

Document Name – **Bird Count 2008**
Seven Falls Wildlife
Bird Count taken December 29 – 31, 2008
Very Dry on Ranch

- Bird count includes
 - black vulture, 1
 - red-tailed hawk, 1
 - broad-winged hawk, 1
 - American kestrel, 5
 - caracara, 1
 - cardinal, 5
 - black-crested tufted titmice, 8
 - Carolina chickadee, 2
 - house finch, 2
 - Yellow-shafted flicker, 1
 - mockingbird, 7
 - Berwick's wren, 1
 - goldfinch, 2
 - eastern bluebird, 4
 - field sparrow, 6
 - robin, 45
 - eastern phoebe, 3
 - loggerhead shrike, 1
 - meadowlark, 1
 - ruby crowned kinglet, 1
 - lark sparrow, 2
 - rufous-crowned sparrow, 3
 - rufous-sided towhee, 2

- Birds in Stonewall area
 - Pedernales river
 - great blue heron, 1
 - common egret, 1
 - belted kingfisher, 1
 - Eurasian collared Doves, 1
 - Weinheimer pond
 - American widgeon, 50
 - killdeer, 2
 - white crowned sparrow, 8
 - chipping sparrow, 8
 - brown headed cowbirds, 2 flocks of 15 birds
 - mourning dove, 8
 - white winged dove, 6
 - meadowlarks, 20

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

Painted Bunting, resident early spring, female May 2, male May 4; Black-chinned hummingbird, resident spring migration March 14 to May 25, up to 35 birds at 4 feeders generally gone by first week in Sept.; Ruby throated hummingbirds, late March through fall generally gone by Oct 1; Rufous hummingbirds, fall migrants 3 to 4 sighting in late 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 (nesting bird), Lark sparrow, Lesser Goldfinch (summer), Scissor tailed flycatcher (summer).

- Nesting birds seen on Seven Falls Ranch include (tufted titmice black crest, great crested fly catcher, eastern phoebe, eastern bluebird and barn swallow, Carolina chickadee). Other birds include turkey vulture, black vulture, red-tailed hawk, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, sparrow hawk, caracara, great horned owl (current Oct. 4, 2008 7:45PM, good look), greater road runner, cardinal, white winged dove, mourning dove, red bellied woodpecker, red shafted flicker, mockingbird, scrub jay, meadowlark, house finch, pine siskin, summer tanager male and female May 4, 2008; western tanager male May 4, 2008; chipping sparrow, field sparrow, slate junco, gray headed junco, robin, common crow, loggerhead shrike, indigo bunting, poor-will, rock wren, escape ring-necked pheasant, Dec. 6, 2006; cedar waxwing, Jan. 7, 2007; bushtit (about 35), Jan. 7, 2007; blue grosbeak; green winged teal, great blue heron, common egret, green heron, killdeer, white crowned sparrow; American Pipit, Nov. 22, 2007; ring necked duck, Dickcissel, May 11, 2008; Carolina Wren (pair) built a nest May 21, 2008, Eurasian collared doves, June 1, 2008, brown head cowbirds and chick nested by blue birds, Bobwhite Quail (*Colinus virginianus*) and chicks, June 10, 2008, Rufous-Sided Towee (pair) Nov. 28, 2008.
- 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, American widgeon, pintail, ruddy duck, roseate spoonbill (Aug. 20, 2006), lesser yellowlegs). (FM1320 and FM 2721 bald eagle, juvenile Sept 11, 2007), migrating swainson's hawks (50 or more on the ground on FM 1631 going in to Fredericksburg), May 9, 2008.

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