

**Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP)  
Updates for McGregor and Westcave Preserves**

**Q2 Report  
January - March 2021**

**McGregor Preserve**

No activity was conducted on the McGregor Preserve during the quarter.

**Westcave Preserve Land Management Activities**

One workday was held in March 2021, during which volunteers weeded butterfly gardens.

Phase II of an ADA-friendly trail extension was completed to the old cabin in the upland part of the preserve.

Preserve maintenance is on-going and includes trail inspections, trail work, bird blind maintenance, supplemental watering for butterfly gardens, and clearing around the viewing shed.

Research consisted of the following:

1. Ongoing bi-weekly Pond (Dragonfly) Watch (Xerxes Society-Citizen Scientist program) surveys were conducted by a core group of volunteers.
2. Weekly FrogWatch (USA Association of Zoos and Aquarium) surveys began in March 2021.
3. Golden-cheeked Warbler (GCWA) surveys/resighting began in March 2021. The first GCWA of the season was seen on March 5, 2021.
4. Monthly water sampling was conducted to check water quality at the Grotto and at Hammetts Crossing. Results were reported to LCRA.
5. Ongoing FeederWatch (Cornell Lab of Ornithology citizen science program) surveys, which began in November 2020 and will continue into April 2021. These bi-weekly surveys are conducted by a core group of volunteers.