



Wildlife Bio-Diversity

In the Southwest, riparian areas have very high bio-diversity, which is the case in the Albuquerque reach. Red zones are areas of higher bio-diversity and blue areas have lower levels of bio-diversity. There are three endangered species with potential habitat in this reach: the Southwest willow fly catcher, the silvery minnow and the American bald eagle. All three species have potential habitat within the riparian areas. The fly catcher has been found riparian thickets of willows or salt cedar adjacent to the river, although very few have been seen in this reach. Eagles can be seen on snags near the river during fall and spring migrations and during the winter when they remain in the area. The silvery minnow is found in the shallow low flow areas along the bank and in side channels of the river. The data is derived from the New Mexico GAP Analysis.

