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As a biologist with the City's Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, I have worked to manage and monitor endangered and threatened species of Barton Creek. In this work, I have monitored Golden-cheeked Warblers and helped track changes in their density and productivity over time. For several years I have organized the city's effort to monitor and protect the rare Bracted Twistflower, leading staff, partners, and volunteers in surveys to count every Bracted Twistflower plant on Barton Creek each year. I also participate in the monitoring and management of our endangered and rare karst invertebrate species. The scientific research I have participated in helps guide policy decisions on whether at-risk species warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act.

