

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

**Q3 Report
April - June 2018**

McGregor Preserve

Bird surveys were performed on LCRA properties (including the McGregor Preserve) in May 2018 by contractors working with Jim Mueller of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Data is being compiled and a report will be submitted to LCRA. The contractor discovered signs of potential trespassing that was reported to law enforcement officials.

Westcave Preserve Land Management Activities

Spring programming concluded with five bird walks, one wildflower walk and a Community Roundtable on groundwater conservation. In total 164 adults attended these events.

Research activities included the following citizen science programs: FrogWatch (<https://www.aza.org/frogwatch>), NestWatch (<https://nestwatch.org>), FeederWatch (<https://feederwatch.org>) and Dragonfly surveys. In addition, water quality testing was conducted in the grotto and Pedernales River. The test results were sent to the Colorado River Watch Network (CRWN) at <https://www.lcra.org/water/quality/colorado-river-watch-network/Pages/default.aspx>

Golden-cheeked Warbler (GCWA) breeding season concluded with three separate territories identified, two of which had young that fledged. Two males and one female were banded during the season as part of the resighting program in conjunction with the City of Austin and Travis County Balcones Canyonlands Preserves (BCPs).

Trail maintenance, repairs and inspections were completed on both canyon and upland trail systems. A new section of trail was scouted and rerouted in the Uplands. Boundary surveys and repairs were completed on the western portion of our boundary.

Six volunteer workdays were conducted with a total of sixty one volunteers. Projects ranged from trail work, installation of signage, non-native plant removal, maintaining and planting butterfly gardens and constructing benches.