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Front cover: Prescribed burning on one of 12 experimental watersheds in the Peloncillo Mountains, New Mexico. Operations were conducted by the Douglas Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, in March 2008. Jackson Leonard, an ecologist with the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station in Flagstaff, Arizona, is on the fireline. A yellow infrared thermometer gun to measure fire temperatures remotely is suspended at his side. Turn to page 129 to find out more. Photo by Gerald Gottfried

Back cover: Austin City Hall's certified wildlife habitat (NWF No. 99,000) is alive with native plants like bald cypress, yellow bells, inland sea oats, and horsetail. These plants provide natural food sources, cover, and places to raise young for birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and bees. Water is a key element of any habitat and can be incorporated simply with a shallow saucer of water and a rock for perching and basking (inset). To read more turn to page 125. Photos by Victor Ovalle

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