Texas Master Naturalist

El Camino Real Chapter

*Floridus Milamexa*

September 10, 2014

Members: John Pruett, Katherine Bedrich, Dorothy Mayer, Linda Jo Conn

A field trip was taken to CR 147 and Big Elm Creek.

Plants documented include:

native jasmine, western soapberry, Eve’s necklace, white oak, cedar elm, sugarberry, honey mesquite, saw greenbrier, coral-berry, Turk’s cap, Carolina snailseed, inland seaoats, Lindheimers senna, buffalo bur, prairie tea, and goldenrod.

A birds nest (nice cup shape) in tree; small frog in mud on side of road.

Invasive plants: Johnson grass, wild mustard, and giant cane.

A few plants need identify.

We drove to Big Elm Creek Bridge (CR 203LP); the water was not flowing. Water color was greenish; tires and other trash noticeable.

After the field trip, the native jasmine was “keyed” as *Clematis crispa* .

The plant list is being compiled by John; Linda Jo and Katherine have photos, and Dorothy is listing the importance of the plants to wildlife.

Next field trip - Tuesday September 23rd, 8:30am – meet at the bridge on San Gabriel River, County Road 429. We will continue our observations along The Trail. Bring water, snacks and your field equipment.