

Riverside Nature Center Weekly Fauna Census 12/24/2010

It was unusual to bird in the rain after all the past dry weeks. Many of the expected guys were staying in today so the overall count was low. A male Green Kingfisher as present and gave me a fair photo – see below. The stench of dead deer along the creek appears to be getting worse. The deer have devastated the thornless cactus just outside the back gate that goes down to the creek. My count of deer today was 15.

One more Friday count left this year...will try to be there at 10am...

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*** = New Species**

FOS - First Of Season

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

Observation date: 12/24/10

Notes: Temp 58 s-3, W-1, Rain/drizzle

Number of species: 12

White-winged Dove 4
Mourning Dove 1
Green Kingfisher 1
Blue-headed Vireo 1
Blue Jay 2
Carolina Wren 2
Orange-crowned Warbler 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler 2
Northern Cardinal 5
House Finch 8
Lesser Goldfinch 6
House Sparrow 15

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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) None

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)

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) None

Class: Amphibia (Frog, Toad, Salamander)None

Class: Aves (Bird - See above eBird report)

Class: Mammalia

[EP Fox Squirrel](#) - 1

[White-tailed Deer](#) - 15

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

Kingdom: Myceteae (Fungi) None

