

NATURE QUIZ

TMN-COT MEETING APRIL, 2014

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NATURE'S YELLOW and BLACK



SPECIES QUIZ # 1



- **Clues**
 - **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**

SPECIES QUIZ # 2



- **Clues:**
 - **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 puddling, in which they congregate on mud, damp gravel, or puddles**

SPECIES QUIZ # 3



- **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**

SPECIES QUIZ # 4



- **Clues:**
 - **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.**

SPECIES QUIZ # 5



- **Clues:**
 - **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.**

SPECIES QUIZ # 6



- **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**

SPECIES QUIZ # 7



- **Clues:**
 - 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."

SPECIES QUIZ # 1



Answer

- **Horned Lark**
- ***Eremophila alpestris***

Photo by J. Eppner, 2014, Bryan Beach]

SPECIES QUIZ # 2



Photo by D. Brandes, 2008

- Answer
 - **Eastern Tiger Swallowtail**
 - *Papilio glaucus*

SPECIES QUIZ # 3



Answer

- **Hooded Warbler**
- ***Setophaga citrina***

SPECIES QUIZ # 4



- Answer
 - Partridge Pea
 - *Chamaecrista fasciculata*

Photo by P. Romfh, 2013, Surfside

SPECIES QUIZ # 5



- Answer
 - **Yellow Wood Sorrel**
 - *Oxalis stricta*

Photo by P. Romfh, 2013, QNBS

SPECIES QUIZ # 6



- Answer
 - **Prothonotary Warbler**
 - ***Protonotaria citrea***

SPECIES QUIZ # 7



- Answer
 - **Dickcissel**
 - ***Spiza americana***