

Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Education and Outreach Partner Highlights FY2023 (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

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



Golden-cheeked Warbler Resighters



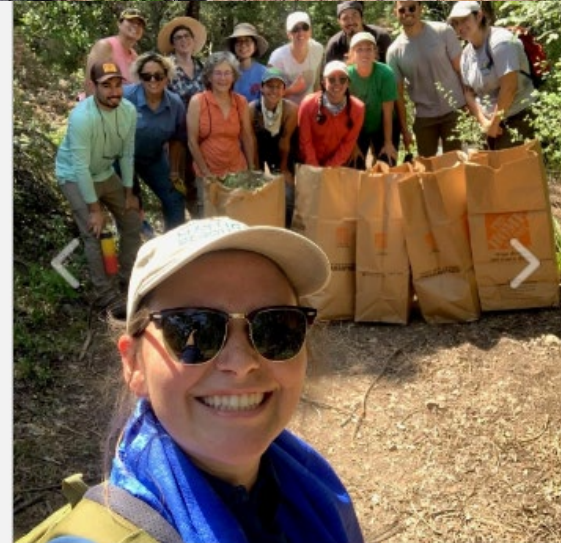
Restoring Endangered Species Habitat with the City of Austin



Volunteer Workdays with Travis County



bcpr_traviscounty Join us in celebrating Pride on the Preserve! Calling all members and allies of the



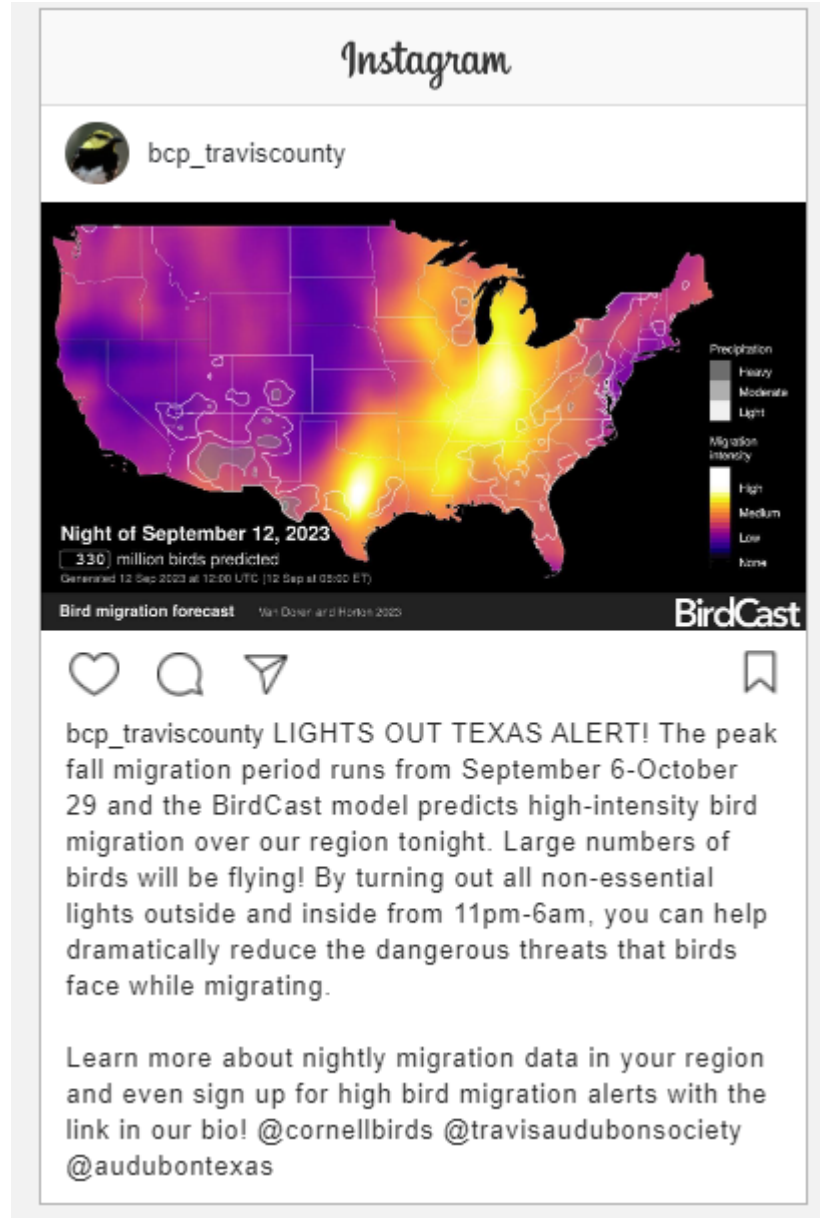
bcpr_traviscounty Latino Conservation Week (LCW): Disfrutando y Conservando Nuestra Tierra is an initiative of Hispanic Access Foundation and is a way to support the Latino community getting into the outdoors



Guided Hikes



Social media



Austin Water Wildland Conservation

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If you're enjoying the cooler evenings, chances are you may hear the incessant call of a Chuck-Wills-Widow in the Central Texas night air. They tend to live in more open areas than the similar Whip-poor-will and catch insects at night. Long, stiff feathers called 'rictal bristles' help guide prey into their wide, gaping mouth. Occasionally, they have been seen eating small bats or birds such as the Carolina Wren and some species of warblers!

Chuck-Wills-Widows do not build a nest, instead they lay 1-4 eggs directly on the ground amongst leaf litter, pine needles or on bare dirt. The incubating adults are extremely well camouflaged and are difficult to spot until you're about to step on them! If disturbed from the nest with eggs or young, individuals may also perform a 'distraction display', flying low to the ground away from the nest.

Chuck-Wills-Widow are a common bird in steep decline. They may be vulnerable to pesticide usage since their diet is mainly insectivorous. If you're interested in contributing to citizen science for nightjars like Chuck-Wills-Widow, you can sign up to count them as a part of the United States Nightjar Survey at www.nightjars.org

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Ashe Juniper video series


 **Austin Water Wildland Conservation**
February 27 · 🌐

Learn about "shinrin-yoku", a Japanese term that literally translates to "forest bathing." Liam Sheppard, a Training Program Manager with the City of Austin, explains how this ancient practice can be enjoyed in Ashe juniper-oak forests of the Texas Hill Country. For research on forest bathing, see <https://globalwellnessinstitute.org/.../forest-bathing.../>

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Benefits of Forest Bathing in Ashe Juniper-Oak Forests
From the Practice of *Shinrin Yoku*

 **Austin Water Wildland Conservation and Travis County - Balcones Canyonlands Preserve**
January 3 · 🌐

It is a common myth that Ashe juniper (also called cedar) is not native to Central Texas and has invaded what was historically a vast open grassland. Drawing from historical records, including eyewitness accounts, reports, and photographs, ecologist Steve Nelle dispels this myth and describes large, forested areas prior to European settlement. For more information on the historical vegetation communities of the Texas Hill Country, see <https://bit.ly/3Z4zxE9>

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Ashe Juniper is Native to Central Texas

Narrated by Steve Nelle
Retired NRCS Biologist

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Travis Audubon Baker Nature Day



Wild Basin Speaker & Social Series

Wild Basin Speaker & Social Series:

NATIVE PERENNIAL POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE GARDENS



JOHN BARR:
Owner of Native
Cottage Gardens

AUG 22ND
5:30 PM

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Wild Basin Speaker & Social Series: TEXAS BACKYARD WILDLIFE



Join Dan Ballard & Jane Hunter as they share
their critter videos and the stories behind them.

JUNE 13TH | 5:30 PM

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve
805 N. Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin, TX 78746



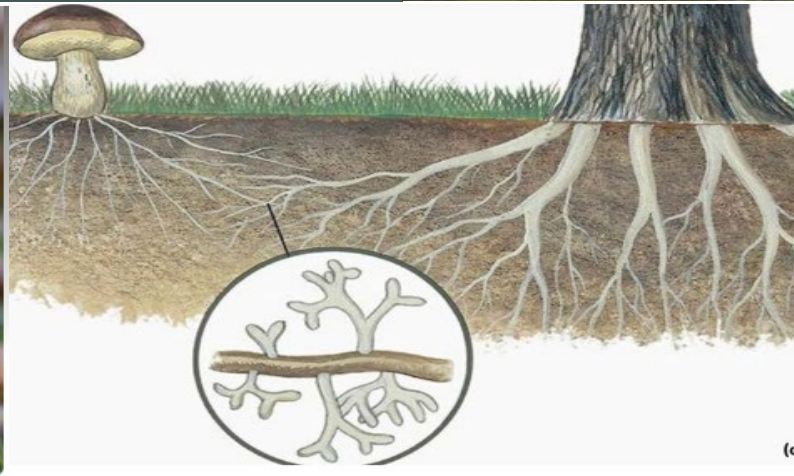
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