

Riverside Nature Center Weekly Fauna Census 4/30/2010

Morning started out overcast with off and on drizzle and short shower, and a nice view of male Painted Bunting.

It was also a noisy morning with:
a flute music of a Swainson's Thrush,
the hurried rhythm of the Red-eyed Vireo's "Here-I-am, In-the-tree, Look-up, At-the-top",
a White-eyed Vireo's "Pick-up-a-real-chick",
Summer Tanager's "pitiuk!",
25 whining Cedar Waxwings,
buzzy little Blue-gray Gnatcatchers,
Orange-crowned Warbler with its short trill,
Great-Crested Flycatcher doing his "Kreep, Kreep, Kreep" call,
and sharp chips from a male Blue Grosbeak.

Plus we had all the regular folks singing up a storm – Titmice, Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Cardinal, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch, doves, the three woodpeckers and one mimic Mockingbird doing Eastern Phoebe and Blue Jay calls – can I ever trust my ears when this guy is around imitating all the birds??????????

The only sound to drown out the birds was a Kerrville Emergency Vehicle and a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle – life in the city....

Cynthia Johnson
Harriet Warren
Tom Collins

*** = New Species**
FOS – First Of Season

Location: Kerrville- Riverside Nature Ctr. (HOTW 073)

Observation date: 4/30/10

Notes: Temp 70 S: 3->2 W: 1

Number of species: 25

White-winged Dove 8
Chimney Swift 2
Golden-fronted Woodpecker 1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1
Downy Woodpecker 1
Great Crested Flycatcher 1
White-eyed Vireo 2
Red-eyed Vireo 1
Carolina Chickadee 4
Black-crested Titmouse 1
Carolina Wren 3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1
Swainson's Thrush 1
American Robin 1
Northern Mockingbird 1
Cedar Waxwing 25
Orange-crowned Warbler 1
Summer Tanager 1
Lincoln's Sparrow 1

Northern Cardinal 5
Blue Grosbeak 1
Painted Bunting 1
Great-tailed Grackle 4
House Finch 3
Lesser Goldfinch 4

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Kingdom - Phylum – Class – Order – Family – Genus - Species

Kingdom: Metazoa (Animals)

Phylum: Arthropoda (Exoskeleton – 9 Classes)

Class Insecta (Insects)

Order: Lepidoptera (Butterfly, Moth)

Checkered White – 2
Gray Hairstreak – 2
Phaon Crescent – 1
Clouded Skipper – 1
Plus one skipper needing more study...

Order: Odonata (Dragonfly, Damselfly) None

Order: Coleoptera (Beetles) None

Order: Hemiptera (True Bugs) None

Order: Hymenoptera (Ant, Wasp, Bee)

Family Formicidae (Ant)

Pogonomyrmex barbatus Red Harvester Ant Mound is active

Family Apidae (Cuckoo, Carpenter, Digger, Bumble, and Honey Bees)None

Order: Diptera (Flies) None

Class Arachnida (Spiders, Ticks, Scorpions, Mites, Harvestmen) None

Phylum: Chordata (Vertebrata – 14 Classes)

Class: Osteichthyes (Bony fish) None

Herps:

Class: Reptilia (Snake, Lizard, Turtle, Alligator)

Green Anole - 1

Class: Amphibia (Frog, Toad, Salamander)None

Class: Aves (Bird - See above eBird report)

Class: Mammalia:

Edward's Plateau Fox Squirrel – 1

Phylum: Mollusca (10 classes – Gastropod, Bivalve, etc) None

Kingdom: Myceteae (Fungi) None