



# BALCONES CANYONLANDS PRESERVE

## PARTNER EDUCATION SUMMARY

February 1<sup>st</sup> - July 31



### Highlights:

Golden-cheeked warbler resighting data received a big boost by 48 volunteers that donated over 500 hours of their time during the spring of 2016 to help monitor the endangered bird at 34 different sites.

### YOUTH EDUCATION

BCP partners connect youth to the nature preserve through school field trips, boy scout and girl scout tours and campouts, and youth tours. Topics cover migration, learning to bird, plant identification and simply exploring the joys of nature.

Highlight: Travis Audubon Society partners with Leander ISD to offer an after school hiking club.

SPECIAL TOURS			
2016	Multiple UT - Vertebrate field trip	28	TNC BCP
2016	Zilker Garden Festival	3000	COA BCP
2016	TPWD Wildlife Diversity Program Retreat and Hike	12	TC BCP
2/13/2016	Great Backyard Bird Count	17	TAS BCP
2/22/2016	BSA - Troop 52 Crossover ceremony	108	TNC BCP
4/21/2016	Earth Day Event	100	WBSN
4/30/2016	Animal Facts Club	52	COA BCP
5/1/2016	Westlake Hills Presbyterian	52	TNC BCP
5/6/2016	BCCP 20th Anniversary Celebration	150	Partners
5/7/2016	Baker Open House	223	TAS BCP
5/22/2016	Cub Pack 72 Crossover ceremony	55	TNC BCP
6/11/2016	Stillhouse Hollow Trail Day	11	COA BCP
7/1/2016	Law Department Tour	14	COA BCP
<b>2016 SPECIAL TOUR PARTICIPANT TOTAL:</b>		<b>3822</b>	

**BCP HIKE AND LECTURE SERIES**

DATE	ACTIVITY	# PARTICIPANTS	PARTNER
1/22/2016	Birding on Onion Creek	13	COA BCP
4/30/2016	Endangered Ones Hike	16	COA BCP
5/8/2016	Native Plant Hike	15	COA BCP
5/21/2016	Baker Sanctuary	10	TAS BCP
05/21/16	Caminata en la reserva - dual language hike	3	COA BCP
06/04/16	Bat Conservation International Lecture	20	WBSN BCP
06/12/16	Native Plant Hike	15	COA BCP
06/18/16	Insect Safari	8	WBSN BCP
6/25/2016	Introduction to the Barton Creek Habitat Preserve	21	TNC BCP
7/16/2016	Night hike on the Sam Hamilton tract	14	COA BCP

**2016 HIKE AND LECTURE PARTICIPANT TOTAL: 135**

**GUIDED HIKES**

Partners hosted 21 hikes from February 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, which is almost a hike every week.

**2016 HIKE PARTICIPANT TOTAL 291**

BCP gains valuable help completing tasks with the help of numerous volunteers. Below is a summary of volunteer activities from February 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31st. 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

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES			
		Participants	Hours
	Invasive Species Control	156	419.5
	Adult Education	79	334
	Land Stewardship	214	1465.75
	Youth Education	30	128
	Biological Monitoring & Surveying	105	1249.5
	Administration	4	63.5
<b>2016 VOL ACTIVITIES TOTALS:</b>		<b>525</b>	<b>3632.75</b>
<b>VOLUNTEER COST SAVINGS VALUE (\$22.14/hr.): \$</b>		<b>\$80,429.08</b>	