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### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION**

- 2020 – Present: Associate Professor of Biology, Dept. of Biology, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.
- 2014 – 2020: Assistant Professor of Biology, Dept. of Biology, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.
- 2013 – 2014: Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, Dept. of Natural Resources Management, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas; Project Title: *Golden eagle occupancy in relation to landscape characteristics in the inter-mountain west*.
- 2009 – 2013: Ph.D. in Wildlife Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas; Dissertation Title: *Urban ecology of Mississippi kites*.
- 2006 – 2008: M.S. in Biology, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska; Thesis Title: *Influence of parental provisioning and brown-headed cowbird parasitism on bobolink nestling mass*.
- 2000 – 2005: B.S. in Wildlife Science, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE – ANGELO STATE ONLY**

Animal Behavior (lecture), Animal Camouflage (lecture), Biogeography (lecture), Conservation Biology (lecture), Ecological Applications of GIS (lecture and laboratory), General Zoology (lecture and laboratory), Ornithology (lecture and laboratory) Principals of Ecology (laboratory), Principals of Biology I&II (laboratory), Seminar (lecture)

### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS – LAST 5 YEARS**

- Lucero, M. L., B. R. Skipper, and N. E. Strenth. Movement patterns of the red swamp crayfish, *Procambarus clarkii* (Crustacea: Decapoda), in west-central Texas. *Crustaceana* (accepted).
- Boal, C. W., B. D. Bibles, M. M. Pryor, and B. R. Skipper. 2022. Mississippi kite nest defense: is there an influence of nest phenology or human activity? *Journal of Raptor Research* 56:356-361.
- Mitchell, N. R., C. W. Boal, and B. R. Skipper. 2020. Distribution, density, and land cover associations of wintering golden eagles in the southern Great Plains. *Western North American Naturalist*. 80:452-461.
- Skipper, B. R., D. H. Kim, and C. Morris. 2020. Seasonal abundance and nutritional concentration of grassland arthropods. *Western North American Naturalist* 80:19-27.
- Chodacki, G., and B. R. Skipper. 2019. Partitioning of foraging habitat by three kingfisher species (Alcedinidae: Cerylinae) along the South Llano River, Texas, USA. *Waterbirds* 42:231-236.
- Skipper, B. R., and C. W. Boal. 2019. Nest-defense behavior of Mississippi kites in urban and exurban areas. *Human-Wildlife Interactions* 13:142-149.
- Welch-Acosta, B., B. R. Skipper, and C. W. Boal. 2019. Comparative breeding ecology of Mississippi kites in urban and exurban areas of west Texas. *Journal of Field Ornithology*.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW**

Solis, V. K., L. K. Ammerman, and B. R. Skipper. Low levels of extra-pair paternity in Bewick's wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) – submitted to the Wilson Journal of Ornithology.

#### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARDS – LAST 5 YEARS**

2023. Elected Fellow of the Texas Academy of Science

2019. Nominated for the *Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty Award*, Angelo State University.

2018. Faculty Excellence in Research/Creative Endeavor Award, Angelo State University.

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS – LAST 5 YEARS**

2020. B. Skipper. Acoustic signal diversity of Bewick's wrens along a biodiversity gradient. *Western North American Naturalist Natural History Grant*. Funded (\$2,000).

2019. Amos, B., and B. Skipper. Texas poppy mallow: documentation of distribution and assessment of population status. *TPWD Section 6 Traditional Research Grant*. Funded (\$133,000).

#### **PRESENTATIONS - SELECTED**

2023. Burt, A., and B. R. Skipper. Road fatalities of butterflies in Crockett County, Texas, *Annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science*.

2022. Loftin, B., and B. R. Skipper. Population genetics of Mississippi kites (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) in the Southern Great Plains. Annual Meeting of the *Raptor Research Foundation*.

2022. Roth, J. M., and B. R. Skipper. A molecular reevaluation of Bewick's wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) subspecies in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. *Annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society*.

2022. Skipper, B. Little (studied) kite on the prairie: investigating the ecology of Mississippi kites. *Bexar County Audubon*.

2022. Loftin, B., and B. R. Skipper. Population genetics of Mississippi kites in the Southern Great Plains, *Annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science*.

2021. Skipper, B. R. Mississippi kite: an increasingly common urban and suburban raptor. *Hawk Migration Association of North America annual conference*.

2019. Solis, V., and B. R. Skipper. Extra-pair paternity in the Bewick's wren. *Joint meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society and the Association of Field Ornithologists*.

2018. Chodacki, G., and B. R. Skipper. Partitioning of foraging habitat among kingfishers along the South Llano River, Texas. *Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society*, San Antonio, TX.