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Nature Flashcards

Plants and Animals

Based on Nature Quiz
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Cradle of Texas Chapter

Robber Fly

Promachus rufipes



- Not a burglar but definitely a criminal
- Diptera
- Piercing-sucking mouthparts
- Eats bees, dragonflies, grasshoppers, etc.

**Possumhaw, Possumhaw Holly
Deciduous Holly, Winterberry**

Ilex decidua

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- Large shrub/ small tree
- Deciduous
- Berries orange
- Aquifoliaceae (Holly) family
- Not Yaupon
- Songbirds eat fruit in winter

Viceroy

Limenitis archippus

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- Not the king
- Mullerian mimic
- Caterpillar sequesters salicylic acid from willows and tastes bitter
- Lepidoptera

Common Nighthawk

Chordeiles minor

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- Bird makes no nest
- Abrupt dives create booming sound
- Winters in South America
- Not a hawk
- Active at dawn/ dusk – not night

Texas Thistle

Cirsium texanum

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- Asteracea family
- Numerous disk flowers but no ray flowers
- Has spines but no backbone
- Named for its home state