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# Texas Hill Country: A unique landscape, with watersheds, aquifers and wildlife at risk from liquefied natural gas pipelines.

**Golden-cheeked warbler** – Texas Hill Country is the **only breeding ground on Earth** for this small endangered songbird that migrates from Central America to Texas each year to nest among old-growth, oak-juniper forests. The bark of mature Ashe juniper (“cedar”) is the key nest-building material. The pipeline bisects warbler habitat.



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**Limestone aquifers** – Pollutants from pipeline leaks go straight into karst limestone aquifers and contaminate public sources for drinking water. Three main aquifers, five rivers and 25 streams provide fresh water to almost 4 million people as well as livestock and wildlife. Freshwater threats have grave health and economic impacts.

**Texas Blind Salamander** – An endemic, threatened species, this salamander lives in the wet darkness of the Edwards aquifer limestone underwater caves.



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- Probable pipeline route
- Golden-cheeked warbler breeding habitat
- Contributing Zone within the Transition Zone
- Artesian Zone
- Drainage Zone
- Recharge Zone



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0 20 40 80 120 Miles

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