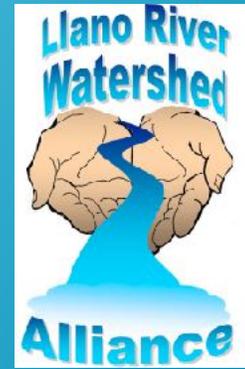


WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



Frostweed Feast



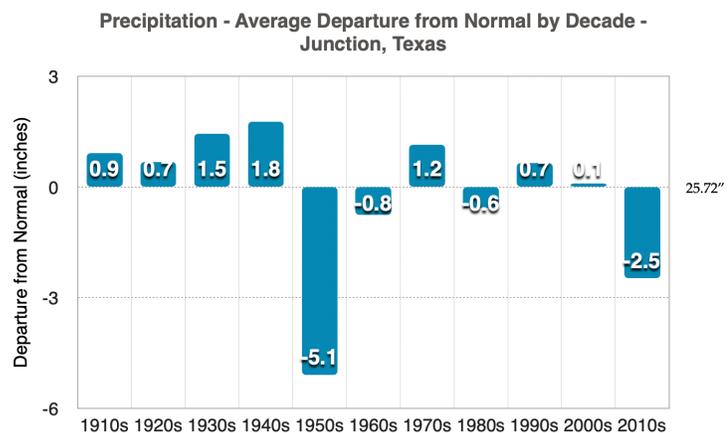
Frostweed (*Verbesina virginica*) is a prime nectar supply for migrating Monarchs in the fall, as it is one of the few species in bloom during their migration through Central Texas.

As per its name, it also produces delicate ice sculptures with the first freeze. [Watch a time-lapse video from Texas Butterfly Ranch.](#)

Second Driest Decade

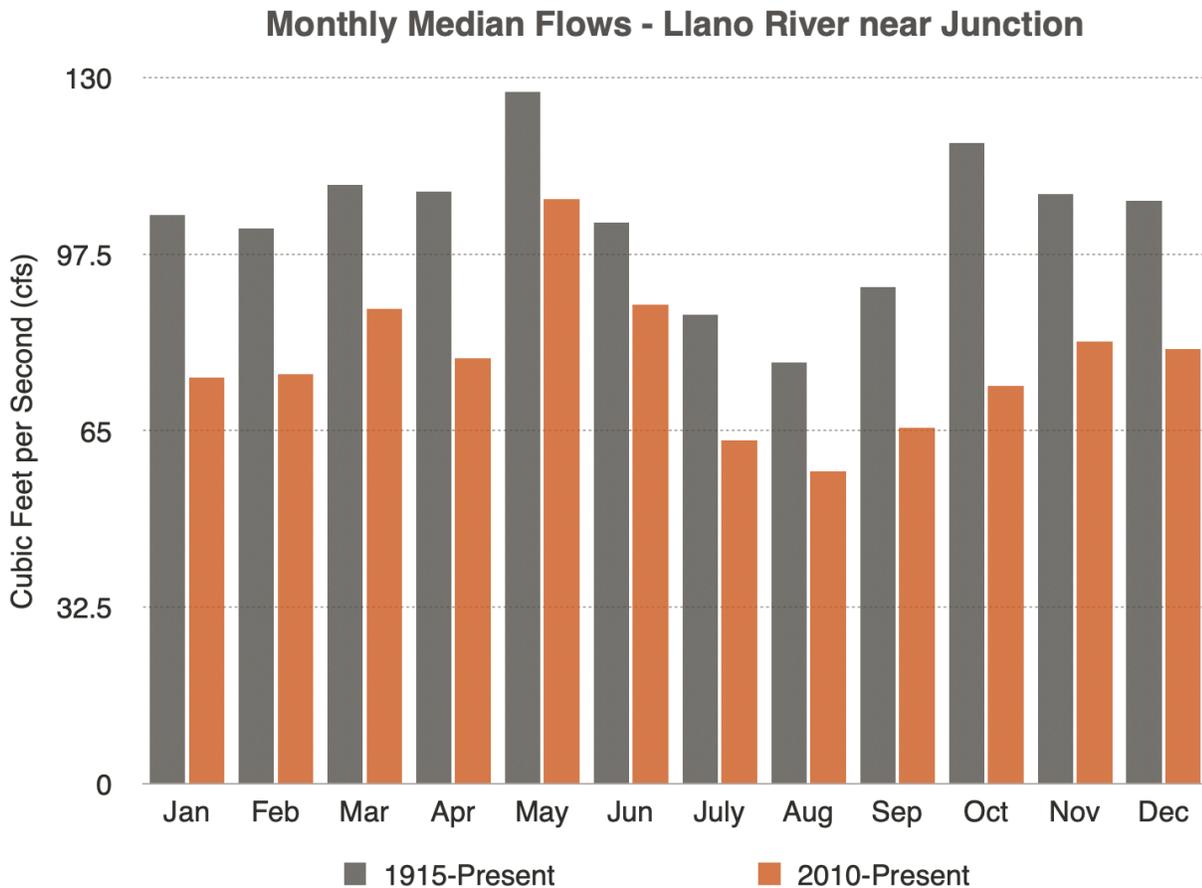
Last week, we compared the median monthly flows over the last 10 and 20 years against the historic average (since 1939) for the Llano at Llano. The flows for the last decade are significantly less than the historic average, particularly from June through September, where monthly flows were less than 50% of average.

The chart below shows the average departure from the mean for annual precipitation at Junction. While the 1950s were on average over 5 inches below the annual average precipitation of 25.7", the last 10 years were the second driest



Flows of the Llano

Last week’s graph of median monthly flows for the Llano @ Llano generated requests for graphs for the other gages on the Llano.



This week we will share what we calculated for monthly median flows for the Llano River near Junction. As mentioned on page 1 of the newsletter, the last ten years have been the second driest in recorded history and this fact is recorded in the flow data as well.

Monthly flows over the last decade are 62 - 85% of historic monthly flows. May is the month with the greatest flow, followed by October. The period of least flow occurs during August.

Next week - the Mason Gage

Remember the Date - Come Volunteer!

Only a Few Volunteer Spots left due to Covid-19 Protocols

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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Fund those Stewardship Practices you Always Dreamed of...

Are you a conservation-minded rancher, farmer or wildlife enthusiast looking to enhance the water, soils or wildlife on your land?

This may be the Place for You!

The Llano River Alliance in partnership with the Hill Country Conservancy and 18 other partners is now offering land stewardship financial assistance, as part of the Hill Country Headwaters Conservation Initiative,



Zesch Ranch Grassland and Habitat Health Stewardship Project

to subsidize important land stewardship projects. The Initiative is financed through a \$5.15 million award from NRCS as part of their Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Supported practices include riparian habitat enhancement, brush management, grass and for planting, tree planting, prescribed fire, planned grazing, fencing of sensitive areas, and irrigation efficiency improvements.

Pre-Applications are now being accepted until October 30, so don't delay.

[For More Information on the Initiative and to Submit a Pre-Application](#)

Remember to Support our Partners

Fall TREE, SHRUB & More SALE



Pre-Order Now!

THROUGH
Oct. 19, 2020



*Pre-Order early to ensure the best selection
and availability!*

***Choose from a wide variety of native
trees, shrubs and other perennials***

Mark your calendar & plan to attend our

SIDEWALK SALE

Friday, Oct 23rd - Methodist Church Parking Lot

9:00 am-Noon (or sold out)

NO SALES BEFORE 9

Pre-Orders will be at the sidewalk sale for pick-up!

Call or stop by our office for more info:

UPPER LLANOS SWCD

902 College St., Junction, TX (325)446-2722

ORDER FORM, SELECTION LIST & INFO ONLINE:

**www.ullswcd and on our Facebook Page or call to have one
emailed to you. Forms also available at the office!**

Llano River Pumpkin Float



Always a unique experience, the Llano River Pumpkin Float will be **Saturday, October 24th** at Badu Park beneath the Llano River Bridge in Llano.

Start working on your ideas for a pumpkin now. Carved pumpkins are placed on tethered floats near the bank, creating a one-of-a-kind Halloween spectacle.

The event is Free.

Stay tuned for more details or follow Llano River Pumpkin Float on their [Facebook Page](#).