



BALCONES CANYONLANDS PRESERVE

PARTNER EDUCATION SUMMARY

October 2014-April 2015



Partner Education, Outreach and Volunteer Highlights:

- Over 40 volunteers are currently helping with golden-cheeked warbler resighting by surveying buffer plots at least 3 times for 6 hours each time between March 1st and May 25th.
- Travis County and the City of Austin partnered with McNeil High School to provide presentations and a workday to clean up the BCP cave located in the McNeil High School courtyard.
- Volunteers continue to work on projects independently with BCP partners. Larger groups from Austin High School, Dell, Boy Scouts, and Texas Trail Tamers all completed projects with BCP partners from October 2014- April 2015.
- This spring partners hosted a series of hikes focused on observing golden-cheeked warblers in their habitat. Each of the three hikes offered were lucky enough to hear and see golden-cheeked warblers.
- City of Austin staff are working internally to establish a training protocol and guidelines for all City staff that lead public tours in City of Austin BCP caves.
- All partners and volunteers helped to conduct a recreation survey on trails that cross into a 100-acre golden-cheeked warbler study plot. This trail data collected 16 hours of data in April on 6 different trails on both weekday and weekends. Preliminary data suggests that trails at Barton Creek and Turkey Creek experience more visitation than other trails.

Upcoming Opportunities:

6/13 Introduction to Barton Creek Habitat Preserve (www.meetup.com/bcpfriends)

6/27 Discoveries in the Canyonlands at Baker Sanctuary (www.meetup.com/bcpfriends)

Wild Basin is revamping their Balcones Canyonlands Preserve exhibit.

Partners are brainstorming ideas for celebrating 20 years of the BCCP in May of 2016.



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Contributing Partners include: Travis County, City of Austin, Wild Basin St. Edwards University,
The Nature Conservancy, Travis Audubon Society

69 YOUTH EDUCATION EVENTS

YOUTH EDU PARTICIPANT TOTAL: 2283

38 GUIDED HIKES OFFERED

GUIDED HIKE PARTICIPANT TOTAL: 408

4 BCP HIKE AND LECTURE SERIES EVENTS

FY13 HIKE AND LECTURE PARTICIPANT TOTAL: 95

31 SPECIAL TOURS, NEIGHBORHOOD PRESENTATIONS OR LARGER ACTIVITIES

TOUR PARTICIPANT TOTAL: 1592

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

BCP gains valuable help completing tasks with the help of numerous volunteers. Tracking volunteer hours includes updates and additions after the printing of this report. The most up-to-date volunteer hours will be available in the year-end report. Volunteers work is valued at \$22.55/hr

VOLS. CONTRIBUTED 2741.5

A COST SAVINGS VALUE OF OVER

\$61,820