

## Watershed Planning and Protection

Ryan Bass, who is the City of Boerne's Watershed Planning Coordinator for the Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed, will speak at the April 26<sup>th</sup> evening meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program. Ryan's current work focuses on the 76 square-mile Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed, which is located in southern Kendall County.

Ryan will briefly overview

- the watershed planning process within the state of Texas and
  - what these plans hope to achieve.
- In addition, his talk will characterize the Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed:
- its boundaries,
  - land use, and
  - historical and current impairments and concerns.

The City of Boerne received a grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to facilitate the planning process for a Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) for the Upper Cibolo Creek. For more information about this process, go to [www.ci.boerne.tx.us](http://www.ci.boerne.tx.us) and click on Upper Cibolo Creek Watershed Partnership, which you will find in the column on the right side of the home page.

Ryan is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management with a Minor in Biology. Ryan is nearing completion of a Master of Science in Wildlife Management at Steven F. Austin University, where he worked with Texas Parks and Wildlife to better estimate Eastern Wild Turkey populations within east Texas. As an undergraduate and graduate student Ryan worked on several projects including pine plantation research in Texas and Louisiana, migratory waterfowl research on major reservoirs within east Texas, stream-fish populations and habitat within small watersheds in east Texas, and wildland fire assignments in Texas and the western U.S.

This meeting is free and open to the public. Join us at 7:00 pm, Monday, April 26, 2010 for this timely program. For more information, please call 830/634-2545.

Due to the anticipated high interest in this subject matter, the program will be held at the UGRA's lecture hall; the Upper Guadalupe River Authority is located at 125 Lehmann Drive in Kerrville, TX.