

Seven Falls Ranch – Bird Count 2007

Bird Count taken Dec 30 – 31, 2007

**(SF) Seven Falls, (P) Pedernales River at Banana Bridge, (WP) Weinheimer Pond,
(S) Stonewall**

Double Crest Cormorant, (P), 2
Great Blue Heron, (P), 2
Common Egret, (P), 1
American Widgeon, (WP), 33
Green Winged Teal, (SF), 5
Black Vulture, (SF), 1
Red Tailed Hawk, (SF), 1
American Kestrel, (SF), 3
Wild Turkey, (SF), 33
Killdeer, (SF), 3
Greater Yellowlegs, (P), 1
Mourning Dove, (WP), 15
Eurasian Collared Dove, (S), 1
Greater Roadrunner, (SF), 1
Belted Kingfisher, (SF), 1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker, (SF), 1
Eastern Phoebe, (SF), 2
Loggerhead Shrike, (SF), 1
Western Scrub Jay, (SF), 6
Common Crow, (SF), 1
Black-capped Tufted Titmouse, (SF), 2
Carolina Chickadee, (SF), 6
Bewick's Wren, (SF), 1
Eastern Bluebird, (SF), 12
Northern Mockingbird, (SF), 3
Northern Cardinal, (SF), 6
Field Sparrow, (SF), 30
Lark Sparrow, (SF), 5
White-crowned Sparrow, (WP), 8
Western Meadowlark, (SF), 12
Brown-headed Cowbird, (WP), 15
Black-bellied Tree Duck, (WP), 9

High Priority birds (conservation needs) seen on Seven Fall Ranch:

Painted Bunting, resident early spring; Black-chinned hummingbird, resident spring migration March 15 to May 25 to 35 birds at 4 feeders; Ruby-throated hummingbirds, late March through fall; Rufous hummingbirds, fall migrants 3 to 4 sightings in late Aug., Sept. and Oct; Rufous-crowned sparrow, local resident and nesting bird; Canyon Towhee, (Aug 16, 2007) late fall migrant; Northern Bobwhite, resident pockets of 3 to 4 birds; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, common summer resident.

Physiographic area priority species seen on Seven Fall Ranch: residents; Rio Grande Wild Turkey, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Bewick's wren, Lark sparrow, Lesser Goldfinch (summer), Scissor tailed flycatcher (summer).

Other birds on Seven Falls Ranch include turkey vulture, black vulture, red-tailed hawk, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, sparrow hawk, caracara, great horned owl, greater road runner, cardinal, tufted titmice black crest, Carolina chickadee, white winged dove, mourning dove, red bellied woodpecker, red shafted flicker, mockingbird, scissor tailed flycatcher, scrub jay, meadowlark, house finch, pine siskin, summer tanager, eastern bluebird, chipping sparrow, field sparrow, slate junco, gray headed junco, robin, common crow, loggerhead shrike, indigo bunting, poor-will, rock wren, ring-necked pheasant, Dec. 6, 2006; cedar waxwing, Jan. 7, 2007; bushtit, Jan. 7, 2007; great crested fly catcher, April 15, 2007; barn swallow, blue grosbeak; eastern phoebe, Sept. 25, 2007, green winged teal, great blue heron, common egret, green heron, killdeer, white crowned sparrow; American Pipit, Nov. 22, 2007.

Birds in Stonewall area (Pedernales river – bald eagle- female (Mar. 1, 2005), osprey, belted kingfisher, double crested cormorant, (green kingfisher, Dec. 31, 2006), (Weinheimer pond – sand-hill crane, black-bellied tree duck, Eurasian collared dove, American widgeon, pintail, ruddy duck, roseate spoonbill (Aug. 20, 2006), lesser yellowlegs, brown head cowbirds). (Grape Creek Road & Pond –ring necked duck), (FM1320 and FM 2721 bald eagle, juvenile Sept 11, 2007).

Note: Fall migration for birds is mid-October; winter and spring migrants remain through late April. Nesting starts early March to mid-April.