

Riverside Nature Center Weekly Fauna Census 4/9/2010

One more cool start so few bugs. We had a First For Season (FOS) Yellow-throated Warbler singing and two (2) Green Kingfishers. Perhaps they will nest along the creek bank. According to Hal Harrison's Western Birds' Nest book, the Green Kingfisher will nest in high banks of rivers, creeks and sloughs. They burrow as much as 3 feet in the bank with a hole diameter of 2-2.5 inches and concealed with vines and other vegetation hanging over the entrance. The nest can have 3-6 white oval eggs averaging a little over 1 inch in diameter.

This Friday will be busy. We will do our usual start at 9am. Right after the census, I will be out catching butterflies for the Saturday Plant sale and Butterfly Tent activity. Anyone wanting to help with netting butterflies please join me at 10am.

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

Location: Kerrville- Riverside Nature Ctr. (HOTW 073)
Observation date: 4/9/10
Number of species: 22

Black Vulture	2	
Turkey Vulture	2	
White-winged Dove	3	
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1	
Green Kingfisher	2	
Eastern Phoebe	2	
White-eyed Vireo	1	
Blue Jay	3	
Carolina Chickadee	4	
Black-crested Titmouse	2	
Carolina Wren	1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	
Hermit Thrush	1	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	(FOS)
Spotted Towhee	1	
Chipping Sparrow	5	
Lincoln's Sparrow	4	
Northern Cardinal	5	
Great-tailed Grackle	1	
House Finch	1	
Lesser Goldfinch	2	

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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)
[Bordered Patch – 1 badly worn](#)

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

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)

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Class: Amphibia (Frog, Toad, Salamander) None

Class: Aves (Bird - See above eBird report)

Class: Mammalia:

Edward's Plateau Fox Squirrel – [2](#)

Still not deer?????

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

Kingdom: Myceteae (Fungi) None