Using Private Land for the Public Good

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Dobbs Run Ranch



Things we learned

- 4 endangered species noted
- Archeological interest
- Unfamiliar native plants
- Birds in the Texas Hill Country
- If you feed them, they will come

How Much Fun It Is to Share

- Texas Audubon Society-state convention field trip
- Retreats for Hill Country Land Trust Board
- Donated upcoming Travis Audubon birding weekend
- Appalachian Mountain Club-President's Society Trips
- Annual North American Butterfly Census





Butterfly Census



Milkweed Pod



Tropical Buckeye

Provide site for graduate study, agency monitoring or school training

- TPWD monitoring of Tobusch Fishhook Cactus
- Environmental Defense Fund-grant to monitor endangered bird species
- TWA-LANDS field day for Brackettville junior high students
- TWA-LANDS teacher training weekend
- A&M PhD on Effects of Drought on Black-capped Vireo Habitat Selection
- Caesar Kleberg Institute study on location of Montezuma Quail in the Hill Country



LANDS Station



Brackett LANDS



Youth Hunts



Dinner in the Pole Barn



Youth Hunt Three Generations



Game Warden Talks



Native Plant and Habitat Walk



Predator Control



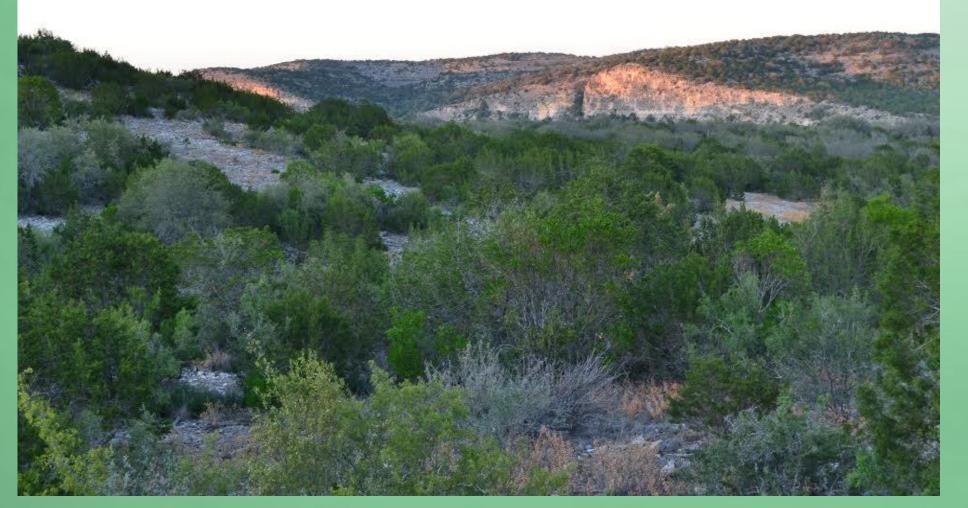
Huntmasters, Hosts, and Hunters



Faces of Fun



J. David and Friends



Location of Original Native Snowbells



Texas Snowbell Bloom



10 year old Texas Snowbells

Benefit to Landowner

Landowner education

Conservation contacts in region

Joy of sharing

Wildlife management and predator control

Benefits to Land Trust

Cement relationship with easement donor

Bring additional resources and perspectives to the donor

Publicize the work of the land trust

Educate other conservation groups about CE opportunity



A Dobbs Run Thank You For Your Attention