



Threatened and Endangered Species Engagement Evaluation Methodology

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Background

- **USFWS expanded focus beyond federal lands**
- **Texas' growing population and development**
- **Increased focus on species status, especially aquatic species, by TPWD**
- **Endangered Species Act as a tool to effect change**

Purpose

- **Develop a methodology to evaluate a species potential to impact BRA Operations**
 - **Water rights**
 - **Existing properties and easements**
 - **Future water supply projects**



Juvenile Brazos Water Snake collected in Brazos River in Palo Pinto County



Methodology

- **Species will be evaluated annually using Species Evaluation Matrix**
 - **New species**
 - **Status changes to already ranked species**
- **Assessed on a scale of 1 to 5**
- **Any species scoring 3.5 or greater represents a potential concern**



Texas Fawnsfoot from Little River in Milam County

Recommendations

- **ES Staff will make recommendations for level of engagement**
 - **Monitoring**
 - **Special Study**
 - **Adding species to CCAA**
- **Present annually to Risk Management Committee**



Tartarocreagris hoodensis, a pseudoscorpion endemic to the Brazos Basin, Fort Hood Caves in Bell County

First Evaluation

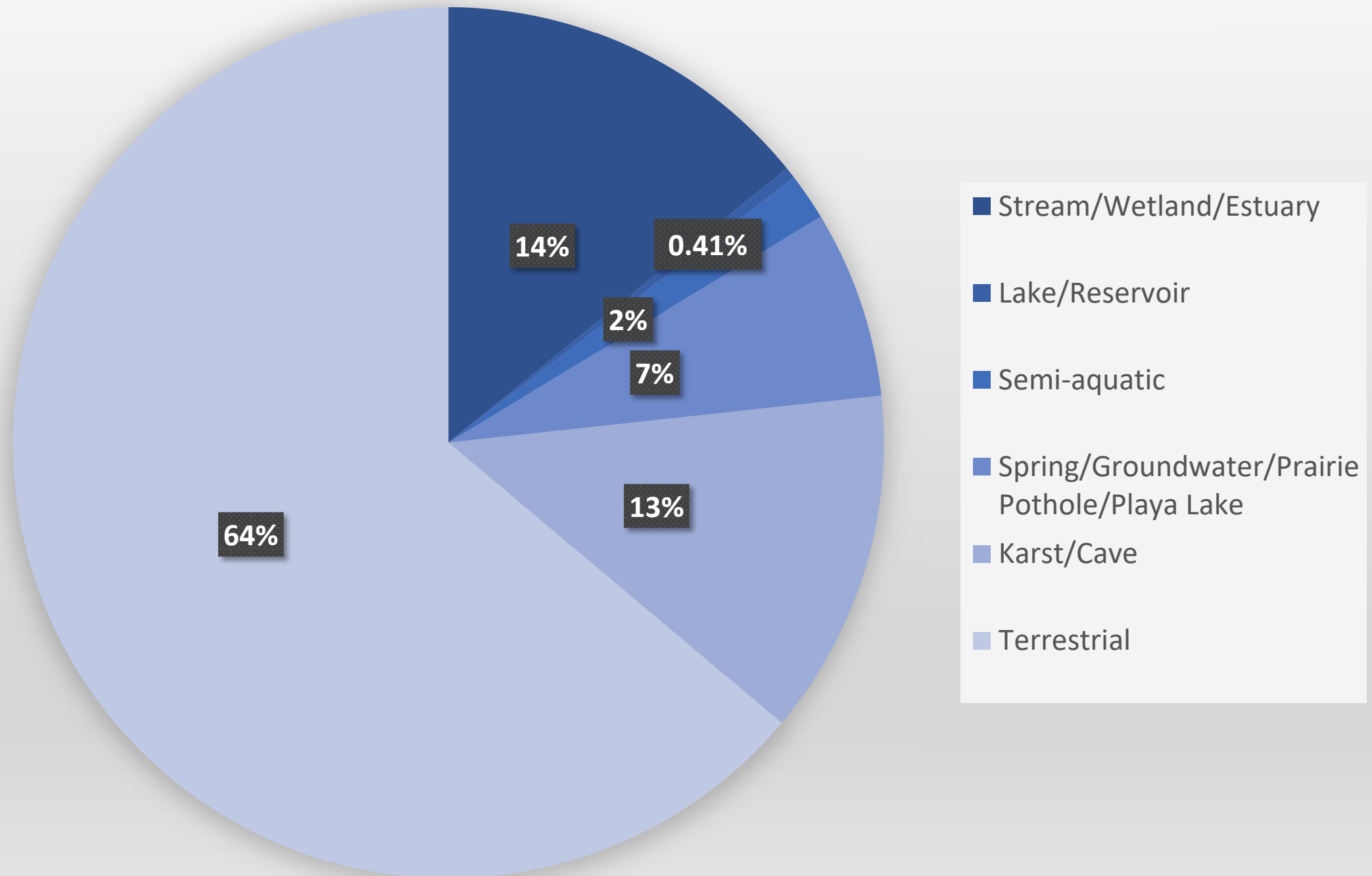
- **Evaluated 1,207 Texas Species**
 - TPWD Rare, Threatened and Endangered Database
 - USFWS
 - Threatened and Endangered Animals and Plant Lists
 - Candidate Species Report
 - National Listing Workplan
 - Delisted Species List
 - Reclassified Species List
- **3 species identified as species of concern**
 - Brazos Water Snake
 - Texas Fawnsfoot
 - Balcones Spike



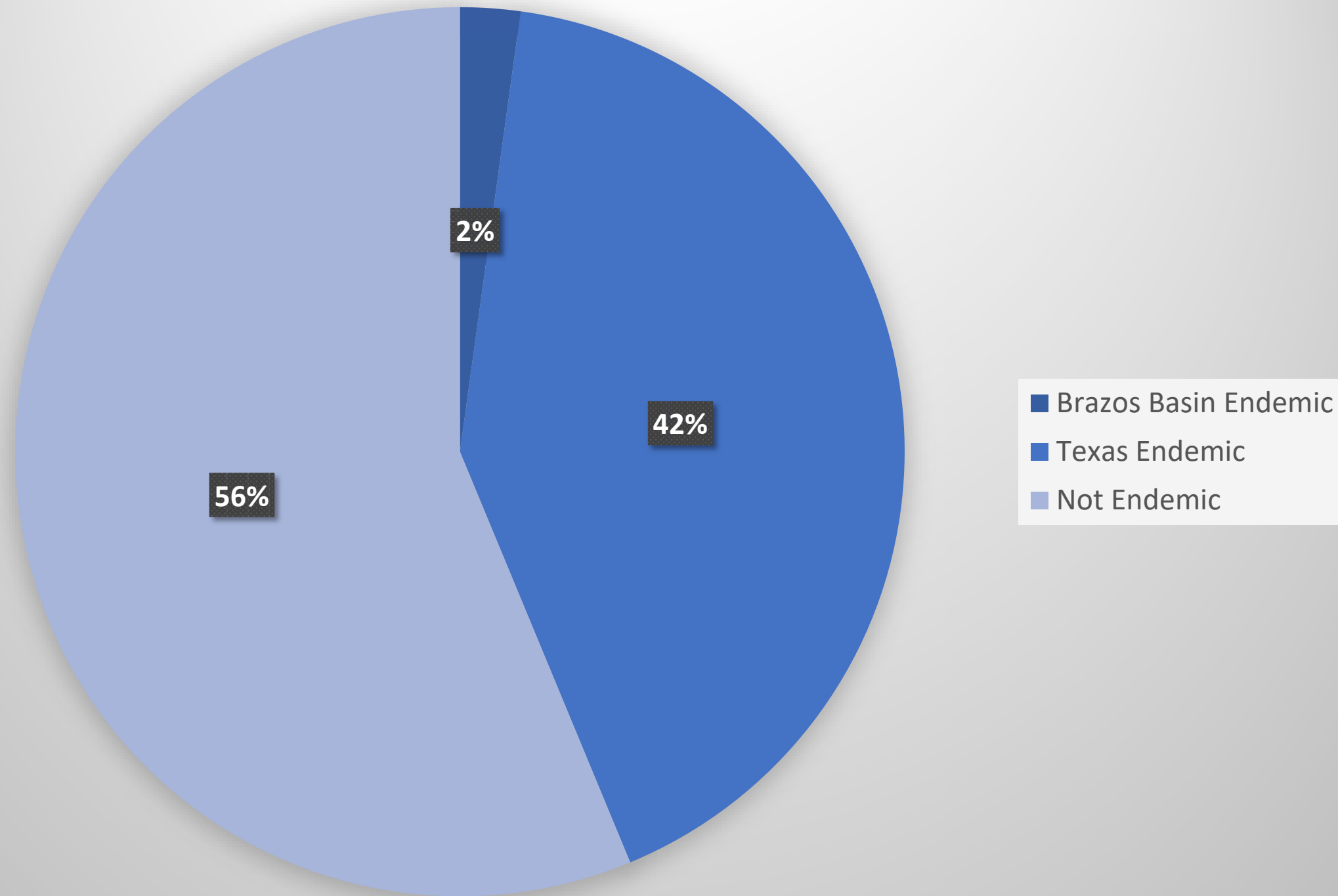
Balcones Spike from Brushy Creek in Williamson County



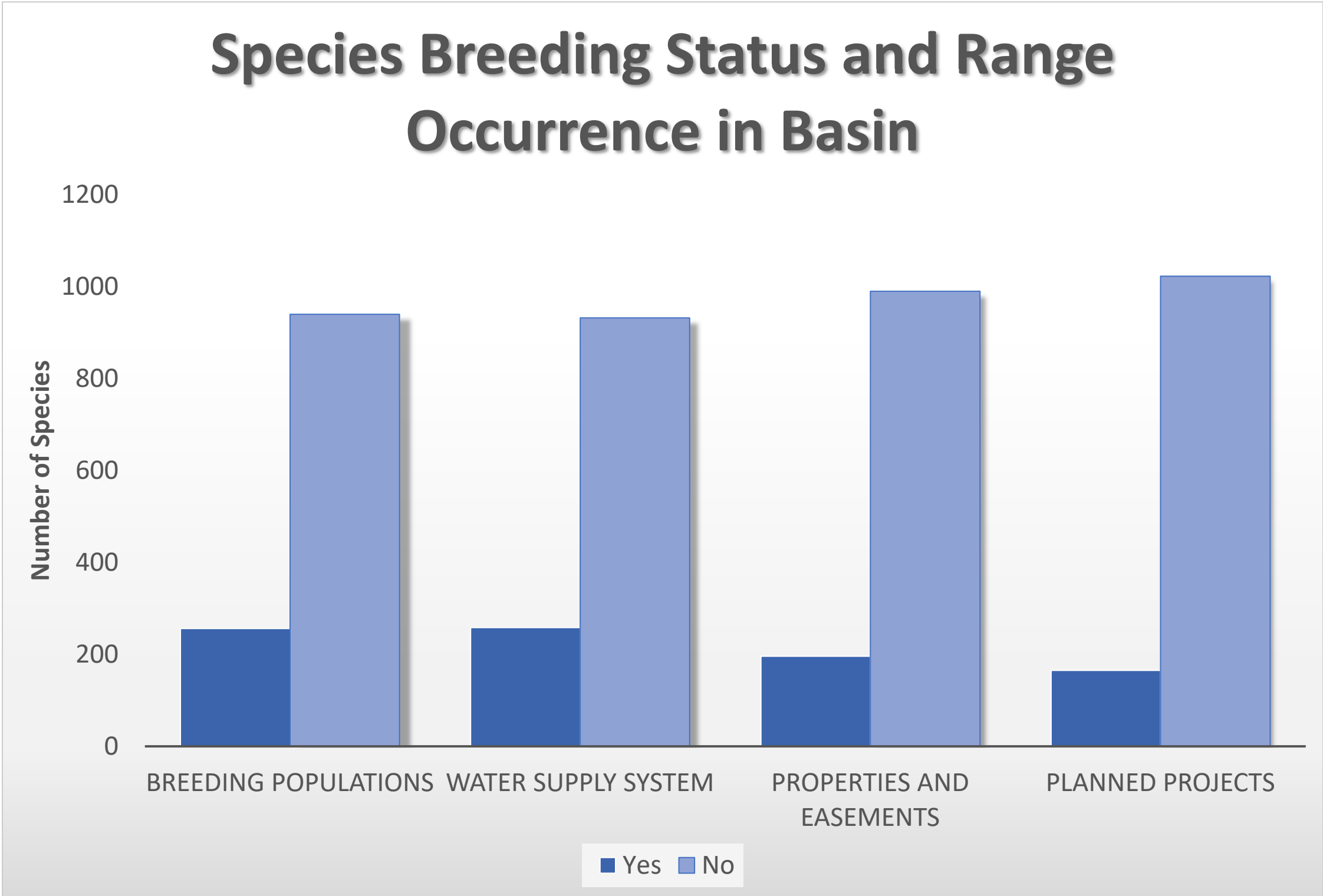
Species Evaluated by Habitat Types

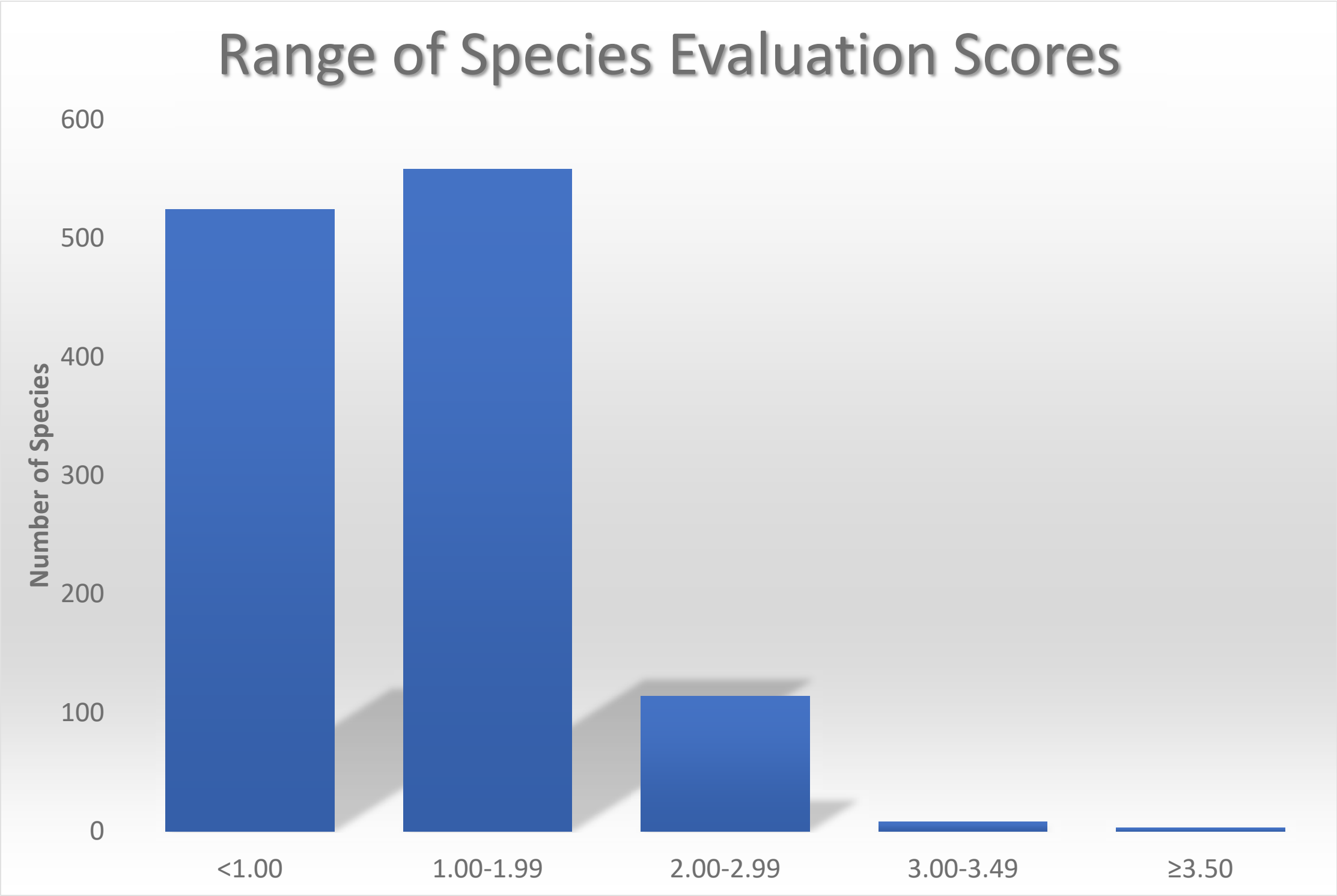


Endemic Status of Species Evaluated



Species Breeding Status and Range Occurrence in Basin







Brazos

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