

Subject: Riverside Nature Center Weekly Fauna Study -5/7/10

Riverside Nature Center Weekly Fauna Census 5/7/2010

I continue to expect more migrants than I am seeing. This is also true for my ranch - just don't know why so few are being seen or heard this year.

We did get to enjoy a Swainson's Thrush singing up close. This bird was so close that I decided to run back to my truck, fetched my Sony recorder and microphone, and dashed (a 69 year old dash) back to the spot Cynthia was monitoring. I got about 3 minutes of its song plus a noisy Carolina Wren and Great-crested Flycatcher back-ground songs. With the directional microphone I am able to keep the highway sound down by pointing it away from the bridge traffic.

Hopefully you can play a short clip (.wav file) I have attached which may have bogged you download as it is fairly large. This may be North America's most beautiful bird song...

Cynthia Johnson
Tom Collins

* = New Species
FOS - First Of Season

Location: Kerrville- Riverside Nature Ctr. (HOTW 073)
Observation date: 5/7/10
Notes: Temp 71 S - 3 W - 1
Number of species: 20

Turkey Vulture	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1
White-winged Dove	3
Mourning Dove	2
Chimney Swift	2
Great Crested Flycatcher	1
White-eyed Vireo	1
Red-eyed Vireo	1
Carolina Chickadee	3
Black-crested Titmouse	1
Carolina Wren	3
Swainson's Thrush	1
American Robin	1
Cedar Waxwing	60
Summer Tanager	2
Clay-colored Sparrow	3
Northern Cardinal	4
Great-tailed Grackle	2

House Finch 4
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)

Orange Sulphur - 5
Dainty Sulphur - 1
Checkered White - 5
Gray Hairstreak - 2
Red Admiral - 2
Northern Cloudywing - 2
Clouded Skipper - 1
Dun Skipper - 1

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)

River Cooter - 5

Class: Amphibia (Frog, Toad, Salamander)

Blanchard's Cricket Frog - 5

Class: Aves (Bird - See above eBird report)

Class: Mammalia:

Edward's Plateau Fox Squirrel - 2

White-tailed Deer - 6

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

Kingdom: Myceteae (Fungi) None