2018 Annual Report:

Golden-cheeked Warbler (Setophaga chrysoparia) Monitoring Program Balcones Canyonlands Preserve



Male Golden-cheeked Warbler, © Gil Eckrich

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SUMMARY

This report summarizes the results of the golden-cheeked warbler (Setophaga chrysoparia) endangered species monitoring program for the 2018 field season. This was the twenty-first year of golden-cheeked warbler monitoring on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP). This was the third field season of the long-term monitoring plan preceded by a 5-year research project with the U.S. Forest Service and University of Missouri to better understand factors influencing the long-term viability of the goldencheeked warbler within the BCP. Findings from the 5-year study have been published in Reidy et al. (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018) and are consistent with research on Fort Hood (Peak 2007, Peak and Thompson 2013, 2014) that large blocks of mature, closed canopy Ashe juniper (Juniperus ashei) and oak (Quercus spp.) woodlands support higher densities of golden-cheeked warblers and seasonal productivity than smaller, isolated woodlands. We also found that golden-cheeked warbler densities are highest in tall (>3m) woodlands, and that nest survival is highest in upland woodlands with a well-developed woody understory and greater basal area of junipers (Reidy et al. 2017). The results of this study demonstrate the importance of demographic data when evaluating a species' status and how even small changes in productivity and survival can affect population viability. The long-term plan is designed to continue collecting key demographic data to promote informed management decisions. Building on the existing long-term datasets will allow land managers to assess the warbler's status within the BCP over time, update the viability models as urbanization continues to expand around the BCP, and inform future population modeling efforts.

Nine of 10 plots that have been intensively monitored for golden-cheeked warblers since 2009-2011 show a decreasing population trend, with declines exceeding 50 percent on two plots (Emma Long and Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve). We suspect that immigration is influencing these trends; as the urban matrix expands around the preserves, the destruction and fragmentation of the surrounding habitat reduces the number of golden-cheeked warblers immigrating into the preserves. Visitor use at Emma Long may also have increased in recent years. Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve has become increasingly isolated from other habitat patches as a result of urban development, with housing developments being built adjacent to the boundary of the preserve. These and other potential factors warrant further investigation.

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INTRODUCTION

Background

The golden-cheeked warbler (warbler) is a neotropical migrant passerine that breeds only in central Texas where mature Ashe juniper-oak woodlands occur (Ladd and Gass 1999). Due to accelerating loss of breeding habitat, the warbler was listed as federally endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1990 (USFWS 1990). Warbler habitat in western Travis County is widely considered to be some of the highest quality and least fragmented of any county within this species' limited breeding range (Biological Advisory Team 1990, Duarte et al. 2013). Rapid expansion of development west of the City of Austin led to the creation of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (a Habitat Conservation Plan) and issuance of a 10(a)(1)(B) permit in 1996 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the City of Austin and Travis County, to mitigate habitat loss due to development and to facilitate the recovery of the warbler and other endangered and rare species (USFWS 1996). The permit requires a minimum of 12,300 hectares (30,428 acres) of endangered species habitat in western Travis County be set aside as a preserve (the BCP) for these species. The BCP is owned and managed by a number of public and private entities, including the City of Austin, Travis County, Lower Colorado River Authority, The Nature Conservancy, Travis Audubon Society, and St. Edwards University/Wild Basin. Because the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan allows for the loss of over 70 percent of the warbler's habitat in Travis County, protecting existing woodlands and promoting reforestation is critical to support a viable breeding population within the BCP.

The warbler requires large blocks of mature, closed-canopy woodlands for nesting and raising young (USFWS 1992; Peak 2007, Peak and Thompson 2013, 2014; Reidy et al. 2016, 2017, 2018). Active habitat management within the BCP requires minimizing threats to this species, including disturbance from human activities; declining oak regeneration from white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*), and oak wilt (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*); non-native plants; and nest predators (USFWS 1996). Because the warbler requires mature woodlands, habitat regeneration could take decades if negatively impacted by a poorly designed program (Biological Advisory Team 1990).

Objectives

The Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (USFWS 1996) states that "baseline monitoring will be gathered in accordance with the Land Management Guidelines and approved land management plans and should concentrate on determining basic population levels on preserve lands, key population parameters, and other ecological parameters that may affect the target species." The Tier IIA-7 Land Management Plan (BCP 2007) identifies the following goals and objectives: "The warbler population within the BCP will be

monitored through a regional program to determine population size, territory density and trends, distribution, productivity, use of marginal habitat, and to determine the effects of habitat manipulation, urbanization, and recreation." The 5-year study with the U.S. Forest Service/University of Missouri focused on four primary questions:

- 1) What is the absolute abundance of the warbler on the BCP and on individual macrosites?
- 2) How do demographics (e.g. density, productivity, survival) vary with landscape and habitat factors?
- 3) How viable are these populations?
- 4) How do various management scenarios influence population viability?

Findings from the 5-year study have been published in Reidy et al. (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018). The long-term monitoring plan is intended to continue collecting demographic data to augment this study and meet the objectives of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan and 2007 land management plan.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The topography and vegetation of the BCP are typical of the eastern edge of the Edwards Plateau. Steep, wooded canyons and riparian corridors dissect drier uplands. Most streams are intermittent, though a few have a permanent water source, such as a perennial spring. The predominant vegetation association is mature, closed-canopy Ashe juniper-oak woodlands, although several sites include more open canopy and shrublands.

Woodlands in western Travis County were logged in the late 1800s and early 1900s and are currently in various stages of recovery (Bray 1904, Keddy-Hector 1996). After clearing, much of the topsoil was lost due to subsequent goat and cattle overgrazing and erosion. On some steep slopes, this soil loss has greatly reduced the revegetation potential. Current and past over-browsing by white-tailed deer has reduced understory flora diversity and species abundance (Russell et al. 2001, Russell and Fowler 2004). Evidence of browse is visible on the majority of BCP tracts. A paucity of certain deciduous woody species is also evident throughout the BCP.

In woodlands and forests, the canopy is dominated by Ashe juniper, Texas red oak (*Q. buckleyi*), plateau live oak (*Q. fusiformis*), shin oak (*Q. sinuata* var. *breviloba*), escarpment black cherry (*Prunus serotina* var. *eximia*), Texas ash (*Fraxinus texensis*), and cedar elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*). Aside from seedlings of the canopy trees, common understory species include Texas mountain laurel (*Dermatophyllum secundiflorum*), Carolina buckthorn (*Frangula caroliniana*), yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*), red buckeye (*Aesculus pavia* var. *pavia*), Mexican buckeye (*Ungnadia speciosa*), Lindheimer silk-tassel (*Garrya ovata* var. *lindheimeri*), and elbowbush (*Forestiera pubescens*).

Study Sites

Staff continued to track population and productivity trends on a set of intensive monitoring plots. Intensive monitoring includes data collection for color-banded warblers to estimate territory density, territory size and location, age structure, pairing success, breeding success, and productivity. Previously established plots that were not intensively monitored in 2018 were treated as re-sighting plots. BCP staff and volunteers

also made a concerted effort to search for color-banded warblers outside of the intensive monitoring areas and on the re-sighting plots to gather data on site fidelity, dispersal, and return rates.

Intensive Monitoring Plots. The long-term monitoring plan reduced the number of intensive monitoring plots from 18 during the 5-year study to 12, including nine of the original plots and three new plots. The long-term plots range in size from 40.5 to 180 ha (Table 1, Exhibit A). An effort was made to distribute plots as evenly as possible across the BCP and in proportion to habitat quality, using canopy height as a proxy. A map of vegetation height for the BCP was derived from 2012 light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data. Canopy heights were divided into six categories: <1, 1-6, 7-10, 11-16, 17-27, >27 feet. In Excel 2013, the proportion of pixels within each height category were tallied for the entire BCP and for the 12 plots to ensure a comparable distribution (Exhibit A). This will allow for extrapolation from the plot data to provide a rough estimate of population size, adult survival, and productivity within the BCP each year.

In addition to the 12 long-term plots, intensive monitoring may be conducted on additional plots contingent on staff and resource availability. In 2018, BCP staff were able to continue intensive monitoring on the Emma Long Motocross Park and Emma Long Expansion plots (Table 1, Exhibit A). In addition, Travis County added an intensive monitoring plot (Collins, Table 1) in 2018 to study the impacts of tawny crazy ants (*Nylanderia fulva*).

Intensive monitoring plots were located within six of eight BCP macrosites (all but the Pedernales macrosite and recently added Big Sandy Creek macrosite). Each of the 40.5-hectare study plots includes a 100-meter buffer around its perimeter (where access was permitted) to expand the search area for color-banded warblers and obtain additional information on return rates, dispersal, territory size and configuration, and productivity. The larger plots generally encompass habitat patches and do not include buffers. Intensive monitoring plots covered about seven percent of the BCP. Including the 100-meter buffers around each 40.5-ha plot, re-sighting plots, enumeration plot, and additional areas surveyed by volunteers to search for color-banded warblers, surveys for this project covered about 23 percent of the BCP in 2018 (Table 1).

Re-sighting Plots. Seven previously established plots that were not intensively monitored in 2018, including the 100-m buffers around the 40.5-ha plots, were treated as re-sighting plots (Table 1). These plots will be surveyed each breeding season until no banded birds are found.

Search Efforts for Banded Warblers Outside of Intensive Monitoring/Re-sighting Plots. To obtain additional information on return rates and dispersal outside of the intensive monitoring and re-sighting plots, volunteers searched for color-banded warblers on 39 search areas totaling approximately 1,246 hectares (Exhibit C).

Post-Fledging Survival. Under contract with the U.S. Forest Service and University of Missouri to determine survival and movements of juvenile warblers for the first 4-6 weeks post-fledging, Jennifer Reidy attached bands and radio-transmitters (total weight ~4-5% of body weight) on nestlings ~2 days prior to predicted fledge date (~8 days post-hatch). The results of this project will be presented in a separate report.

Table 1. Intensive monitoring, re-sighting, and enumeration plots for macrosites within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, field season 2018.

| | | Macrosite | Macrosite | Macrosite | Austin Macrosite |
|-------|----------------|--|---|---|---|
| | tensive Monito | ring Plots | | | |
| 40.5 | | | | | |
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| | | 40.5 | | | |
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| | | | 40.5 | | |
| | | | 96 | | |
| | | | 343 | | |
| | | | | 40.5 | |
| | | | | 40.5 | |
| | | | | | 180 |
| | Re-sighting | Plots | | | • |
| 112 | | | | | |
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| | 40.5 | | | | |
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| | | 40.5 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | 517 | 107 | | |
| | | | 107 | | |
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| | | | | , | 96% |
| | 2,481 9.4% | 81.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 Re-sighting 112 40.5 40.5 2,481 2,027 9,4% 10% | 81.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 240.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 | 81.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 62 40.5 96 34³ 112 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 107 2,481 2,027 3,925 2,299 9.4% 10% 6.5% 14.8% | 81.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 40.5 62 40.5 96 34³ 40.5 40.5 Re-sighting Plots 112 40.5 40.5 40.5 107 2,481 2,027 3,925 2,299 1,643 9.4% 10% 6.5% 14.8% 4.9% |

¹COA = City of Austin, LCRA = Lower Colorado River Authority, TC = Travis County, TNC = The Nature Conservancy

²Emma Long Bike Park and Emma Long Expansion are not part of the long-term monitoring plan, but will continue to be intensively monitored contingent on staffing and budget.

³Plot size corrected from 2016 report (41 to 34 ha).

⁴Plot boundaries varied slightly from year to year (42 to 51 ha).

⁵Does not include the 100-m buffers around the intensive monitoring/re-sighting plots (approx. 30 ha for each of the thirteen 40.5-ha plots, where access was allowed, totaling about 390 ha), or the search areas beyond the buffers (about 1248 ha, see Exhibit C).

⁶Does not include the Pedernales macrosite (106 ha) or Big Sandy Creek macrosite (386 ha).

METHODS

Golden-cheeked Warbler Monitoring on Intensive Monitoring Plots

Color Banding. Color banding of adult warblers was conducted in conjunction with territory mapping on 15 intensive monitoring plots, from March 6 through May 29, 2018. We used target mist-netting within a male warbler's territory, using playback of a recorded male warbler's song to attract the bird to the net. Although a few females were caught using this method, most of the warblers captured were males. All warblers captured in mist nets were marked with a unique combination of a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) numbered aluminum band and auxiliary color bands to allow identification of each individual. The biological staff at Ft. Hood Military Reservation issued the color-band combinations. Other data collected during banding included date, time, banding location, temperature, and weather conditions. Individuals were sexed and aged (second-year [SY], after second-year [ASY], or after hatching-year [AHY] according to Pyle [1997] and Peak and Lusk [2009]), using data sheets developed by Ft. Hood staff. Each warbler was photographed just prior to release to document band combinations.

Territory Delineation. Surveys on each intensive monitoring plot were conducted at least once a week from March 15 through May 25 to delineate territories. One biologist was assigned to map territories on each low-density (<5 territories/40.5 ha) and medium-density plot (5-10 territories/40.5 ha), and two biologists were assigned to map territories on each high-density plot (>10 territories/40.5 ha). During each visit, biologists attempted to identify the color combination of each banded warbler, obtain multiple locations for each male to assist with delineating territory boundaries, and determine the presence of a female and fledglings for each territory. Exhibit C lists the lead surveyors and survey hours for each intensive monitoring plot. Exhibit D provides details on the 2018 field data collection protocols.

To delineate territory size and configuration as accurately as possible, an effort was made to obtain at least 33 locations, separated by 30 meters or more, for each male from March 15 through May 25 (Davis et al. 2010). Observations after May 25 were recorded, but were used to determine productivity and not to delineate territory boundaries. Males were considered territorial if they were observed in the same area on three different days, spread over a three week period.

Warbler observations were recorded with Garmin global positioning units (GPS), which have an accuracy of 3 to 9 meters. All observations were recorded on topographic maps, using a 100-meter Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) grid. Date; color combination (for observations of banded birds); UTM coordinates; and presence of female, nest, and/or fledglings were recorded for each observation. The data were then entered into ArcGIS® (ESRI, Redlands, California) and displayed so that territories could be delineated. Territorial boundaries for each male were delineated using minimum convex polygons in ArcGIS® 10.6.1.

The number of territories on the study plots was calculated three ways: 1) full territories (territories contained entirely within the plot); 2) full and edge territories, in which each is counted as 1.0 territory; and 3) applying Verner's (1985) method (each full territory counted as 1.0 territory and each edge territory counted as 0.5 territory). Verner's counting method was recommended by Weckerly and Ott (2008) and

avoids the upward bias inherent in the IBCC (1970) method (both full territories and edge territories counted as 1.0 territory). This study assumes a full territory is one in which a male is observed singing outside the plot no more than once (could be multiple positions on one visit) between March 15 and May 25. A territory is considered outside the plot if the singing male is found within the plot no more than once (could be multiple positions on one visit). An edge territory is one in which the singing male is observed both inside and outside the plot on more than one visit each or where a nest was found within a few meters of the plot boundary. Territory density is calculated as the number of territories (using Verner's counting method) divided by the plot size.

Age Structure. To calculate age structure for each study plot, the number of territorial SY, ASY, and AHY males was divided by the total number of territorial males with a known age (i.e., color-banded males only).

Return Rate. Return rates are based on the total number of color-banded adult males present in 2017 (including returns from previous years and those banded in 2017) that were observed again in 2018.

Pairing and Reproductive Success. Surveys to document productivity were conducted from March 15 through June 15. To assist with fledgling counts, a second observer assisted with the weekly surveys on medium-density plots (5-10 territories/40.5 ha) from April 20 through May 25. Two observers conducted weekly surveys on the high-density plots (>10 territories/40.5 ha) through May 25, after which one observer continued to conduct surveys through June 15.

Mated status and reproductive success are reported for both full and edge territories. Territories for which mated status and reproductive success were undetermined are not included in the analyses for these parameters. A male was determined to be paired if he was observed associating with a female, observed tending young, or a nest was located for that male. Pairing success is the number of males determined to have paired with a female divided by the total number of territories with known pairing status. A territory was considered to have had breeding success if the male or female was observed tending one or more fledglings. Breeding success is the number of territories determined to have produced at least one fledgling divided by the total number of territories with known breeding status. Reproductive success is presented as the total number of observed and adjusted number of fledglings (described below) for each plot and as a density estimate using Verner's (1985) method (number of fledglings per full + 0.5 territories divided by the plot size). To allow for comparison with previous years, productivity is also presented in two ways: as the sum of all fledglings divided by the total number of territories with known reproductive success, and as the sum of all fledglings divided by the number of pairs that produced at least one or more fledglings.

Breeding success and productivity are generally believed to represent minimum estimates because nests and fledglings are difficult to locate. Females and males often split their broods and can travel long distances from nests shortly after their young have fledged. In addition, young are often difficult to detect unless they are vocalizing. Based on camera monitoring, Reidy et al. (2008) documented a mean number of 3.6 young fledged per successful nest in the Bull Creek and North Lake Austin macrosites. This estimate was applied to those territories where the number of fledglings was uncertain, and less than 4, to obtain

adjusted estimates of the number of young produced and productivity estimates. Since the estimate of 3.6 young fledged per nest may be high for some habitat patches, the actual number of fledglings is likely somewhere between the observed and adjusted values.

Nest monitoring. In field season 2018, a concerted effort was made to locate and monitor nests on Collins, Kent Butler, Emma Long Bike Park, and Emma Long Expansion plots. Nests were monitored on other intensive monitoring plots as staff and resources allowed. For plots that included a focus on nest searching and monitoring, two observers surveyed the plot/buffer twice a week from March 15 through May 25, and at least one observer surveyed the plot/buffer from May 25 through June 15. UTM coordinates were recorded for each nest location using Garmin GPS units. Staff monitored each nest every few days to confirm activity and nest stage, and predicted the expected fledge date based on nesting phenology, apparent nestling age, and adult behavior. Staff monitored the nest more frequently around the expected fledge date (nestlings ≥9 days old); they searched for fledglings for any nest that was no longer active until fledglings were confirmed, until evidence of re-building was confirmed, or until the end of the field season. A nest was considered successful only if one or both adults was detected tending to fledglings. If nesting activity ceased prior to possible fledging, nest fate was recorded as failed. If nesting activity ceased around the time of anticipated fledging, and the pair was not detected or rarely detected for the remainder of the breeding season, nest fate was recorded as unknown. Nest tree species and nest coordinates were collected at each nest at the end of the field season.

Golden-cheeked Warbler Monitoring on Re-sighting Plots

BCP staff and volunteers conducted 4 weekly visits to each re-sighting plot from approximately March 20 through April 15, and one late-season visit to detect dispersing birds (approximately May 15-May 25), for a total of 5 visits. One observer was assigned to plots averaging <10 territories, and two observers were assigned to plots with greater densities. Surveyors visually confirmed the banding status (banded or unbanded) and color combination of all warblers observed within the re-sighting plot (and buffer, if any) and recorded their geographic positions.

Search for Banded Warblers Outside of Intensive Monitoring/Re-sighting Plots

Fifty-four volunteers conducted three 6-hour visits from March 15 through May 31 within the 39 search areas. The list of search areas where surveys were conducted, and the survey effort for each search area, are reported in Exhibit C.

RESULTS

Territory Delineations

A total of 117 territories were identified in field season 2018, including 86 territories using Verner's (1985) method for all 15 intensive monitoring plots. This represents an average estimated density of 0.10 territories per hectare for the combined 858.5 hectares of intensive monitoring plots, ranging from 0.02 to 0.28 territories/ha (Table 2). Territory densities were highest in closed-canopy woodlands of the largest habitat patches (Bull Creek and Cypress Creek macrosites), and lowest in the small habitat patches surrounded by

urban development (West Austin macrosite) and areas with shorter (<11 feet) canopy heights. A summary of the 2009-2018 territory data is provided in Exhibit E.

All but one (Reicher) of the 10 plots that have been intensively monitored since 2009-2011 show a decreasing population trend (Exhibit F). Notable declines from previous years have been observed at Barton Creek, Emma Long and Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve. Some annual variation is expected due to observer differences, changes in habitat conditions within or outside the plot, immigration/emigration of birds from or to surrounding areas, differences in survival rates, prior reproductive success, and/or other factors. However, the sampling design minimizes observer bias because at least two biologists survey plots with five or more territories and the majority of male warblers were color-banded. Further, we did not observe any noticeable changes in habitat conditions within the study plots that experienced the steepest declines (Emma Long, Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve), which have exceeded 50 percent. We suspect that immigration is influencing these trends; as the urban matrix expands around the preserves, the destruction and fragmentation of the surrounding habitat reduces the number of warblers immigrating into the preserves. Visitor use at Emma Long may also have increased in recent years. Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve has become increasingly isolated from other habitat patches as a result of urban development, with housing developments being built adjacent to the boundary of the preserve. These and other potential factors warrant further investigation.

Table 2. Golden-cheeked warbler territory number and estimated territory density (per hectare) within 15 intensive study plots on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, field season 2018.

| <u> </u> | | | No. of Full Territories | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | No. of Full | No. of Full and Edge | + (0.5 x Edge | Territory Density | | | | |
| Plot Name | Territories | Territories | Territories) ¹ | Per Hectare ¹ | | | | |
| Barton Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | | |
| Barton Creek | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0.07 | | | | |
| Barton Creek Habitat Preserve | 1 | 2 | 1.5 | 0.02 | | | | |
| | | Bull Creek Macrosite | | | | | | |
| Forest Ridge | 6 | 17 | 11.5 | 0.28 | | | | |
| Kent Butler | 8 | 15 | 11.5 | 0.28 | | | | |
| Hamilton West | 4 | 10 | 7 | 0.17 | | | | |
| | | Cypress Creek Macrosite | | | | | | |
| Collins | 2 | 13 | 7.5 | 0.19 | | | | |
| Vista Point | 9 | 14 | 11.5 | 0.28 | | | | |
| Wheless | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0.02 | | | | |
| | | North Lake Austin Macrosit | e | | | | | |
| Cortaña | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0.03 | | | | |
| Emma Long | 4 | 9 | 6.5 | 0.16 | | | | |
| Emma Long Bike Park | 6 | 10 | 8 | 0.08 | | | | |
| Emma Long Expansion | 4 | 7 | 5.5 | 0.16 | | | | |
| South Lake Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | | |
| Double J&T | 1 | 2 | 1.5 | 0.04 | | | | |
| Reicher | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0.10 | | | | |
| West Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | | |
| Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0.02 | | | | |
| All Plots Combined | 55 | 117 | 86 | 0.10 | | | | |

¹Calculation based on Verner's counting method (see Methods section for calculations). All plots average 40.5 ha except for Barton Creek Habitat Preserve (81.5 ha), Bike Park (96 ha), Emma Long Expansion (34 ha), Cortaña (62 ha), and Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve (180 ha).

Color Banding

City of Austin and Travis County staff color banded a total of 82 adult warblers (67 males, 15 females) in 2018. Jennifer Reidy/University of Missouri color banded 18 nestlings.

Age Structure

Of the 117 territorial males identified on the 15 intensive study plots in 2018, 90 were color-banded (77%; Table 3). Of these 90 males, 64 percent were ASY and 34 percent were SY. Barton Creek, Cortaña, Emma Long Expansion, and Hamilton West had the highest percentages of ASY males in 2018 (100%), while Barton Creek Habitat Preserve, Collins, Emma Long Bike Park, Kent Butler, and Wheless had the highest percentage of SY males (≥70%). The different age structures observed among plots may be due to the influence of habitat characteristics on the recruitment of young territorial males, immigration of warblers displaced due to habitat loss outside of the preserves, prior reproductive success (or lack thereof), juvenile and adult survival, and/or other factors. A summary of male age structure on intensive monitoring plots from 2009-2018 is presented in Exhibit G.

Table 3. Golden-cheeked warbler age structure data for color-banded territorial males observed within 15 intensive study plots on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, field season 2018.

| Plot Name | SY Males | ASY Males | AHY Males | Total Banded Males | Total Unbanded Males | % Banded Males | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| | Barton Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | |
| Barton Creek | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100 | | |
| Barton Creek Habitat Preserve | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 | | |
| | | Bull Creek Ma | crosite | | | | | |
| Forest Ridge | 2 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 82 | | |
| Kent Butler | 7 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 67 | | |
| Hamilton West | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 60 | | |
| | | Cypress Creek N | Macrosite | | | | | |
| Collins | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 69 | | |
| Vista Point | 3 | 8 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 79 | | |
| Wheless | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50 | | |
| | N | orth Lake Austir | Macrosite | | | | | |
| Cortaña | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 | | |
| Emma Long | 2 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 89 | | |
| Emma Long Bike Park | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 70 | | |
| Emma Long Expansion | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 86 | | |
| | South Lake Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | |
| Double J&T | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 | | |
| Reicher | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 83 | | |
| West Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | | |
| Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 75 | | |
| Total | 31 | 58 | 1 | 90 | 27 | 77 | | |

Return Rates

The overall return rate of color-banded warbler males in 2018 was 45% (65/146), higher than the return rates observed in 2016 (37%) and 2015 (35%), but within the range of 2010-2014 and 2017 return rates (41-56%). Three returning males that were banded on Emma Long Bike Park moved to Emma Long or Emma Long Expansion, two males banded on Vireo Ridge moved to Vista Point, one male banded on Canyon Vista moved to Forest Ridge, one male banded on Emma Long moved to Emma Long Expansion, and one male banded on Emma Long Expansion moved to an area off of the Emma Long plot.

Pairing and Reproductive Success

In 2018, a total of 117 territories were monitored for pairing and reproductive success on the 15 intensive study plots (Table 4). The average pairing and breeding success observed for all territories was 93 percent (range 75-100%) and 75 percent (range 0-100%), respectively. Breeding success was highest on the Cortaña, Emma Long Expansion, and Wheless plots (86-100%) and lowest on the Barton Creek Habitat Preserve, Collins, and Emma Long Bike Park plots (0-40%).

Staff detected 206 fledglings from 74 territories with known reproductive success. Applying the Reidy et al. (2008) estimate of 3.6 young fledged per successful nest in the Bull Creek and North Lake Austin macrosites to the number of territories where the number of fledglings was uncertain and less than 4.0 resulted in an adjusted total estimate of 256.8 young fledged. While the observed number of fledglings may be an underestimate, the adjusted number may be upwardly biased. The actual number is likely somewhere between these estimates. Productivity ranged from 0 to 3.8 fledglings/territory for individual plots, and 1.8 to 2.2 fledglings/territory overall. Productivity per successful nest ranged from 0 to 4.0 fledglings/territory for individual plots and 2.8 to 3.5 fledglings/territory overall.

Based on both the observed and adjusted number of fledglings, study plots in closed-canopy woodlands of the largest habitat patches in the Bull Creek (Forest Ridge, Kent Butler) and Cypress Creek (Vista Point) macrosites produced the greatest density of fledglings, while the Barton Creek Habitat Preserve, Collins, Emma Long Bike Park, JJ&T, Wheless, and Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve plots had the lowest reproductive output. A summary of the 2009-2018 reproductive success data is presented in Exhibit H.

A few territories produced double broods. Since documentation of double broods is opportunistic, they are not included in the estimated number of fledglings and productivity.

Table 4. Golden-cheeked warbler reproductive success on 15 intensive study plots on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, field season 2018. Data are based on observations for both full and edge territories.

| Plot Name | No. of Territories | No. of Territories w/ Female | Pairing Success | No. of Territories Producing ≥ 1 Young | Breeding Success | Observed and Adjusted* Productivity | Observed and Adjusted* Productivity Per Successful Territory | Total No. of Fledglings Observed and Adjusted* Fledglings | Density of Observed and Adjusted* Fledglings Per Hectare** |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Barton | Creek Macro | site | | | |
| Barton Creek | 4 | 4 | 100 | 2 | 50 | 1.3 / 1.7 | 2.5 / 3.3 | 5 / 6.6 | 0.10 / 0.12 |
| BCHP | 2 | 2 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Bull C | reek Macros | ite | | | |
| Forest Ridge | 17 | 17 | 100 | 12 | 71 | 1.7 / 3.6 | 2.4 / 3.4 | 29 / 41 | 0.54 / 0.73 |
| Kent Butler | 15 | 15 | 100 | 10 | 67 | 1.7 / 2.5 | 2.6 / 3.7 | 26 / 37.2 | 0.51 / 0.73 |
| Hamilton West | 10 | 10 | 100 | 8 | 80 | 2.5 / 2.7 | 3.1 / 3.4 | 25 / 27.2 | 0.44 / 0.48 |
| | | | | Cypress | Creek Macro | osite | | | |
| Collins | 13 | 12 | 92 | 4 | 31 | 0.9 / 1.2 | 3.0 / 3.8 | 12 / 15.2 | 0.20 / 0.24 |
| Vista Point | 14 | 11 | 79 | 11 | 79 | 1.7 / 1.7 | 3.6 / 3.6 | 39 / 39 | 0.79 / 0.79 |
| Wheless | 2 | 2 | 100 | 2 | 100 | 0.6 / 0.6 | 4.0 / 4.0 | 8/8 | 0.10 / 0.10 |
| | | | | North Lak | e Austin Mad | crosite | | | |
| Cortaña | 2 | 2 | 100 | 2 | 100 | 2.5 / 3.8 | 2.5 / 3.8 | 5 / 7.6 | 0.08 / 0.12 |
| Emma Long | 9 | 8 | 89 | 5 | 56 | 1.7 / 1.9 | 3.0 / 3.4 | 15 / 17.2 | 0.27 / 0.31 |
| Emma Bike Park | 10 | 9 | 90 | 4 | 40 | 1.2 / 1.2 | 3.0 / 3.0 | 12 / 12 | 0.10 / 0.10 |
| Emma Expansion | 7 | 7 | 100 | 6 | 86 | 2.0 / 2.9 | 2.3 / 3.4 | 14 / 20.6 | 0.32 / 0.46 |
| | | | | South Lak | e Austin Mad | crosite | | | |
| JJ&T | 2 | 2 | 100 | 1 | 50 | 1.5 / 1.8 | 3.0 / 3.6 | 3 / 3.6 | 0.07 / 0.09 |
| Reicher | 6 | 5 | 83 | 4 | 67 | 1.8 / 2.5 | 2.8 / 3.7 | 11 / 14.8 | 0.20 / 0.27 |
| | West Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | | |
| Wild Basin/Vireo Preserve | 4 | 3 | 75 | 3 | 75 | 0.9 / 1.5 | 2.0 / 3.6 | 6 / 10.8 | 0.03 / 0.06 |
| All Plots Combined | 117 | 109 | 94 | 74 | 64 | 1.5 / 2.0 | 2.7 / 3.3 | 210 / 260.8 | 0.19 / 0.23 |

^{*}Based on mean number of 3.6 young per successful nest (Reidy et al. 2008) for territories where the number of fledglings was uncertain and less than 4. See Methods section for calculations.

Nest Data

BCP staff and BCP partners found and monitored a total of 100 active warbler nests within the intensive monitoring plots during the 2018 field season. The first nest was found on March 20, and fledging dates for observed nests ranged from April 19 through June 15. Of the 100 nests, 58 fledged one or more young (58%), 39 nests failed (39%), and 3 had an unknown fate (3%). There were no observations of Brownheaded Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) parasitism at warbler nests in 2018.

^{**}Density based on number of fledglings produced per full + 0.5 territories divided by the plot size.

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Exhibit A. Distribution of Intensive Monitoring Plots (Figure 1) within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, 2018. Disclaimer: these products are for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for, legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. They do not represent an on-the-ground survey and represent only the approximate relative location of property boundaries. These products have been produced by the Wildland Conservation Division for the sole purpose of geographic reference. No warranty is made by the City of Austin regarding specific accuracy or completeness.

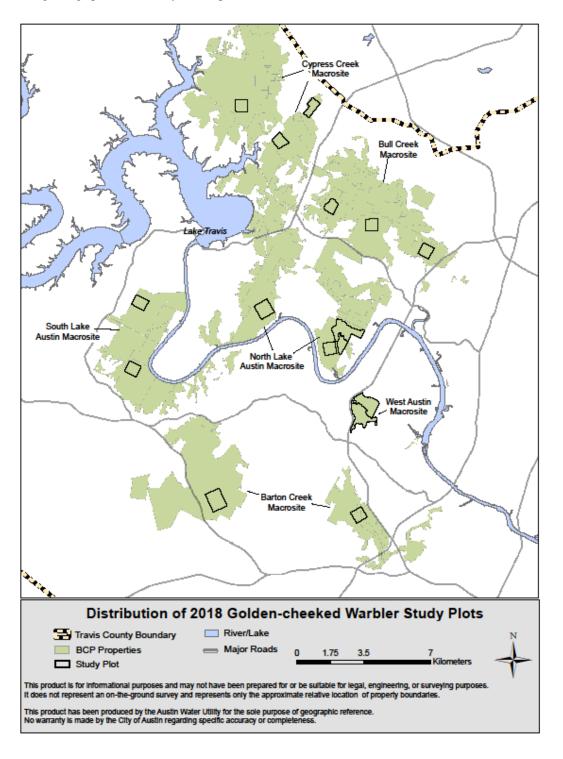


Exhibit B: Minimum Convex Polygons Representing Estimated Golden-cheeked Warbler Territory Boundaries for Intensive Monitoring Plots, (Figures 2-16), 2018. Open circles outside of colored polygons represent observations of male warblers that did not have enough information, such as identification of color band combinations or contemporaneous vocalizations, to assign to a territory.

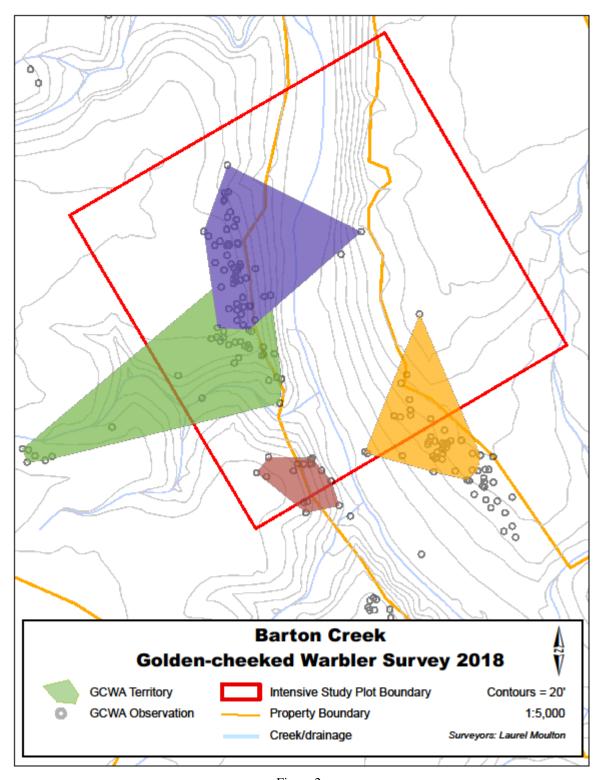


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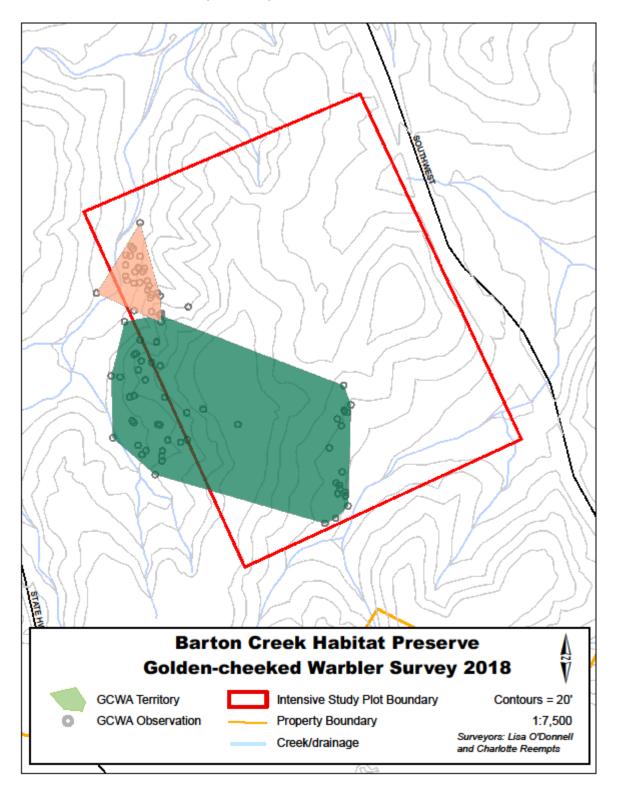


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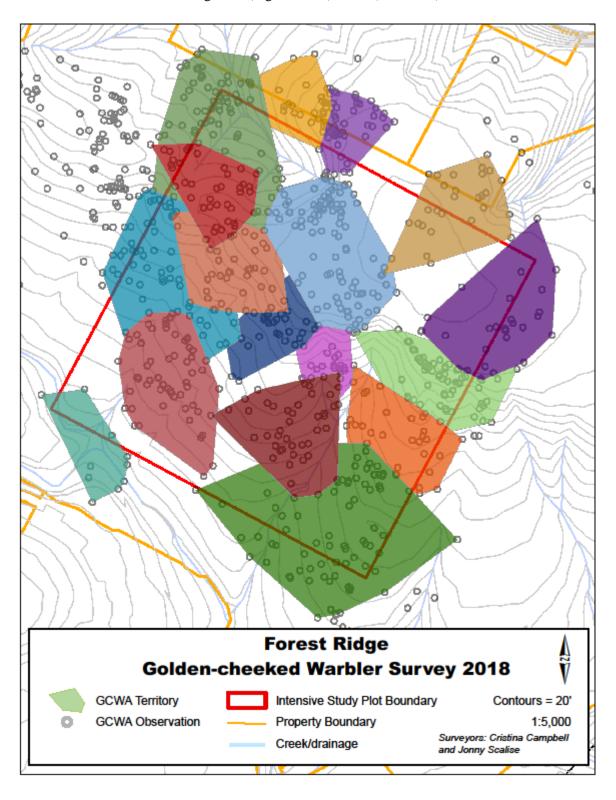


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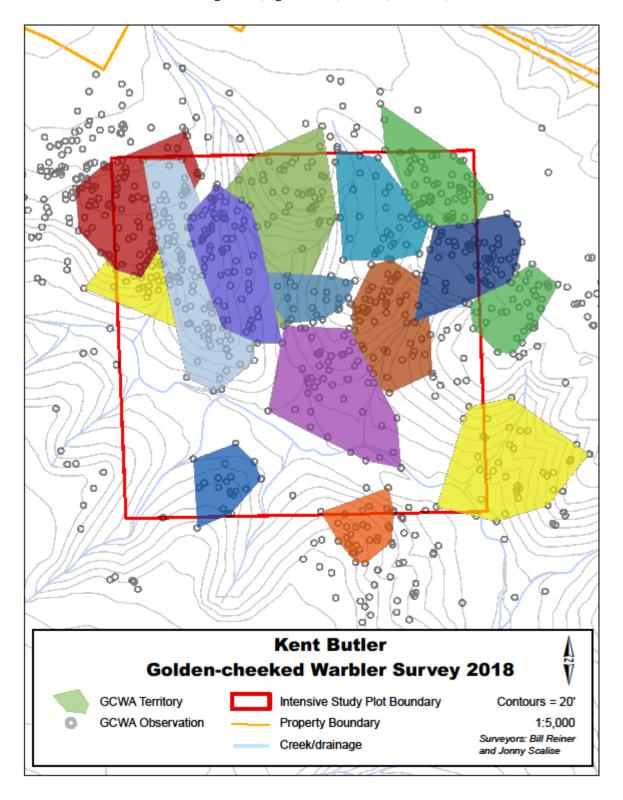


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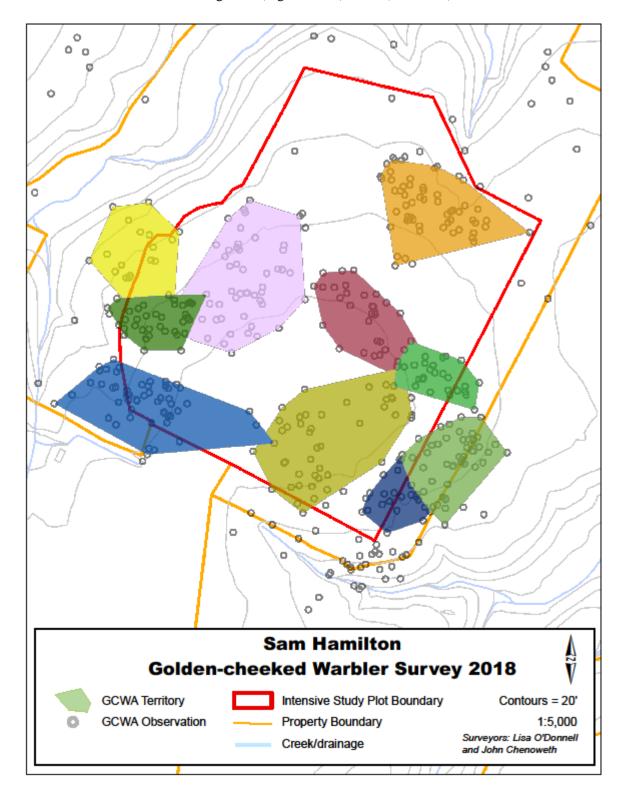


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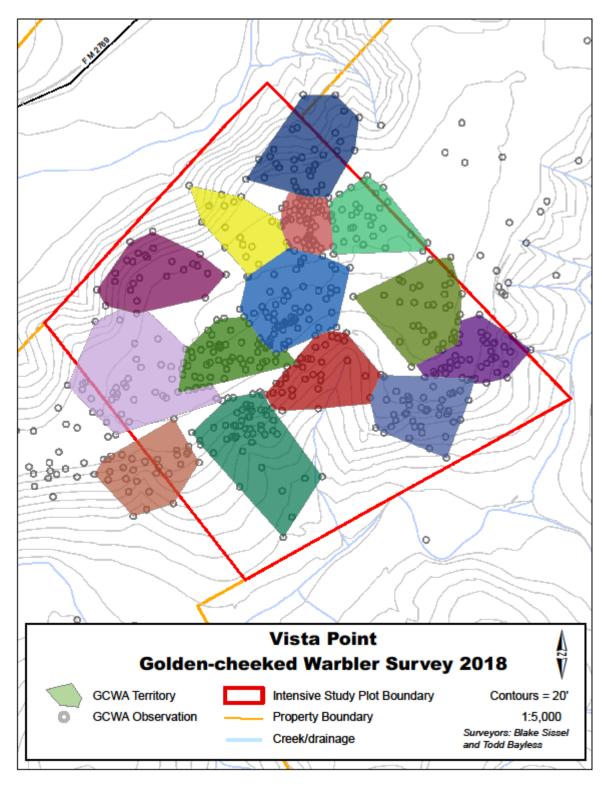


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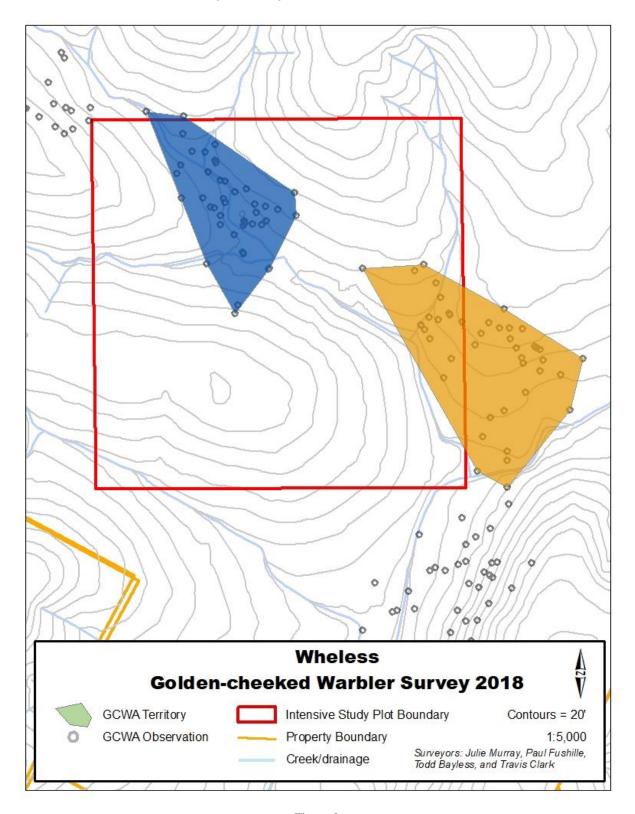


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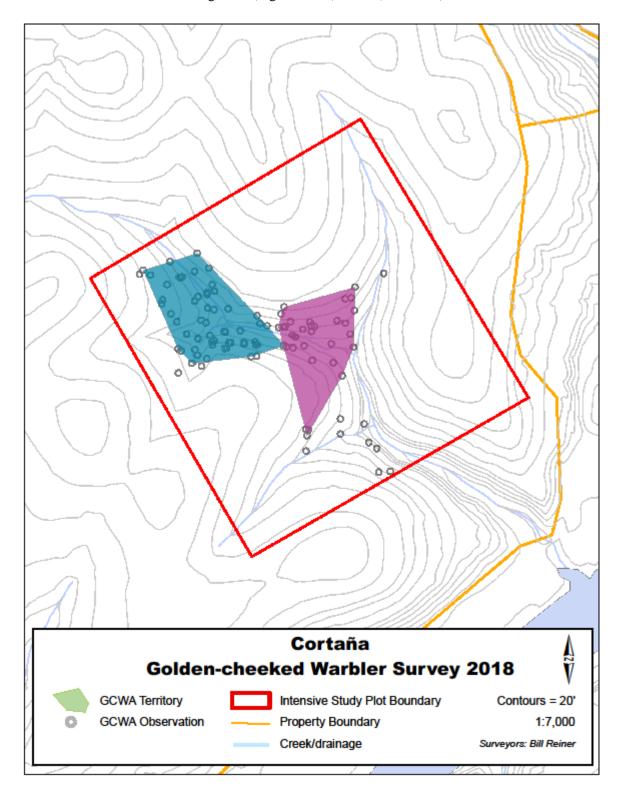


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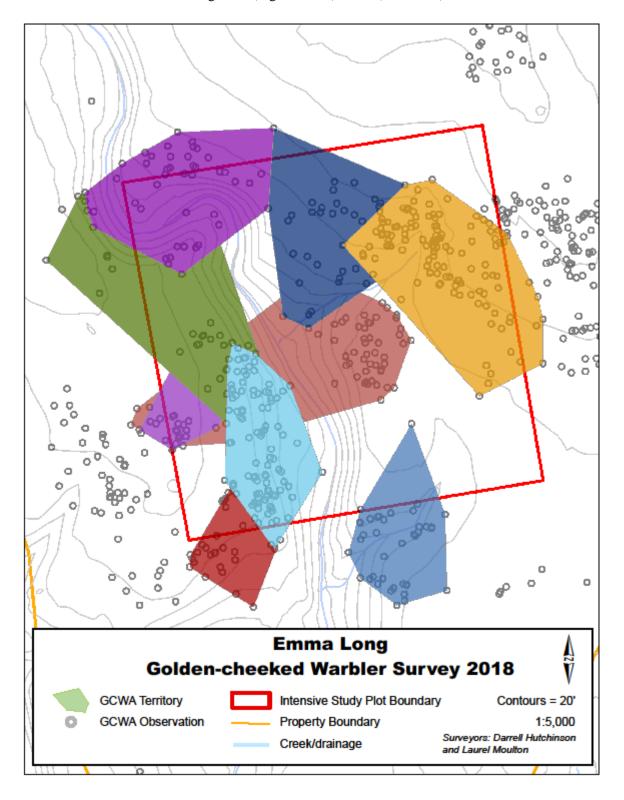


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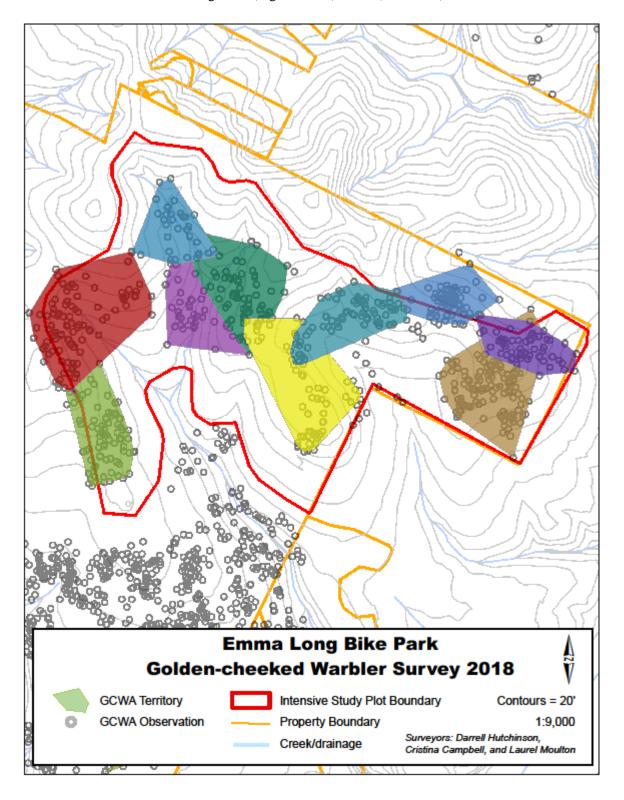


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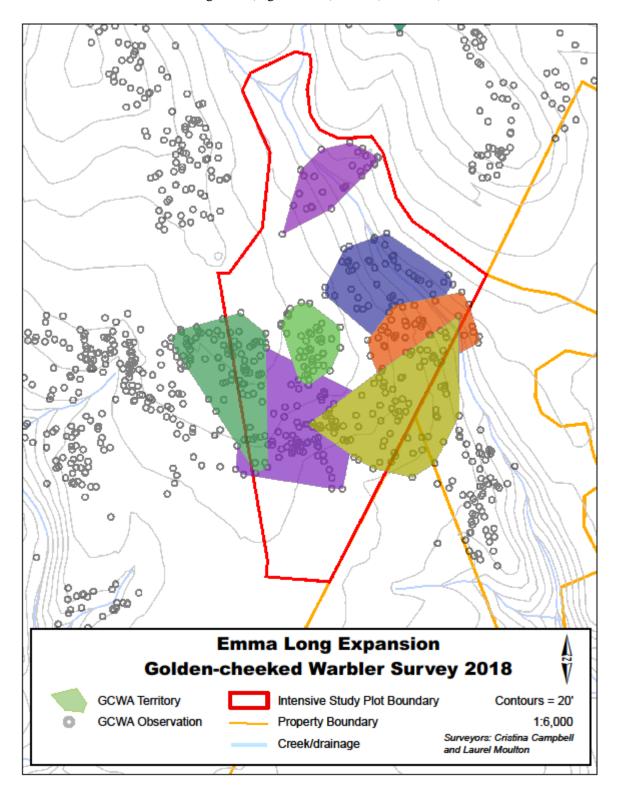


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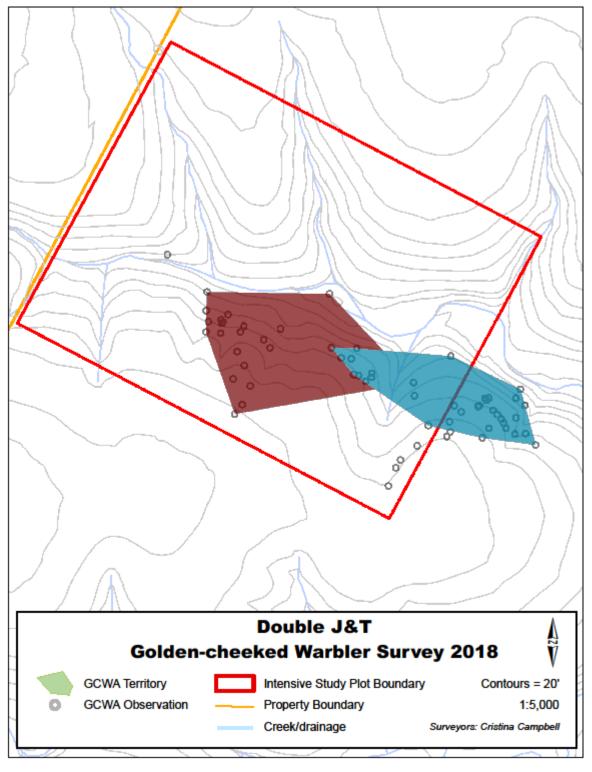


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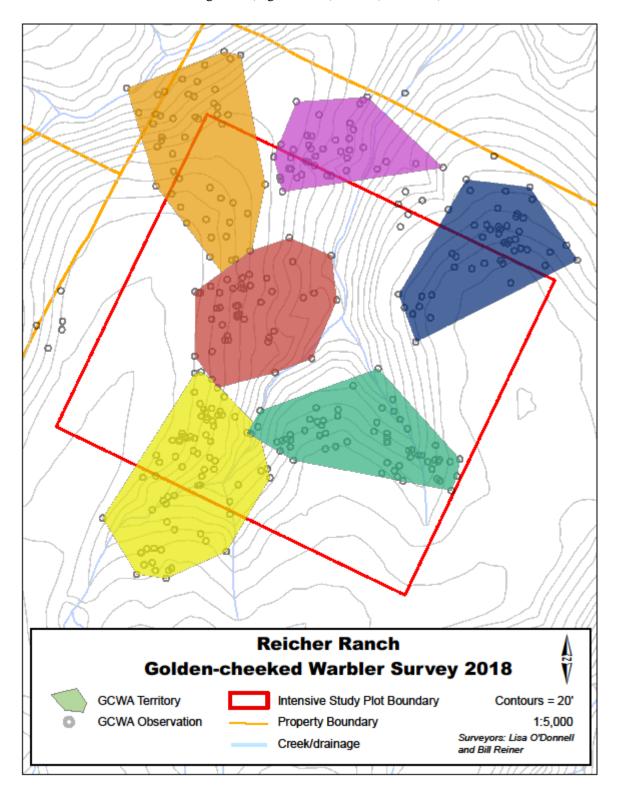


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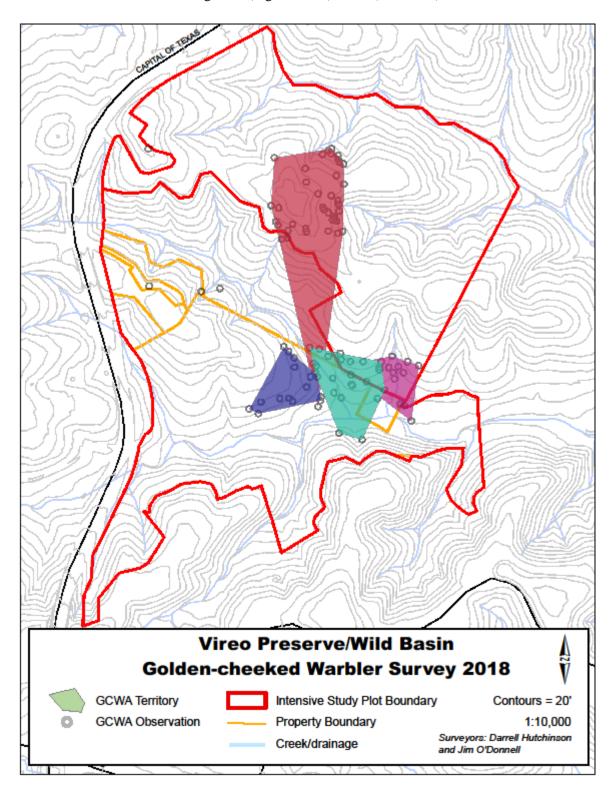


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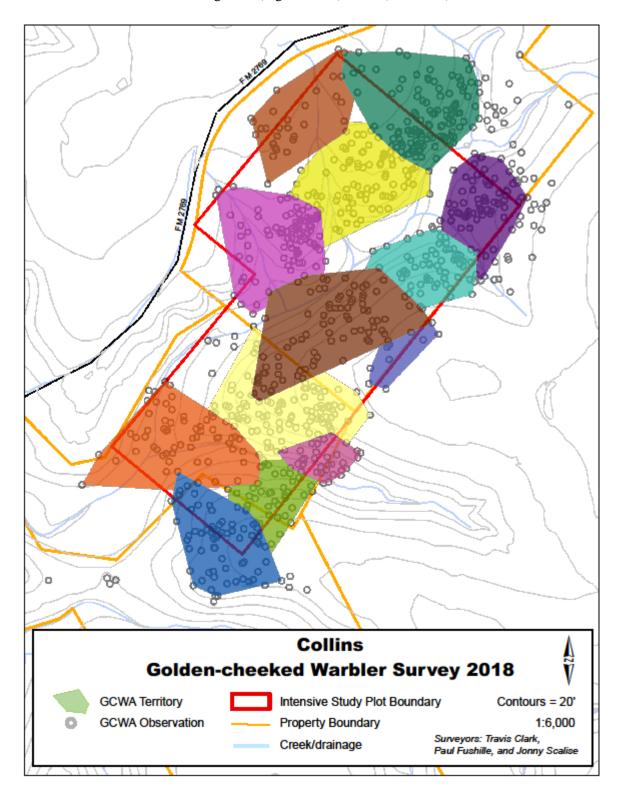


Figure 16

Exhibit C: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Survey Effort on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, 2018.

| Intensive Monitoring Plots | Lead Surveyor(s) | Survey Hours (March 11-June 18) | Area Surveyed (hectares) | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Barton Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | |
| Barton Creek | Laurel Moulton (COA) | 94.50 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| ВСНР | Lisa O'Donnell, Jim O'Donnell (COA) Charlotte Reemts (TNC) | 49.75 | 81.5 | | | | |
| | Bull Creek Macrosite | | | | | | |
| Forest Ridge | Jonny Scalise, Cristina Campbell (COA) | 377.25 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| Kent Butler | William Reiner, Jonny Scalise (COA) | 427.50 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| Hamilton West | John Chenoweth, Lisa O'Donnell (COA) | 131.50 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| | Cypress Creek Macrosite | ' | | | | | |
| Vista Point | Todd Bayless, Blake Sissel (TC) | 147.75 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| Wheless | Todd Bayless, Travis Clark, Julie Murray, Paul Fushille (TC) | 42.75 | 40.5 | | | | |
| Collins | Travis Clark, Paul Fushille (TC), Jonny Scalise (COA) | 351 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| | North Lake Austin Macrosite | | | | | | |
| Emma Long | Darrell Hutchinson, Laurel Moulton (COA) | 299.50 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| Emma Long Bike Park | Darrell Hutchinson, Cristina Campbell, Laurel Moulton (COA) | 381.50 | 96 | | | | |
| Emma Long Expansion | Darrell Hutchinson, Cristina Campbell, Laurel Moulton (COA) | 239.75 | 34 | | | | |
| Cortaña | William Reiner (COA) | 101.75 | 62 | | | | |
| | South Lake Austin Macrosite | | | | | | |
| Double J&T | Cristina Campbell (COA) | 37.50 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| Reicher | Lisa O'Donnell, William Reiner (COA) | 102.50 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | |
| | West Austin Macrosite | | | | | | |
| Vireo Preserve/Wild Basin | Darrell Hutchinson, Jim O'Donnell (COA) | 115.50 | 180 | | | | |
| | Total | 2900 | 858.5 + buffers | | | | |

COA = City of Austin, TC = Travis County, TNC = The Nature Conservancy. Buffers = approx. 30 hectares for each 40.5-ha plot, where access was allowed.

Exhibit C: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Survey Effort on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, 2018 (continued).

| Re-sighting Plots | Surveyor(s) | Survey Hours (March 15-May 25) | Area Surveyed (hectares) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Barton Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | |
| Gus Fruh/Sunset Valley | Jim O'Donnell, Mark Sanders (COA) Dale Thompson, Jimmy Evans, Justin Stewart (volunteers) | 77.75 | 85 + 27 | | | | | |
| | Bull Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | |
| 3M/St. Edwards | 3M/St. Edwards John Chenoweth, Mark Sanders (COA) | | 40.5 + buffer | | | | | |
| Canyon Vista | Julie Murray, Todd Bayless (TC), Elena Pinto-Torres, Nevin Durish (volunteer) | 46.75 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | | |
| | Cypress Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | |
| Baker Sanctuary | Cindy Sperry (volunteer), Celeste Treadwell (volunteer) | 54.50 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | | |
| Lake Perspectives | Travis Clark (TC), Jim & Lynne Weber (volunteers) | 23.0 | 40.5 + buffer | | | | | |
| Vireo Ridge | Paul Fushille (TC), Leigh Jandle, Nevin Durish (volunteers) | 45.75 | 51 | | | | | |
| North Lake Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | | |
| Coldwater | Jim O'Donnell, Lisa O'Donnell (COA) | 33.0 | 107 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Total | 327.5 | 432.0 + buffers | | | | | |

COA = City of Austin, TC = Travis County. Buffers = approx. 30 hectares for each 40.5-ha plot, where access was allowed.

Exhibit C: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Survey Effort on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, 2018 (continued).

| Search Areas* | Surveyor(s) | Search Areas* | Surveyor(s) |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 3M Northeast | Claire Miller Stephanie Putnam Jasmine Mills | Hamilton Northeast | Adrian Johnson Diego Custard |
| 3M South | David Southall Emma Doyle | Hamilton Northwest | Emily Novak Karen Mansfield |
| 3M Southeast | Joseph Hunt Larry Thatcher | Hamilton Southeast | Chris Harper |
| Baker Sanctuary North (45.1 ha) | Katherine Ross | Interplot (33.4 ha) (between 3M and Forest Ridge plots) | Monica Ramirez Naiara Fernandez |
| Baker Sanctuary Southeast (33.2 ha) | Tam Tran | Kent Butler East | Gloria Wilson |
| Baker Sanctuary Northwest (32.9 ha) | Amanda Fernandez Katherine Ross | Kent Butler Northwest | Lauren Dill Patrick Garnett |
| Baker Sanctuary Southwest | Traci Foulkes | Kent Butler Southeast | Jim and Lynne Weber Matthew Haverland |
| Barton Creek Northwest | Shelia Hargis Cheryl McGrath | Kent Butler Southwest | Alan Carlin |
| Barton Creek Southeast (37.5 ha) | Amanda Hargrave Misa Soliz | Lake Perspectives Northwest (30.2 ha) | Jacob Ogdee Ryan Collister |
| Barton Creek Southwest | Stacy Marcus | Lake Perspectives South (31.8 ha) | Leigh Jandle |
| Barton Creek downstream | Owen Moorhead | Long Canyon | Jacob Owen |
| Canyon Vista (23.2 ha) | Audrey Stewart Meghan Lind | Vireo Ridge (46.3 ha) | Joanna Schiefelbein |
| Emma Long West | Laura Springer Peg Wallace | Vista Point Southeast | Ingrid Tower Justin Stewart Samuel Lopez |
| Emma Long South | Brian Miller Paul Clements Ranleigh Hirsh | Vista Point Southwest (43.6 ha) | Elena Pinto-Torres |
| Forest Ridge Northeast | Janel Nye Michael Jewell | | |
| Forest Ridge Northwest | Jim and Lynne Weber | | |
| Forest Ridge Southeast | Hiram Perez Jim Bayliss Laura Ruiz Brennand | | |
| Forest Ridge Southwest | Jim and Lynne Weber | | |

^{*}All search areas were approximately 40.4 ha except where noted.

Exhibit D: Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Monitoring Plot Protocol, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, 2018.

Objective: To delineate golden-cheeked warbler territories as accurately as possible (>33 locations per male) and to document return rates, dispersal, pairing success, breeding success, and productivity (number of young per territory) to estimate long-term trends in these parameters.

For the 2018 field season, a concerted effort will also be made to locate and monitor nests and count fledglings on a select number of plots (for COA BCP, this will include the Kent Butler 100-acre plot, Forest Ridge, Emma Long Bike Park, and Emma Long Expansion).

Study Sites: Within each intensive study plot, observers will focus on re-sighting color-banded warblers, mapping the location and extent of territories, and looking for females and fledglings. In addition, observers responsible for 100-acre study plots will search for color-banded birds within accessible portions of a 100-m buffer around each plot to provide better estimates of the size, extent, and breeding success of edge territories.

Survey Dates: March 15 - May 25 (for territory delineations); March 15-June 15 (for documenting reproductive success). Separate visits may be required to band territorial males but warbler observations made during banding attempts are not to be reported as territory observations.

Survey Effort for Territory Mapping: 6 hours per 100 acres per visit *minimum*. There will be no maximum time constraints. The number of hours devoted to a plot will be based on territory densities, terrain, surveyor's physical condition, etc. and the time needed to cover the entire survey area. Surveyors will take as much time as needed to collect data for each territory and obtain a minimum of 33 locations separated by at least 30 meters for each territorial male by May 25.

Mapping: Observers will obtain GPS locations for, and create hard copy maps of, all warbler observations for every survey visit, following the Standards for Conducting and Documenting Golden-cheeked Warbler Surveys (COA 2018). Timely and accurate survey maps serve as a means of sharing observation information with other observers assigned to the same study plot, are critical for conducting data QA/QC, and provide important supporting documentation for subsequent analyses and reports.

Staffing:

- For <u>low density plots</u> (<5 territories/100 acres): one observer will survey the plot/buffer once a week from March 15-June 15.
- For medium density plots (5-10 territories/100 acres): one observer will survey the plot/buffer once a week from March 15-June 15. To assist documenting fledglings, a second observer will assist with the weekly surveys from April 20-May 25 (see procedures for shared plots, below).
- For <u>high density plots</u> (>10 territories/100 acres): two observers will survey the plot/buffer once a week from March 15-May 25 (see procedures for shared plots, below), and one observer will survey the plot/buffer from May 25-June 15.
- For <u>plots that include a focus on nest monitoring and fledgling counts</u> (see Objective, above): two observers will survey the plot/buffer twice a week from March 15-May 25 (see procedures for shared plots, below), and one observer will survey the plot/buffer from May 25-June 15.

Training: All field staff will have prior experience conducting golden-cheeked warbler surveys or be trained by experienced personnel prior to the field season.

Survey Procedures: Observers are to follow the Standards for Conducting and Documenting Golden-cheeked Warbler Surveys (COA 2018) during all field visits. For shared plots with two observers (see Staffing, above), each observer will cover half of the plot/buffer during each survey, and observers will need to coordinate coverage. For the initial visit, observers will split and cover one-half of the plot. For each subsequent week, each observer will rotate the area covered by 90° in a clockwise direction, where this is practical. This will ensure each observer covers the entire plot and begins at a different corner of the plot each week.

Exhibit E: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Territory Data for Intensive Study Plots on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, Field Seasons 2009-2018. See Methods section for calculations.

| Plot Name | Survey Year | No. of Full Territories | Number of Full and Edge Territories | No. of Full Territories + 50% of Edge Territories | Territory Density per Hectare | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Barton Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 2 | 8 | 5.0 | 0.12 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 2 | 10 | 6.0 | 0.15 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 4 | 9 | 6.5 | 0.16 | | | | |
| | 2012 | 2 | 7 | 4.5 | 0.11 | | | | |
| | 2013 | 4 | 10 | 7.0 | 0.17 | | | | |
| Barton | 2014 | 5 | 12 | 8.5 | 0.21 | | | | |
| Creek | 2015 | 6 | 9 | 7.5 | 0.19 | | | | |
| | 2016 | 3 | 6 | 4.5 | 0.11 | | | | |
| | 2017 | 3 | 6 | 4.5 | 0.11 | | | | |
| | 2018 | 2 | 4 | 3.0 | 0.07 | | | | |
| Barton | | <u>-</u> | · | 2.0 | | | | | |
| | 2017 | 0 | 2 | 1.0 | 0.01 | | | | |
| Creek | 2017 | 0 | 2 | 1.0 | 0.01 | | | | |
| Habitat | 2018 | 1 | | 1.5 | 0.02 | | | | |
| Preserve | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 1 | 2 | 1.0 | 0.01 | | | | |
| Gus Fruh/ | 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | 2013 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0.01 | | | | |
| Sunset | 2014 | 2 | 4 | 3.0 | 0.03 | | | | |
| Valley | 2015 | 1 | 2 | 1.5 | 0.01 | | | | |
| | 2016 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0.01 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Bull Creek Macrosite | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 9 | 27 | 18.0 | 0.44 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 13 | 26 | 19.5 | 0.48 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 12 | 25 | 18.5 | 0.46 | | | | |
| 23.51 | 2012 | 14 | 27 | 20.5 | 0.51 | | | | |
| 3M/ | 2012 | 13 | 26 | 19.5 | 0.48 | | | | |
| St. | 2013 | 12 | 28 | 20.0 | 0.49 | | | | |
| Edwards | 2014 | 16 | 25 | 20.5 | 0.51 | | | | |
| | 2013 | | | 20.3 | 0.51 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | 10 | 22 | 16.0 | 0.40 | | | | |
| | 2011 | | 22 23 | 14.5 | 0.36 | | | | |
| Canyon | 2012 | 6 7 | 23 22 | 14.5 | 0.36 | | | | |
| | 2013 | | 22 23 | 15.5 | 0.38 | | | | |
| Vista | | 8 | | | | | | | |
| | 2015 | 12 | 24 | 18.0 | 0.44 | | | | |
| | 2016 | 8 | 26 | 17.0 | 0.42 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | | | |

Exhibit E: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Territory Data, continued.

| Plot Name | Survey Year | No. of Full Territories | Number of Full and Edge Territories | No. of Full Territories + 50% of Edge Territories | Territory Density per Hectare |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | 2009 | 10 | 18 | 14.0 | 0.35 |
| | 2010 | 10 | 20 | 15.0 | 0.37 |
| | 2011 | 13 | 20 | 16.5 | 0.41 |
| | 2012 | 13 | 23 | 18.0 | 0.44 |
| | 2013 | 8 | 14 | 11.0 | 0.27 |
| Forest Ridge | 2014 | 9 | 19 | 14.0 | 0.35 |
| | 2015 | 14 | 20 | 17.0 | 0.42 |
| | 2016 | 8 | 15 | 11.5 | 0.28 |
| | 2017 | 11 | 20 | 15.5 | 0.38 |
| | 2018 | 6 | 17 | 11.5 | 0.28 |
| | 2009 | 11 | 25 | 18.0 | 0.44 |
| | 2010 | 11 | 20 | 15.5 | 0.38 |
| | 2011 | 12 | 22 | 17.0 | 0.43 |
| | 2012 | 11 | 24 | 17.5 | 0.43 |
| | 2012 | 18 | 32 | 25.0 | 0.62 |
| Kent Butler | 2013 | 15 | 20 | 17.5 | 0.43 |
| | 2014 | 13 | 25 | 19.0 | 0.43 |
| | 2015 | 11 | 20 | 15.5 | 0.38 |
| | 2016 | 7 | 19 | 13.0 | 0.38 |
| | 2017 | 8 | 15 | | |
| | | | | 11.5 | 0.28 |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 2 | 14 | 8.0 | 0.20 |
| | 2011 | 8 | 20 | 14.0 | 0.35 |
| | 2012 | 6 | 10 | 8.0 | 0.20 |
| Hamilton West | 2013 | 5 | 11 | 8.0 | 0.20 |
| Tallinion (CSC | 2014 | 5 | 12 | 8.5 | 0.21 |
| | 2015 | 6 | 10 | 8.0 | 0.20 |
| | 2016 | 5 | 9 | 7.0 | 0.17 |
| | 2017 | 5 | 9 | 7.0 | 0.17 |
| | 2018 | 4 | 10 | 7.0 | 0.17 |
| | | Cypress Cre | ek Macrosite | | |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 5 | 16 | 10.5 | 0.26 |
| | 2012 | 8 | 12 | 10.0 | 0.25 |
| Baker Sanctuary | 2013 | 6 | 14 | 10.0 | 0.25 |
| Dakei Saliciual y | 2014 | 5 | 12 | 8.5 | 0.21 |
| | 2015 | 7 | 14 | 10.5 | 0.26 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | |
| Collins | 2018 | 2 | 13 | 7.5 | 0.19 |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 5 | 10 | 7.5 | 0.19 |
| | 2012 | 4 | 10 | 7.0 | 0.17 |
| Lake Perspectives/ | 2013 | 6 | 11 | 8.5 | 0.21 |
| McGregor | 2014 | 4 | 10 | 7.0 | 0.17 |
| , incoregor | 2015 | 5 | 11 | 8.0 | 0.20 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | | | 1 | I . | l . |
| | 2017 | | | | |

Exhibit E: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Territory Data, continued.

| Plot Name | Survey Year | No. of Full Territories | Number of Full and Edge Territories | No. of Full Territories + 50% of Edge Territories | No. of Territories Per Hectare |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 7 | 13 | 10.0 | 0.25 |
| | 2012 | 12 | 16 | 14.0 | 0.24 |
| | 2013 | 9 | 11 | 10.0 | 0.24 |
| Vireo Ridge | 2014 | 12 | 13 | 12.5 | 0.27 |
| | 2015 | 15 | 16 | 15.5 | 0.34 |
| | 2016 | 8 | 23 | 15.5 | 0.30 |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 15 | 17 | 16.0 | 0.40 |
| | 2012 | 13 | 20 | 14.0 | 0.34 |
| Vista Point | 2013 | 10 | 17 | 13.5 | 0.33 |
| , 1000 1 01110 | 2014 | 9 | 19 | 14.0 | 0.35 |
| | 2015 | 17 | 24 | 20.5 | 0.51 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2017 | 8 | 14 | 11.0 | 0.27 |
| | 2018 | 9 | 14 | 11.5 | 0.28 |
| Wheless | 2017 | 1 | 3 | 2.0 | 0.04 |
| vyneiess | 2018 | 0 | 2 | 1.0 | 0.02 |
| | | North Lake Au | istin Macrosite | | |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 12 | 12 | 12.0 | 0.11 |
| | 2011 | 11 | 16 | 13.5 | 0.14 |
| | 2012 | 7 | 12 | 9.5 | 0.09 |
| | 2013 | 10 | 13 | 11.5 | 0.11 |
| Coldwater | 2014 | 7 | 13 | 10.0 | 0.09 |
| | 2015 | 6 | 17 | 11.5 | 0.05 |
| | 2016 | | | | 0.11 |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Cortaña | 2017 | 4 | 5 | 4.5 | 0.07 |
| | 2018 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0.03 |
| | 2009 | 9 | 19 | 14.0 | 0.35 |
| | 2010 | 10 | 16 | 13.0 | 0.32 |
| | 2011 | 10 | 16 | 13.0 | 0.33 |
| | 2012 | 11 | 18 | 14.5 | 0.36 |
| Emma Long | 2013 | 11 | 20 | 15.5 | 0.38 |
| Elillia Long | 2014 | 9 | 17 | 13.0 | 0.32 |
| | 2015 | 10 | 17 | 13.5 | 0.33 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2017 | 3 | 10 | 6.5 | 0.16 |
| | 2018 | 4 | 9 | 6.5 | 0.16 |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 9 | 9 | 9.0 | 0.09 |
| | 2011 | 12 | 15 | 13.5 | 0.14 |
| | 2012 | 12 | 17 | 14.5 | 0.14 |
| Emma Long | 2012 | 5 | 13 | 9.0 | 0.13 |
| | 2013 | 12 | 19 | 15.5 | 0.09 |
| Bike Park | 2014 | 6 | 19 | 10 | 0.10 |
| | | | | | |
| | 2016 | 4 | 13 | 8.5 | 0.09 |
| | 2017 | 3 | 10 | 6.5 | 0.07 |
| | 2018 | 6 | 10 | 8.0 | 0.08 |

Exhibit E: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Territory Data, continued.

| Plot Name | Survey Year | No. of Full Territories | Number of Full and Edge Territories | No. of Full Territories + 50% of Edge Territories | Territory Density per Hectare | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Emma Long | 2016 | 7 | 10 | 8.5 | 0.25 | | | | |
| Expansion | 2017 | 4 | 9 | 6.5 | 0.19 | | | | |
| Expansion | 2018 | 4 | 7 | 5.5 | 0.16 | | | | |
| South Lake Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 2 | 3 | 2.5 | 0.06 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 3 | 3 | 3.0 | 0.07 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 3 | 4 | 3.5 | 0.09 | | | | |
| | 2012 | 4 | 4 | 4.0 | 0.10 | | | | |
| Double | 2013 | 2 | 4 | 3.0 | 0.07 | | | | |
| J&T | 2014 | 3 | 5 | 4.0 | 0.10 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 2 | 2 | 2.0 | 0.05 | | | | |
| | 2016 | 2 | 3 | 2.5 | 0.06 | | | | |
| | 2017 | 2 | 3 | 2.5 | 0.06 | | | | |
| | 2018 | 1 | 2 | 1.5 | 0.04 | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 3 | 4 | 3.5 | 0.09 | | | | |
| | 2012 | 2 | 6 | 4.0 | 0.10 | | | | |
| Reicher | 2013 | 3 | 6 | 6.0 | 0.11 | | | | |
| Keichei | 2014 | 5 | 11 | 8.0 | 0.20 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 3 | 8 | 5.5 | 0.14 | | | | |
| | 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | 3 | 6 | 4.5 | 0.11 | | | | |
| | 2018 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0.10 | | | | |
| | | West Austin | n Macrosite | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 8 | 11 | 9.5 | 0.05 | | | | |
| | 2012 | 6 | 6 | 6.0 | 0.03 | | | | |
| Wild Basin/ Vireo | 2013 | 8 | 8 | 8.0 | 0.04 | | | | |
| Preserve | 2014 | 9 | 10 | 9.5 | 0.05 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 7 | 7 | 7.0 | 0.04 | | | | |
| | 2016 | 4 | 4 | 4.0 | 0.02 | | | | |
| | 2017 | 4 | 4 | 4.0 | 0.02 | | | | |
| | 2018 | 4 | 4 | 4.0 | 0.02 | | | | |

Exhibit F. Golden-cheeked Warbler Territory Density Trends for Intensive Study Plots on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, Field Seasons 2009-2018.

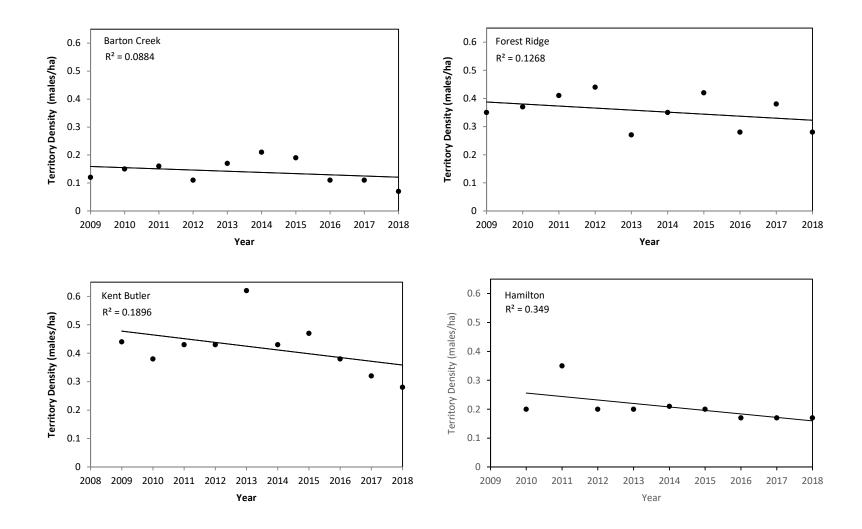


Exhibit F. Golden-cheeked Warbler Territory Density Trends, continued.

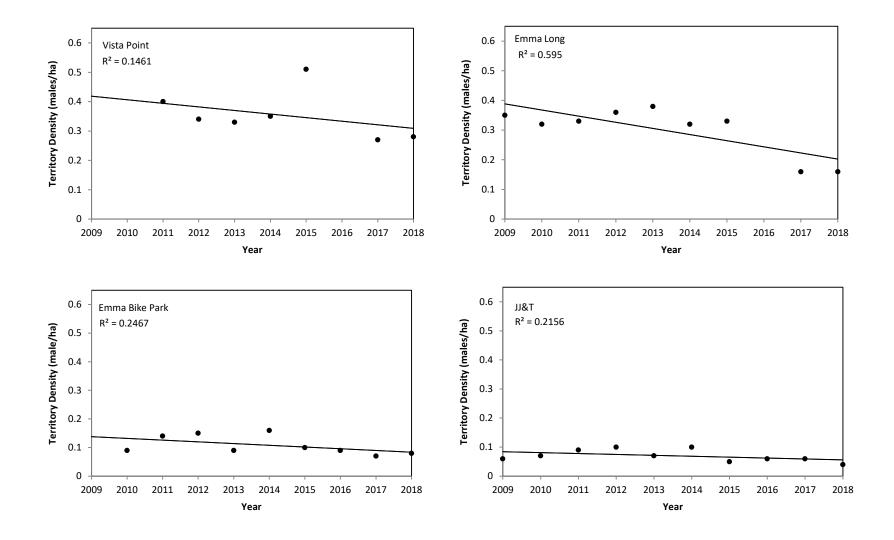
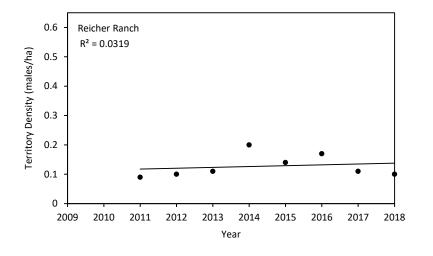


Exhibit F. Golden-cheeked Warbler Territory Density Trends, continued.



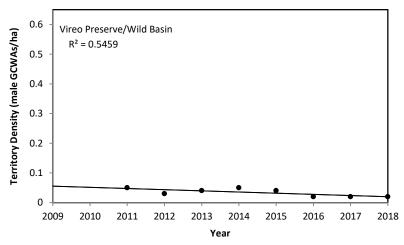


Exhibit G: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Age Structure Data for Territorial Males on Intensive Study Plots on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, Field Seasons 2009-2018.

| | Survey | % SY | %ASY | %AHY | Total No. | Total No. | % |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Plot | Year | Males | Males | Males | Banded Males | Unbanded Males | Banded Males |
| | | | Barton Creek | Macrosite Macrosite | Iviales | wiales | Maies |
| | 2009 | 20 | 60 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 63 |
| | 2010 | 22 | 78 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 90 |
| | 2011 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 67 |
| | 2012 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 71 |
| Danton Cuash | 2013 | 40 | 60 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 50 |
| Barton Creek | 2014 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 67 |
| | 2015 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 33 |
| | 2016 | 17 | 83 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 100 |
| | 2017 | 20 | 80 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 83 |
| | 2018 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| Barton Creek | 2017 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50 |
| Habitat Preserve | 2018 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 |
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gus Fruh/ | 2013 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| Sunset Valley | 2014 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100 |
| Sunset valley | 2015 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 |
| | 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 2017 | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | 100 |
| | | | Bull Creek N | /acrosite | | | |
| | 2009 | 30 | 70 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 74 |
| | 2010 | 38 | 63 | 0 | 16 | 10 | 62 |
| | 2011 | 56 | 44 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 72 |
| | 2012 | 29 | 71 | 0 | 21 | 6 | 78 |
| 3M/St. Edwards | 2013 | 39 | 61 | 0 | 18 | 8 | 69 |
| JIVI/St. Euwarus | 2014 | 55 | 45 | 0 | 20 | 8 | 71 |
| | 2015 | 35 | 65 | 0 | 17 | 8 | 68 |
| | 2016 | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 29 | 71 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 64 |
| | 2012 | 18 | 82 | 0 | 17 | 6 | 74 |
| Canyon Vista | 2013 | 31 | 69 | 0 | 16 | 6 | 73 |
| 0411, 011 + 1504 | 2014 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 12 | 11 | 52 |
| | 2015 | 50 | 38 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 67 |
| | 2016 | 21 | 79 | 0 | 14 | 12 | 54 |
| | 2017 | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 20 | 73 | 7 | 15 | 3 | 83 |
| | 2010 | 21 | 79 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 70 |
| | 2011 | 35 | 65 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 85 |
| | 2012 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 16 | 7 | 67 |
| Forest Ridge | 2013 | 11 | 89 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 64 |
| 9 | 2014 | 27 | 73 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 58 |
| | 2015 | 30 | 70 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 50 |
| | 2016 | 25 8 | 75 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 80 |
| | 2017 | 1 | 92 | 0 | 13 | 7 | 65 |
| | 2018 | 14 | 86 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 82 |

Exhibit G: Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Age Structure Data for Territorial Males, continued.

| Plot | Survey Year | % SY Males | %ASY Males | %AHY Males | Total No. Banded Males | Total No. Unbanded Males | % Banded Males |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2009 | 53 | 29 | 18 | 17 | 8 | 68 |
| | 2010 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 75 |
| | 2011 | 62 | 37 | 0 | 16 | 6 | 73 |
| | 2012 | 53 | 42 | 5 | 19 | 5 | 79 |
| | 2013 | 36 | 59 | 5 | 22 | 10 | 69 |
| Kent Butler | 2014 | 19 | 81 | 0 | 16 | 4 | 80 |
| | 2015 | 41 | 53 | 6 | 17 | 8 | 68 |
| | 2016 | 36 | 64 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 70 |
| | 2017 | 38 | 62 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 68 |
| | 2018 | 70 | 30 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 67 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | 40 | 60 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 71 |
| | 2010 | 60 | 27 | 13 | 15 | 5 | 75 |
| | | 29 | 57 | | | | 70 |
| | 2012 | | | 14 | 7 | 3 | |
| Hamilton West | 2013 | 63 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 73 |
| | 2014 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 67 |
| | 2015 | 62 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 80 |
| | 2016 | 57 | 43 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 78 |
| | 2017 | 38 | 62 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 89 |
| | 2018 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 60 |
| | | | Cypress Creek | Macrosite | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 50 |
| | 2012 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 83 |
| Baker Sanctuary | 2013 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 57 |
| Daker Sanctuary | 2014 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 75 |
| | 2015 | 38 | 62 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 57 |
| | 2016 | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | |
| Collins | 2018 | 67 | 22 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 69 |
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 43 | 57 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 70 |
| Lake | 2012 | 20 | 80 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 100 |
| | 2013 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 82 |
| Perspectives/ | 2014 | 29 | 71 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 70 |
| McGregor | 2015 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 91 |
| | 2016 | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 37 | 62 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 62 |
| | 2011 | 15 | 85 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 81 |
| | 2012 | 22 | 78 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 82 |
| Vireo Ridge | 2013 | 43 | 57 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 54 |
| | 2014 | 75 | 25 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | 2016 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 12 | 11 | 52 |
| | 2017 | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | |

Exhibit G: Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Age Structure Data for Territorial Males, continued.

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| Plot | Survey Year | % SY Males | %ASY Males | %AHY Males | Total No. Banded Males | Total No. Unbanded Males | % Banded Males |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 24 | 76 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 100 |
| | 2012 | 12 | 88 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 81 |
| Vista Point | 2013 | 29 | 71 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 82 |
| Vista i viiit | 2014 | 9 | 91 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 59 |
| | 2015 | 67 | 33 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 50 |
| | 2016 | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | 9 | 91 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 79 |
| | 2018 | 27 | 73 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 79 |
| Wheless | 2017 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 75 |
| VV Heless | 2018 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50 |
| | | No | orth Lake Aust | in Macrosite | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | 42 | 58 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 100 |
| | 2011 | 54 | 46 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 81 |
| | 2012 | 0 | 89 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 75 |
| Coldwater | 2013 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 62 |
| Coluwater | 2014 | 60 | 40 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 77 |
| | 2015 | 85 | 15 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| | 2016 | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | |
| Cortaña | 2017 | 20 | 80 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 100 |
| Cortana | 2018 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 |
| | 2009 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 68 |
| | 2010 | 11 | 89 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 56 |
| | 2011 | 27 | 73 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 69 |
| | 2012 | 10 | 90 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 56 |
| Emma Long | 2013 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 50 |
| Ellilla Long | 2014 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 53 |
| | 2015 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 71 |
| | 2016 | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | 22 | 78 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 90 |
| | 2018 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 89 |
| | 2009 | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | 63 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 89 |
| | 2011 | 79 | 21 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 93 |
| _ | 2012 | 29 | 71 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 82 |
| Emma Long | 2013 | 71 | 29 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 54 |
| Bike Park | 2014 | 69 | 31 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 68 |
| | 2015 | 56 | 44 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 64 |
| | 2016 | 33 | 56 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 69 |
| | 2017 | 57 | 33 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 70 |
| | 2018 | 71 | 29 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 70 |
| Emma Long | 2016 | 33 | 50 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 60 |
| | 2017 | 14 | 86 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 78 |
| Expansion | 2018 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 86 |

Exhibit G: Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Age Structure Data for Territorial Males, continued.

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| Plot | Survey Year | % SY Males | %ASY Males | %AHY Males | Total No. Banded Males | Total No. Unbanded Males | % Banded Males | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| South Lake Austin Macrosite | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 33 | | | |
| | 2010 | 67 | 33 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 100 | | | |
| | 2011 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 50 | | | |
| | 2012 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 25 | | | |
| Double J&T | 2013 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100 | | | |
| Double J&1 | 2014 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 60 | | | |
| | 2015 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50 | | | |
| | 2016 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 100 | | | |
| | 2017 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 100 | | | |
| | 2018 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 75 | | | |
| | 2012 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 33 | | | |
| D | 2013 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 67 | | | |
| Reicher | 2014 | 38 | 50 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 73 | | | |
| | 2015 | 20 | 80 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 63 | | | |
| | 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 67 | | | |
| | 2018 | 20 | 80 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 83 | | | |
| | | | West Austin | Macrosite | | | • | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 78 | 22 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 82 | | | |
| | 2012 | 20 | 80 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 83 | | | |
| Wild Basin/ | 2013 | 33 | 67 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 75 | | | |
| Vireo Preserve | 2014 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 80 | | | |
| | 2015 | 67 | 33 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 86 | | | |
| | 2016 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100 | | | |
| | 2017 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100 | | | |
| | 2018 | 67 | 33 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 75 | | | |

Exhibit H: Summary of Golden-cheeked Warbler Reproductive Success Data for Full and Edge Territories within Intensive Study Plots on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Travis County, Texas, Field Seasons 2009-2018. See Methods section for calculations.

| Plot Name | Survey Year | Pairing Success | Breeding Success | Total No. of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings | Density of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings per Hectare | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Barton Creek Macrosite | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 75 | 63 | 12 / 14 | 0.22 / 0.27 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 100 | 80 | 24 / 29 | 0.40 / 0.44 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 100 | 67 | 17 / 21 | 0.33 / 0.40 | | | | |
| | 2012 | 100 | 100 | 24/ 27 | 0.37 / 0.44 | | | | |
| D 4 G 1 | 2013 | 90 | 70 | 24 / 27 | 0.43 / 0.48 | | | | |
| Barton Creek | 2014 | 100 | 58 | 17 / 21 | 0.36 / 0.41 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 100 | 78 | 22 / 25 | 0.51 / 0.58 | | | | |
| | 2016 | 83 | 50 | 7 / 7 | 0.12 / 0.12 | | | | |
| | 2017 | 100 | 17 | 4 / 4 | 0.10 / 0.10 | | | | |
| | 2018 | 100 | 50 | 5 / 6.6 | 0.10 / 0.12 | | | | |
| Barton Creek | 2017 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Habitat Preserve | 2018 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Habitat Frescrive | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Gus Fruh/ Sunset | 2012 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Valley | 2014 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | l Bull Creek Macros | ite | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 89 | 70 | 46 / 68 | 0.75 / 1.11 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 96 | 77 | 49 / 72 | 1.01 / 1.47 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 96 | 65 | 35 / 55 | 0.59 / 0.94 | | | | |
| | 2012 | 100 | 56 | 48 / 58 | 0.93 / 1.19 | | | | |
| | 2013 | 65 | 65 | 38 / 44 | 0.62 / 0.72 | | | | |
| 3M/ St. Edwards | 2014 | 100 | 64 | 54 / 68 | 0.89 / 1.12 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 96 | 63 | 39 / 54 | 0.77 / 1.01 | | | | |
| | 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2011 | 73 | 55 | 27 / 44 | 0.52 / 0.81 | | | | |
| | 2012 | 100 | 57 | 30 / 44 | 0.43 / 0.63 | | | | |
| G 17. | 2013 | 100 | 65 | 39 / 39 | 0.63 / 0.63 | | | | |
| Canyon Vista | 2014 | 91 | 74 | 56 / 56 | 0.91 / 0.91 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 100 | 73 | 43 / 52 | 0.77 / 0.90 | | | | |
| | 2016 | 100 | 77 | 55 / 69 | 0.93 / 1.14 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | | | | | |

Exhibit H: Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Reproductive Success Data, continued.

| Plot Name | Survey Year | Pairing Success | Breeding Success | Total No. of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings | Density of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings per Hectare |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| | 2009 | 83 | 78 | 25 / 50 | 0.49 / 0.98 |
| | 2010 | 80 | 65 | 30 / 47 | 0.53 / 0.89 |
| | 2011 | 100 | 74 | 29 / 47 | 0.59 / 0.99 |
| | 2012 | 83 | 74 | 55 / 65 | 1.10 / 1.28 |
| | 2013 | 86 | 71 | 28 / 37 | 0.62 / 0.77 |
| Forest Ridge | 2014 | 100 | 89 | 49 / 57 | 0.89 / 1.02 |
| | 2015 | 100 | 88 | 33 / 47 | 0 68 / 1.00 |
| | 2016 | 93 | 73 | 30 / 41 | 0.53 / 0.73 |
| | 2017 | 100 | 70 | 37 / 51 | 0.73 / 0.99 |
| | 2018 | 100 | 71 | 29/41 | 0.54 / 0.73 |
| | 2009 | 92 | 72 | 39 / 65 | 0.73 / 1.20 |
| | 2010 | 95 | 70 | 35 / 50 | 0.68 / 1.02 |
| | 2011 | 95 | 67 | 40 / 50 | 0.75 / 0.94 |
| | 2012 | 96 | 79 | 60 / 71 | 1.06 / 1.23 |
| | 2013 | 90 | 58 | 50 / 61 | 1.00 / 1.16 |
| Kent Butler | 2014 | 95 | 85 | 47 / 64 | 0.98 / 1.33 |
| | 2015 | 88 | 63 | 46 / 54 | 1.01 / 1.13 |
| | 2015 | 95 | 70 | 40 / 50 | 0.77 / 0.94 |
| | 2010 | 95 | 76 | 35 / 48 | 0.60 / 0.80 |
| | 2017 | 100 | 67 | 26 / 37 | 0.51 / 0.73 |
| | 2009 | | | | 0.517 0.75 |
| | | | | | |
| | 2010 | 64 90 | 57 50 | 18 / 29 | 0.28 / 0.44 |
| | 2011 2012 | | | 24 / 24 | 0.47 / 0/47 |
| | 1 | 90 | 78 | 18 / 23 | 0.33 / 0.43 |
| Hamilton West | 2013 | 100 | 82 | 20 / 29 | 0.38 / 0.53 |
| | 2014 | 100 | 73 | 27 / 27 | 0.53 / 0.53 |
| | 2015 | 100 | 90 | 23 / 33 | 0.40/ 0.62 |
| | 2016 | 100 | 56 | 14 / 14 | 0.26 / 0.26 |
| | 2017 | 100 | 78 | 21 / 27 | 0.42 / 0.52 |
| | 2018 | 100 | 80 | 25 / 27 | 0.44 / 0.48 |
| | | | press Creek Macr | | 1 |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 81 | 63 | 22 / 36 | 0.31 / 0.54 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 83 | 28 / 28 | 0.57 / 0.57 |
| Baker Sanctuary | 2013 | 93 | 50 | 16 / 23 | 0.28 / 0.38 |
| Daker Sanctuary | 2014 | 100 | 83 | 22 / 34 | 0.42 / 0.61 |
| | 2015 | 92 | 62 | 20 / 23 | 0.44 / 0.49 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | |
| Collins | 2018 | 92 | 31 | 12 / 15 | 0.20 / 0.24 |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 100 | 70 | 21 / 22 | 0.37 / 0.40 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 60 | 18 / 21 | 0.37 / 0.40 |
| Lake Perspectives/ | 2013 | 91 | 64 | 20 / 24 | 0.37 / 0.42 |
| McGregor | 2014 | 100 | 89 | 25 / 27 | 0.46 / 0.50 |
| | 2015 | 89 | 60 | 21/21 | 0.43 / 0.43 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | |

Exhibit H: Golden-cheeked Warbler Intensive Study Plot Reproductive Success Data, continued.

| Plot Name | Survey Year | Pairing Success | Breeding Success | Total No. of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings | Density of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings per Hectare |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 100 | 89 | 22 / 29 | 0.51 / 0.63 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 93 | 37 / 48 | 0.55 / 0.68 |
| T/1 D11 | 2013 | 100 | 89 | 25 / 29 | 0.56 / 0.64 |
| Vireo Ridge | 2014 | 100 | 55 | 17 / 22 | 0.40 / 0.53 |
| | 2015 | 88 | 75 | 38 / 45 | 0.78 / 0.94 |
| | 2016 | 95 | 55 | 41 / 45 | 0.58 / 0.62 |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2018 | | | | |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 94 | 75 | 42 / 45 | 1.01 / 1.08 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 63 | 41 / 42 | 0.83 / 0.85 |
| | 2013 | 100 | 53 | 27 / 27 | 0.52 / 0.52 |
| Vista Point | 2013 | 89 | 68 | 49 / 50 | 0.86 / 0.88 |
| | 2015 | 100 | 52 | 30 / 37 | 0.65 / 0.82 |
| | 2016 | | 32 | | 0.03 / 0.82 |
| | | | | 31 / 31 | 0.49 / 0.49 |
| | 2017 | 86 | 64 | | |
| | 2018 | 79 | 79 | 39 / 39 | 0.79 / 0.79 |
| Wheless | 2017 | 75 | 75 | 12 / 12 | 0.15 / 0.15 |
| | 2018 | 100 | 100 | 8/8 | 0.10 / 0.10 |
| | | North | Lake Austin Maci | | |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | 92 | 58 | 7 / 25 | 0.07 / 0.24 |
| | 2011 | 100 | 83 | 36 / 37 | 0.31 / 0.31 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 50 | 10 / 12 | 0.07 / 0.09 |
| Coldwater | 2013 | 58 | 50 | 19 / 19 | 0.18 / 0.18 |
| Coluwater | 2014 | 85 | 54 | 24 / 27 | 0.18 / 0.19 |
| | 2015 | 92 | 80 | 10 /13 | 0.07 / 0.09 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2017 | | | | |
| | 2108 | | | | |
| ~ · ~ | 2017 | 80 | 40 | 5/7 | 0.08 / 0.11 |
| Cortaña | 2018 | 100 | 100 | 5 / 7.6 | 0.08 / 0.12 |
| | 2009 | 100 | 84 | 29 / 58 | 0.52 / 1.02 |
| | 2010 | 94 | 63 | 19 / 36 | 0.33 / 0.67 |
| | 2011 | 100 | 100 | 41 / 52 | 0.96 / 1.19 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 94 | 54 / 62 | 1.05 / 1.20 |
| | 2013 | 89 | 59 | 34 / 36 | 0.63 / 0.68 |
| Emma Long | 2013 | 88 | 81 | 47 / 50 | 0.94 / 1.01 |
| | 2015 | 94 | 41 | 21 / 22 | 0.38 / 0.40 |
| | 2016 | | | | 0.36 / 0.40 |
| | 2010 | 89 | 44 | 12 / 13 | 0.20 / 0.20 |
| | 2017 | 89 | 56 | 15 / 17 | 0.20 / 0.20 |
| | | | - | | + |
| | 2009 | | 56 | 0 / 10 | 0.09 / 0.10 |
| | 2010 | 89 | 56 | 8 / 18 | 0.08 / 0.19 |
| | 2011 | 92 | 58 | 24 / 27 | 0.23 / 0.26 |
| F T | 2012 | 100 | 100 | 33 / 38 | 0.29 / 0.34 |
| Emma Long | 2013 | 92 | 69 | 26 / 32 | 0.17 / 0.21 |
| Bike Park | 2014 | 84 | 59 | 28 / 32 | 0.24 / 0.26 |
| | 2015 | 100 | 79 | 26 / 32 | 0.21 / 0.26 |
| | 2016 | 85 | 38 | 13 / 16 | 0.11 / 0.12 |
| | | | | | |
| | 2017 | 90 | 70 | 19 / 21 12 / 12 | 0.14 / 0.15 |

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| Plot Name | Survey Year | Pairing Success | Breeding Success | Total No. of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings | Density of Observed and Adjusted Fledglings per Hectare |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Emma Long | 2016 2017 | 90 100 | 40 78 | 14 / 15 15 / 19 | 0.37 / 0.39 0.31 / 0.40 |
| Expansion | 2018 | 100 | 86 | 14 / 21 | 0.32 / 0.46 |
| | | | Lake Austin Mac | | |
| | 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 2010 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 2011 | 75 | 50 | 2/7 | 0.04 / 0.13 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D 11 70 m | 2013 | 50 | 50 | 6/6 | 0.12 / 0.12 |
| Double J&T | 2014 | 100 | 60 | 9/9 | 0.20 / 0.20 |
| | 2015 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 2016 | 67 | 67 | 6/7 | 0.11 / 0.12 |
| | 2017 | 67 | 67 | 5 / 7 | 0.09 / 0.13 |
| | 2018 | 100 | 50 | 3 / 4 | 0.07 / 0.09 |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 100 | 100 | 11 / 12 | 0.22 / 0.24 |
| | 2012 | 83 | 67 | 14 / 16 | 0.25 / 0.29 |
| | 2013 | 100 | 83 | 13 / 19 | 0.20 / 0.32 |
| Reicher | 2014 | 82 | 73 | 25 / 30 | 0.43 / 0.52 |
| | 2015 | 88 | 50 | 9 / 10 | 0.12 / 0.14 |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2017 | 100 | 67 | 8 / 13 | 0.16 / 0.26 |
| | 2018 | 83 | 67 | 11 / 15 | 0.20 / 0.27 |
| | | We | est Austin Macrosi | te | |
| | 2009 | | | | |
| | 2010 | | | | |
| | 2011 | 73 | 45 | 9 / 18 | 0.08 / 0.15 |
| | 2012 | 100 | 75 | 7 / 10 | 0.04 / 0.06 |
| Wild Basin/ Vireo | 2013 | 86 | 43 | 9 / 11 | 0.05 / 0.06 |
| Preserve | 2014 | 56 | 11 | 3/3 | 0.02 / 0.02 |
| | 2015 | 86 | 14 | 4 / 4 | 0.02 / 0.02 |
| | 2016 | 75 | 25 | 4 / 4 | 0.02 / 0.02 |
| | 2017 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 2018 | 75 | 75 | 6 / 11 | 0.03 / 0.06 |