec., | NA | NA | Dichondra, Japanese Brome, Golden Rod, King Ranch Bluestem, Broomweed, Aster x3, Boneset, Rattle, Purpletop Tridens, Snow on the Prairie, Illinois Bundleflower, | NA |
| 65 | Grassland | 0.88 | Dewberry, Hackberry, Flameleaf Sumac, | Honey Locust | NA | NA | Cedar Elm | Juniper spec., | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | Goldenrod, Broomweed, Marestalk, White Tridens, Paspalum spec., Snow on the Praire, Indian Grass, Broomweed, Barnyard Grass, American Basket Flower, Mint Croton | NA |

| Point Number | Habitat Type | Final Score | Berry Drupe | Legume/Pod | Acorn | Nut Nutlike | Samara | Cone | Achene | All Others | Herbaceous Species | Notes |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--|---|-------|-------------|---|---------------|--------|---|--|-----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | Rosette Grass, Illinois Bundleflower, Beebalm, White Heath Aster, Snow on the Prairie, One Seed Croton, Boneset, Giant Ragweed, | |
| 78 | Grassland | 0.69 | Balloon Vine, Hackberry, Smilax Spec., Dewberry, Soapberry, Balloon Vine | Honey Locust | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA |
| | BHF/Riparian | | | | | | Cedar Elm, Green Ash, Box Elder, Slippery Elm, American Elm | | | Buttonbush, Osage Orange | | |
| 79 | | 0.55 | | Honey Locust | NA | NA | | NA | NA | | Sedge, Boneset, Scribner's Panicum, Sumpweed, Beebalm, Slim Tridens, Illinois Bundleflower, Aster spec., Foxtail, Splitbeard Bluestem, Common Yarrow, Virginia Wildrye, Queen's Ann Lace, Frog Fruit, Goldenrod, Western Ragweed, Broomweed, American Basketflower, Oldfield, Snow on the Prairie, Dropseed, White Brush | NA |
| 80 | Grassland | 0.92 | NA | Honey Locust, Honey Mesquite, Partridge Pea | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | | |
| 81 | Grassland | 0.85 | Balloon Vine, | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | | Sumpweed, Switchgrass, Illinois Bundleflower, Goldenrod, Giant Ragweed, Aster, Boneset, Smartweed | NA |
| | BHF/Riparian | | Hackberry, Smilax Spec., Balloon Vine | | | | | | | Buttonbush Osage Orange, Buttonbush, Cottonwood | Aster, Cyperus, Marsh Flea Bane, Sumpweed, Johnson Grass, Heliotrope, Wild Mercury, Dandelion, Boneset | |
| 82 | | 0.78 | | Honey Locust | NA | NA | American Elm | NA | NA | | | NA |
| | BHF/Riparian | | | | | | | | | Black Willow, Buttonbush | Carex, Canary Grass, Marsh Fleabane, Morning Glory, Sumpweed, Rattlebox, Cyperus, Heliotropes, Barnyard Grass, American Germander | |
| 83 | | 0.75 | Balloon Vine, | NA | NA | NA | Green Ash | NA | NA | | | NA |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Common Yarrow, Goldenrod, False Foxglove, Western Ragweed, Big Bluestem, Broomweed, Virginia Wildrye, Giant Ragweed, Aster, American Basketflower, Snow on the Prairie, Japanese Brome, Queen's Ann Lace, Indian Grass | |
| 84 | Grassland | 0.98 | Hackberry, Chinese Privet, Persimmon, Coralberry, | Honey Locust | NA | NA | Cedar Elm | NA | NA | Osage Orange, Prickly Pear Cactus | | NA |
| | Upland Forest | | Coralberry, Hackberry, Poison Ivy, Western Soapberry, Chinese Privet | | | | | | | | Giant Ragweed, Wild Carrot, Buckwheat, Scribner's Panicum, Big Bluestem, Queen's Ann Lace, Noseburn, Aster, Beggar's Lice, Boneset | |
| 85 | | 0.64 | | Honey Locust | NA | NA | NA | Juniper spec. | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | | NA |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Beebalm, Mexican Hat, Marestalk, Snow on the Prairie, Broomweed, One Seed Croton, Goldenrod, Illinois Bundle Flower, Virginia Wildrye, Silver Bluestem, Splitbeard Bluestem, Silver Bluestem, Japanese Brome, Indian Blanket, Slim Trident, Heath Aster, Noseburn | |
| 86 | Grassland | 0.80 | Hackberry, Gum Bumelia, Sand Plum | Honey Locust, Honey Mesquite, Partridge Pea | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | | NA |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Big Bluestem, Indian Grass, Eryngo, Thistle spec., Goldenrod, Sideoats Gramma, Gayfeather, Western Ragweed, Scribner Panicum, Texas Croton, Yarrow, Crow Poison, Broomweed, Snow on the Prairie, Milkweed, Canadian Wildrye, Sunflower, Illinois Bundleflower | |
| 87 | Grassland | 0.90 | Hackberry, | Honey Mesquite, | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus, | | NA |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Panicum, King Ranch Bluestem, Splitbeard Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Silver Bluestem, Switchgrass, Gay Feather, unknown herb, Ragweed, Thistle, Camphorweed, Aster, Tickseed, Goldenrod, Croton, Thistle | |
| 88 | Grassland | 0.88 | Plum, Dewberry | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Prickly Pear Cactus | | Prior burn area |

Attachment B: Ray Roberts WHAP Point Photographs

Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 1

Facing North



Facing East



Facing West



Facing South



Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 2

Facing North



Facing East



Facing West



Facing South



Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 3

Facing North



Facing East



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Facing South



Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 4

Facing North



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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 5

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 7

Facing North



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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 8

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Facing West



Facing South



Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 9

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 10

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 11

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 12

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 13

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 13A

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Facing West



Facing South



Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 14

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 15

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 16

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 17

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 18

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 19

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 20

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 21

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 22

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 23

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 24

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 25

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 26

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 27

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 28

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 29

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 30

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 32

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 32A

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 33

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 34

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 35

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 36

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 37

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 38

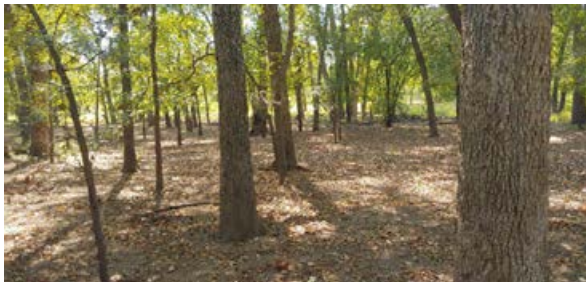
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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 41

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 42

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 43

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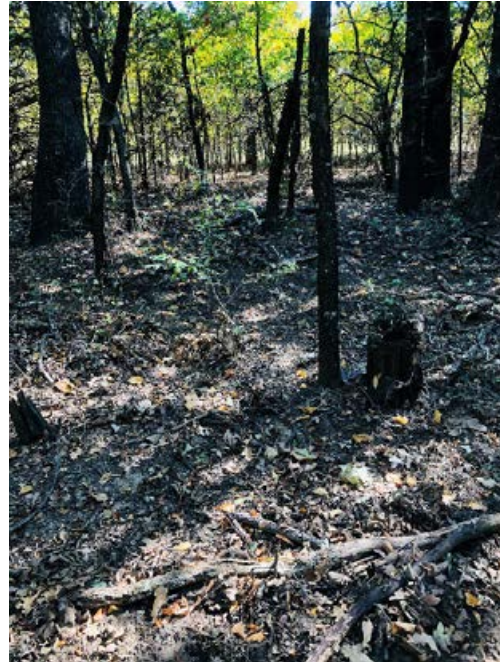


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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 45

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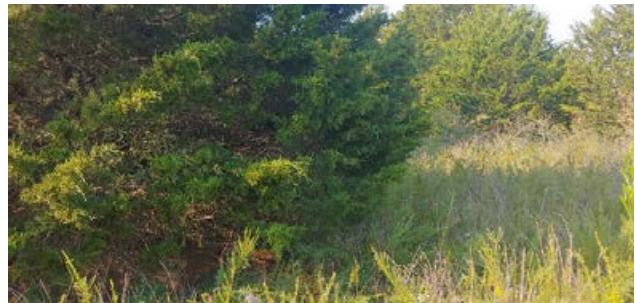
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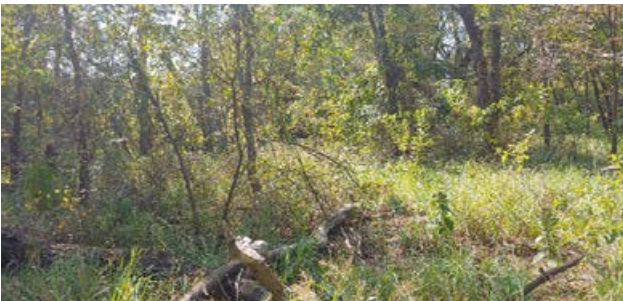
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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 48

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 49

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 50

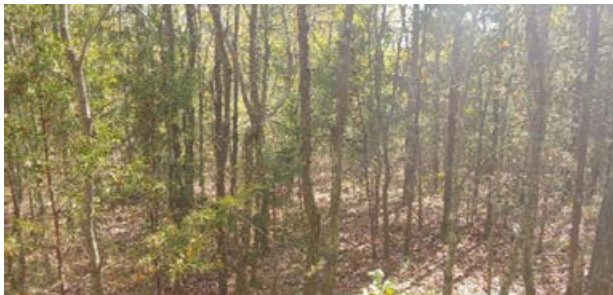
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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 52

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 53

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 54

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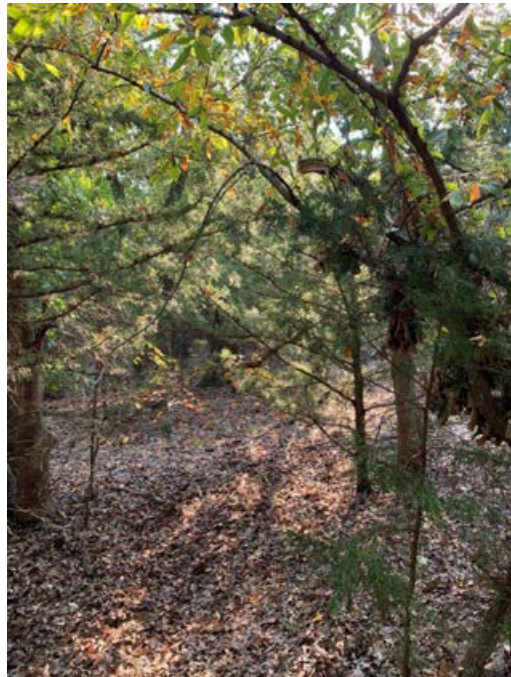


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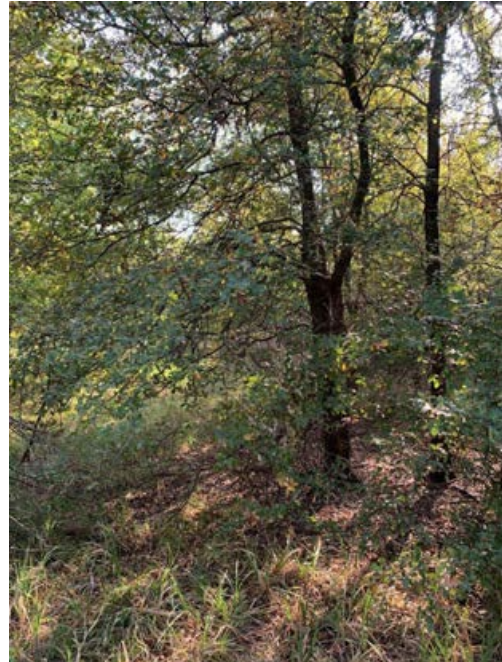


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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 57

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 58

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 59

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 60

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 61

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 62

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 63

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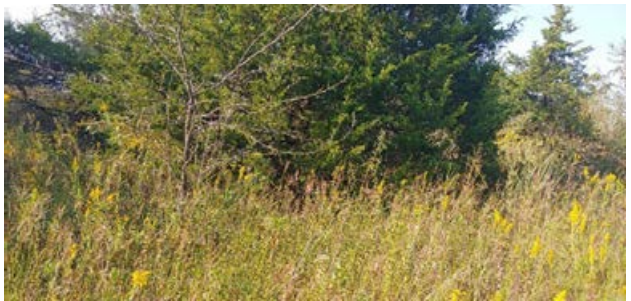
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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 66

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 67

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 68

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 69

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 70

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 71

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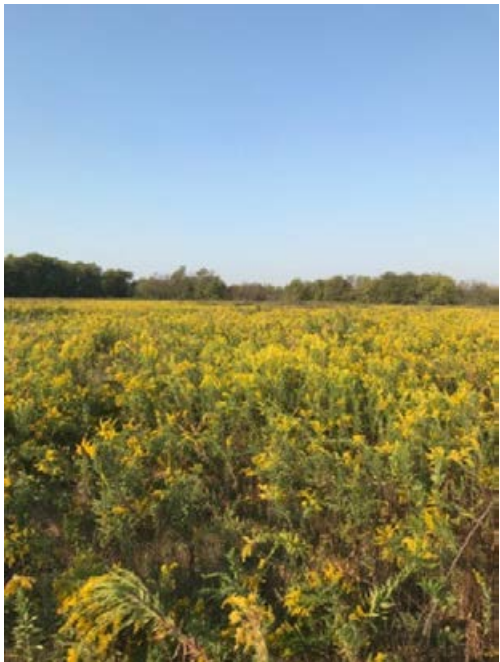
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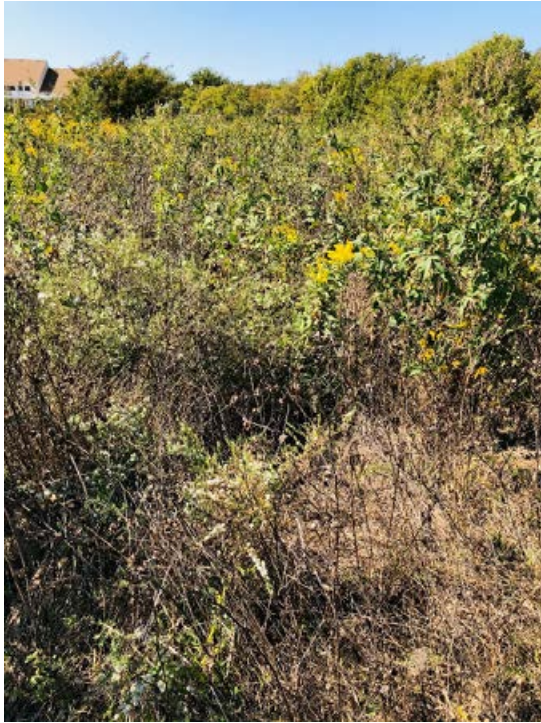


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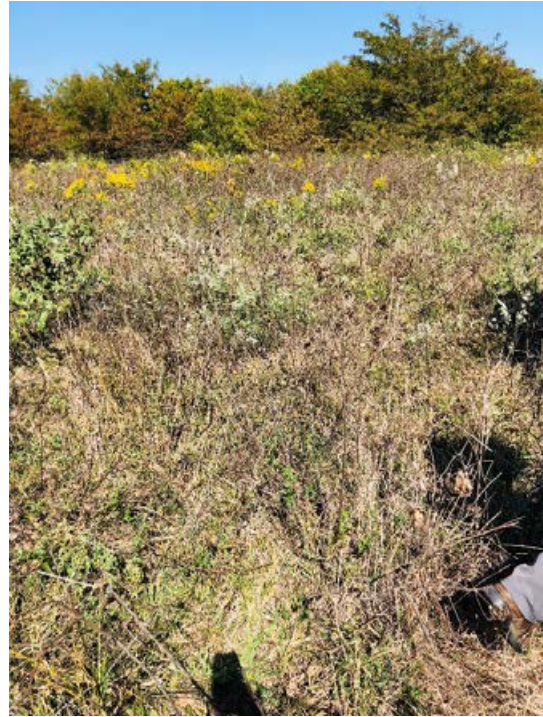


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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 80

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 81

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 82

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 83

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 84

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 85

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 86

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Ray Roberts Lake Site #: 88

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