Common Plants of Riparian Areas of the Concho Valley Region With Wetland Indicator (WI) and Proposed Stability Rating (SR)

Sedges / Grasses	WI	SR
Spikerushes (most)	OBL	6
Emory sedge	OBL	9
Rice cutgrass	OBL	6
Water bentgrass	OBL	5
Cattail	OBL	9
Bulrushes (most)	OBL	9
Porcupine sedge	OBL	5
Knotgrass	FACW	
Hairyseed paspalum	FACW	_
Bushy bluestem	FACW	
Flatsedges (most)	FACW	
White top sedge	FACW	
Rushes (most) OBL or	FACW	6
Barnyardgrass	FACW	4
Junglerice *	FACW	4
Rabbitsfoot grass *	FACW	
Carolina canarygrass *	FACW	
Switchgrass	FAC	9
Eastern gammagrass	FAC	9
Wildrye	FAC	5
Vaseygrass *	FAC	5
Rustyseed paspalum	FAC	5
Giant reed (Arundo)*	FAC	9
St. Augustine	FAC	5
Indiangrass	FACU	7
Johnsongrass *	FACU	6
Bermudagrass *	FACU	5
Dichanthelium (most)	FACU	4
King Ranch bluestem *	UPL	5

^{*}Indicates Introduced Species

Forbs	WI	SR
Water willow	OBL	7
Water primrose	OBL	3
Watercress *	OBL	3
Scouring rush	OBL	6
Marsh aster	OBL	3
Marsh fleabane	OBL	5
Smooth bidens	OBL	5
Water hyssop	OBL	3
Burhead	OBL	3
Pennywort	OBL	3
Cardinalflower	FACW	
Tall aster	FACW	/ 5
Spiny aster	FACW	8
Tall goldenrod	FACW	
Large buttercup	FACW	/ 6
Smartweed (most)	FACW	/ 3
Dock (most)	FACW	/ 4
Mint *	FACW	/ 3
Smallhead sneezeweed	FACW	/ 3
Frogfruit	FAC	4
Giant ragweed	FAC	3
Brazilian verbena *	FAC	4
Cocklebur	FAC	3
Frostweed	FACU	5
Maximilian sunflower	FACU	
Heath aster	FACU	
Illinois bundleflower	FACU	
Clammyweed	FACU	
Western ragweed	UPL	5
Field ragweed	UPL	5
Mexican sagewort	UPL	5

SR - Stability Ratings on a scale of 1 – 10. Based on USFS GTR-47, by Al Winward. Bare ground has a SR of 1. Anchored rock or logs have a SR of 10. A SR of 6 is considered acceptable bank stability in lower velocity, lower energy creeks and rivers. An SR or 7 or more is needed for stability in higher gradient, higher energy creeks and rivers, such as the Edwards Plateau. Woody plants, when associated with stabilizing grasses and sedges have greater stability that shown.

WI - Wetland Indicator Categories

OBL Obligate Wetland These plants are very indicative of wet soil conditions and/or a high water table.

FACW Facultative Wetland These plants usually grow in wet and seasonally moist areas

FAC Facultative These plants can tolerate wet conditions equally as well as periodically dry condions.

FACU Facultative Upland These plants do not tolerate very wet conditions and are more indicative of dry locations UPL Obligate Upland These plants almost always occur in non wet areas

Woody	WI	SR
Buttonbush	OBL	8
Indigobush amorpha	OBL	7
Black willow	FACW	7
Spiny aster	FACW	8
Sycamore	FAC	6
Eastern cottonwood	FAC	7
Pecan	FAC	6
Little walnut	FAC	7
Roosevelt baccharis	FAC	6
American elder	FAC	6
Sugar hackberry	FAC	5
American elm	FAC	6
Cedar elm	FAC	6
Bur oak	FAC	6
Chinquapin oak	FAC	6
Lindheimer indigo	FAC	5
Wafer ash (Ptelea)	FAC	6
Dewberry	FAC	4
Greenbriar	FAC	5
Poison ivy	FAC	5
Grape vine (most)	FAC	5
Japanese honeysuckle *	FAC	5
Live oak	FACU	6
Netleaf hackberry	FACU	5
Red mulberry	FACU	
Mesquite	FACU	5
Western soapberry	FACU	6
Bumelia	FACU	6
Carolina snailseed	FACU	4
Gravelbar bricklebush	UPL	5
Whitebrush	UPL	6
Juniper	UPL	5
Mexican persimmon	UPL	5
Ligustrum *	UPL	6
Chinaberry *	UPL	6

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