NATURE QUIZ

TMN-COT MEETING APRIL, 2014 BY PEGGY ROMFH

NATURE'S YELLOW and BLACK





- Male has 'feather' horns.
- Eats primarily weed and grass seeds; ground forager
- Yellow throat and black mask
- Frequently seen on Bryan Beach and Surfside salt flats



- Male is yellow with dark tiger stripes.
- Wingspan 2.5 4.5 inches
- Habitat: woods, forest edges, river valleys, parks, and suburbs
- Males participate in a behavior called <u>puddling</u>, in which they congregate on mud, damp gravel, or puddles



• Clues:

- Winters in Central America and West Indies and summers in the Eastern USA
- Males dress like a member of the 'hood.'
- Warbler seen at QNBS and other woodlands in spring



- Pinnately compound leaves; yellow flowers with a touch of red; followed by a narrow pod
- Member of Fabaceae (Pea Family)
- Great insect habitat for turkeys and other bug eaters as well as producing seeds for quail, partridge, dove and other wildlife
- As a legume, it is also a nitrogen-fixing plant.



- Alternate leaves of this plant are divided into three heart-shaped leaflets
- A low spreading plant with clover-like, sour-tasting leaves and 1 to several yellow flowers
- Sometimes called 'sourgrass;' edible; can be added sparingly to salads or drinks; high in oxalic acid and vitamin C.



• Clues:

- One of only two warbler species that nest in cavities such as old Downy woodpecker holes
- Breed in wooded swamps and other bottomland forests
- Winters in Central/South America
- First part of name refers to church clerics that wore yellow robes



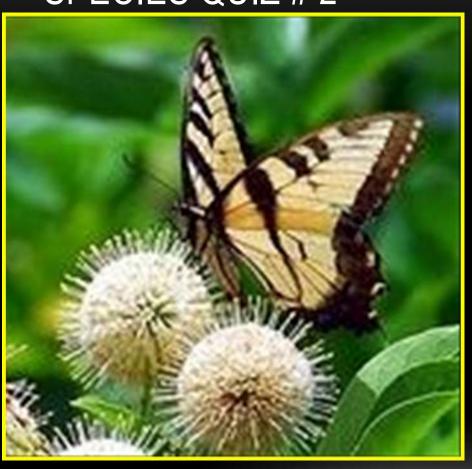
- Sparrow-like bird with a yellow chest and rusty patch on shoulders
- Seed eater (look at stout bill); likes grasslands, roadsides; Cardinalidae
- Winters in Central/South America; migrates through southern Texas in spring; summers in mid-section of USA from Texas north.
- Smaller than a meadowlark
- Song a simple, dry, "dick, dick, ciss, ciss, ciss."



Answer

- Horned Lark
- Eremophila alpestris

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- Answer
 - Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Papilio glaucus



Answer

Hooded Warbler

Setophaga citrina



- Answer
 - Partridge Pea
 - Chamaecrista fasciculata



- Answer
 - Yellow Wood Sorrel
 - Oxalis stricta

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Answer

- Prothonotary Warbler
- Protonotaria citrea



- Answer
 - Dickcissel
 - Spiza americana