

WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



Welcome New Board Member

Recently, the LRWA voted to appoint Melissa Burnard to the Board of Directors.

Melissa and her husband Andrew live along the North Llano and kindly hosted one of our landowner tours last year, sharing quail eggs and showing off their elaborate garden. Melissa has also agreed to become our Treasurer.



Woolly Distaff Thistle



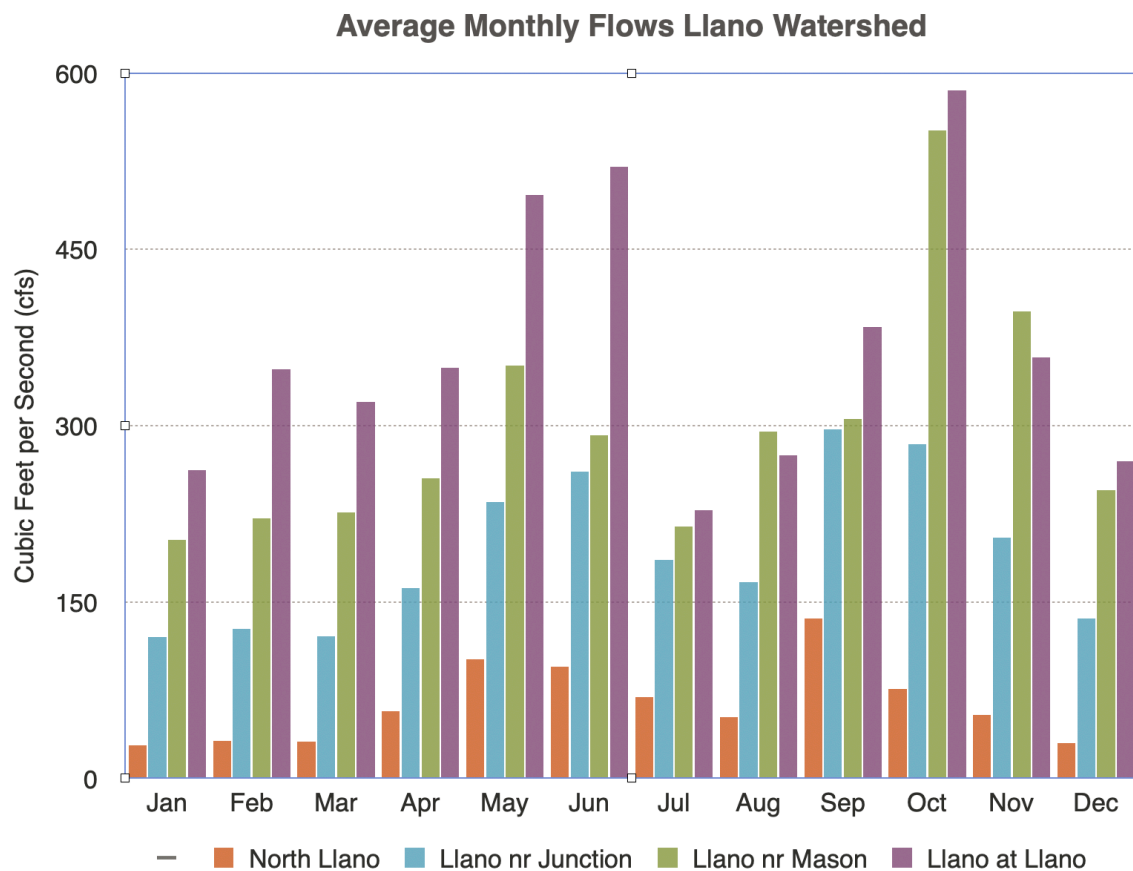
A Newsletter reader recently shared his concern regarding an invasive plant that is seeming to become more prevalent in the area: Woolly Distaff Thistle.

According to Texas Invasives Database,

Carthamus lanatus is believed to be a serious threat to range and pasture lands with dense stands crowding out other vegetation, livestock, and recreational access. Manual and mechanical treatment is possible.

The reader remembers seeing it back as a kid in the 50s around the sheep pens. His hypothesis is that “they came in with the sheep when they were brought from West Texas in the fall to winter here and be sold in the spring as old crop lambs for the Easter market”.

Flows of the Llano



The graphic above shows the average monthly flows for the period of record for four of the six gages on the Llano. The newer gages at Flatrock and Scott's Crossing do not have a long enough period of record to use for comparison.

Of note is that the flows at the Mason gage are greater than the flows at the Llano gage during the month of August. All other stations show an increase in flow moving downstream. This flow reduction is likely caused by evaporation and potentially channel losses between Mason and Llano. Also, before the flood of October 2018, the month with the highest average flow was traditionally June. Now the month with the highest average monthly flow is October. Prior to 1996, it was May.

Two Upcoming Events from Hill Country Alliance & Friends



Streamside Landowner Webinar

Understanding and Managing Riparian Areas

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Webinar via Zoom

This webinar is the third installment in a series designed to share practices and skills with streamside landowners to help you enhance and protect your property and the river. However, since we are having a virtual meeting, we invite anyone interested in learning more about riparian area management to join. Attendance at Part I or II is not a prerequisite to attend the webinar - everyone is welcome!

Topics will include:

- Review of riparian function, stewardship, and management
- Update and lessons learned from riparian plantings at YMCA Roberts Ranch
- Learn about planting techniques, establishing grow zones, and other stewardship practices
- Discuss your questions, challenges, and successes

Register today by clicking [HERE](#) or calling UGRA at (830) 896-5445.

Brought to you by the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, Hill Country Alliance, Plateau Land & Wildlife Management, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



Hill Country Landowner Workshop

Friday, October 2 | 9AM-12PM |
Online, Interactive Webinar



Co-hosted by the Hill Country Alliance, Hill Country Land Trust, and Texas Land Conservancy, with support from Gillespie County AgriLife Extension, Alamo RCD, Braun & Gresham, Plateau Land & Wildlife Management, and James D. Bradbury, PLLC.

DURING THIS ONLINE WORKSHOP,
LEARN FROM REGIONAL EXPERTS ON LAND STEWARDSHIP TOOLS AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES, CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN TERMS OF EMINENT DOMAIN AND OTHER RURAL LANDOWNER ISSUES IN THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

\$10 FOR INDIVIDUALS,
\$15 FOR COUPLES

*****REGISTER AT:**
<https://bit.ly/2Z3uPJz>

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
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Remember the Date - Come Volunteer!

If you are available to help, please email southllanoriver@gmail.com



Help restore the
**pecan
bottomlands**

at South Llano River
State Park!

October 15-16, 2020

9:30 am -3:30 pm

Please bring your lunch and
snacks, plenty of water, a
hat, sunscreen, kneeling pad
(if desired), and work gloves.

Meet at HQ.



We are launching the pilot of a long-term restoration of the native pecan bottomland. This fall, we will be planting over 200 pecan saplings which were germinated from local trees. We're excited to get these trees in the ground, but we need your help! We'll train participants on the morning of October 15. October 16 schedule will be dependent on how much was accomplished on the 15th.

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