



BCP PARTNER EDUCATION SUMMARY

FY 2022 Third Quarter: April 1 – June 30, 2022

City of Austin, Travis County, The Nature Conservancy, Westcave Preserve, Wild Basin Preserve, and Travis Audubon's Baker Sanctuary

3rd Quarter: Outreach & Education (All Partners)

Activity	Location	Events	Youth*	Adults*	Volunteer Hours
Guided Hikes	Onsite	282	304	1662	417
Programs / Presentations	Offsite	3	30	64	
	Onsite	45	703	481	65
Visiting Group/Educators	Onsite	14	0	149	0
Land Stewardship	Onsite	124	31	460	1182.75
Ecological Monitoring	Onsite	107	0	73	550
Administration	Onsite	2	0	1	12.5
April-June Total		577	1068	2890	227.25

Monetary value of volunteer work (\$26.43/hour): \$44,706.35

*Numbers indicate total participation during events not unique individuals

SELF-GUIDED PUBLIC ACCESS

These numbers are not included in the Outreach & Education chart above. They represent a sample of BCP areas with public access – we hope to include more complete visitation numbers in future reports.

Hamilton Pool: 30,000+

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve: 8,906

Baker Sanctuary: 558



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CITY OF AUSTIN



- Social media outreach has continued and almost finished both seasonal series of #WarblerWednesday and the bilingual #VireoViernes.
- Volunteer workdays have continued on both the JJ&T and Vireo tracts of the BCP and consist of lots of tree watering and care as well as mulching and other maintenance.
- Had multiple guided hikes with volunteers and stewards.
- Wild Neighbors Speaker series has continued with talks on spring bird migration, turtles, and parking lot birding.
- Wrapped up another successful Golden-cheeked Warbler resighting season and hosted a resighter appreciation event at Reicher Ranch.



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TRAVIS COUNTY



- Travis County BCP hosted several corporate groups this quarter with a combination guided hike and invasive plant removal workday. Groups from JeDunn construction, UFCU, and Deolitte participated.
- A group of seniors from Westlake Highschool (pictured above right) joined us to remove invasive plants as part of their senior service day project.
- In late April, Travis County BCP hosted a Bioblitz as part of the 2022 City Nature Challenge (pictured above left). We have been hosting these for several years now, and they are always a great time. Volunteers hike the preserve and document as many plants and animals as possible on iNaturalist.
- Bat hikes with our friends at Bat Conservation International began again in May after a two-year break due to COVID. Outdoor Afro members were invited out to learn about bats of Texas and took a lovely hike on the Grand View Hills Bat Pond Trail.
- A BCP 101 talk and short hike were given to students and parents at Laurel Mountain Elementary as part of their 2022 Spring Fling event. Attendees learned about the preserve surrounding their school and the species the BCP protects, then took a short hike.



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THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

- Hosted a field day in conjunction with Capitol Area Master Naturalists.
- The Nature Conservancy, in conjunction with the University of Texas's Ornithology class, hosted a banding demonstration.
- TNC helped out with the University of Texas's herpatology class field days.
- Helped with a St. Edwards vegetation analysis field day.
- Had 60 volunteers complete 231 hours of work on trails, invasive species, old fence removal, and fence repair.
- 1 BSA Cub Pack 284 campout – Outdoor Activity Award earned



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WILD BASIN



- Artist in Residence Reception - In May, Wild Basin held Artist in Residence Reception and Art Show for Danika Ostrowski, Wild Basin's Fall 2021 Artist in Residence. The public was able to view Danika's beautiful paintings of Wild Basin habitats, landscapes, and species that she created while working at and learning about the preserve during the three-month residency. Danika also created special habitat and native species illustrations (paintings) for 8 new interpretive signs that will be installed along the trails in September.
- Immersive Endangered Species Art Event - In June, the Wild Basin held an immersive art event for the public created by our spring Artist in Residence, Juliet Whitsett. The event aimed to provoke exploration around Texas' rarest species through mixing color, conversation, and information about Texas Endangered Species.
- Guided Hike: Keep Texas Beautiful Conference Participants - Wild Basin Trail Guide Volunteers and Master Naturalists, Carl Fabre, Skip Beard, and Gary Sertich, gave guided hikes to participants of the annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference.



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BAKER SANCTUARY (TRAVIS AUDUBON)



- After a hiatus of several years due to the pandemic, the much anticipated Baker Nature Day made a triumphant return. Many hikes were lead, GCWA observed, crafts crafted, folks sweated, and Grimly the Black Vulture terrified one and all with his unsettling fast gait and knowing, slightly judgmental, gaze.
- A three-way Battle Royale of Eagle Scout projects commenced during the spring. Carson Collins with Troop 70, Jake Zawaideh with Troop 271, and David Parr with Troop 202 installed a total of seven trail benches. All were winners in that the benches are quite lovely and not a single scout was injured or lost during the process.
- Finally, the lucky 4th graders of C.C. Mason elementary (LISD) were mentally and spiritually transported deep into the mysterious Hill Country via an exceptional PowerPoint presentation. GCWA were cheered, non-native invasive plants derided, and the magical tapestry of the Hill Country food web sparkled in the eyes of all.



ACTIVITY DEFINITIONS

Guided Hikes

Hikes on the BCP guided by staff or volunteers; includes education about the BCP, wildlife, and land management practices.

Programs / Presentations

Presentations by staff or volunteers about the BCP and related scientific and land management topics; includes educational events and programs.

Land Stewardship

Volunteer work on the BCP that includes removing invasive species, preparing for prescribed burns, creating fuel breaks, restoring habitat, patrolling, and maintenance of grounds, trails & facilities.

Ecological Monitoring

Includes surveys of endangered species, vegetation, and nuisance species such as cowbirds, hogs and red imported fire ants.

Campouts

Campouts on the BCP, usually organized by outside groups such as the Boy Scouts.

Visiting Groups / Educators

Groups visiting or hosting an event on the BCP that was not organized by BCP staff.

Administrative Help

Volunteer help with administrative work such as office work, research, and event coordination.

Training

Volunteer training & other trainings that support the BCCP's mission. Examples include educating emergency response and infrastructure maintenance staff about protecting sensitive environmental features and complying with clearing restrictions.