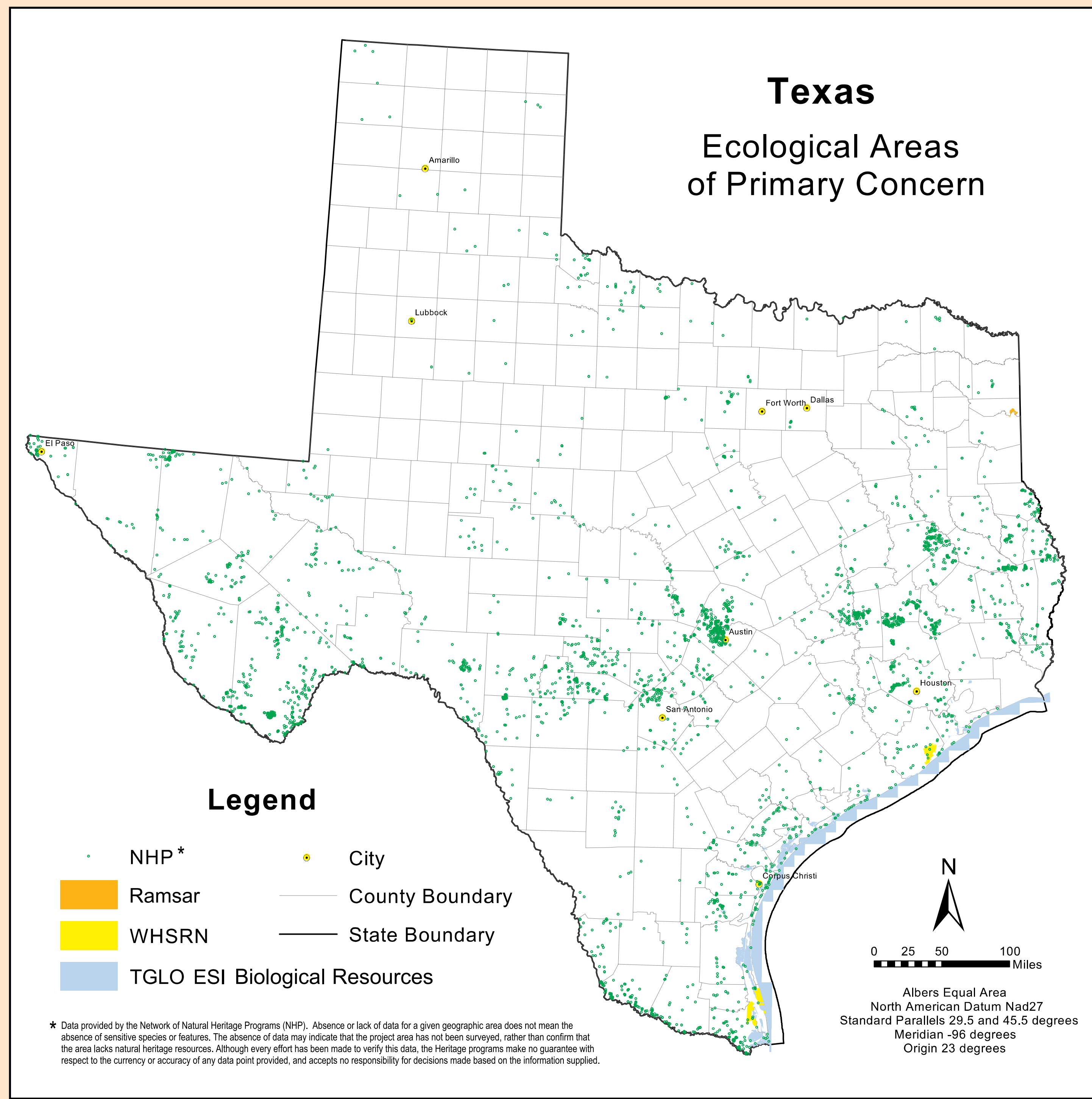


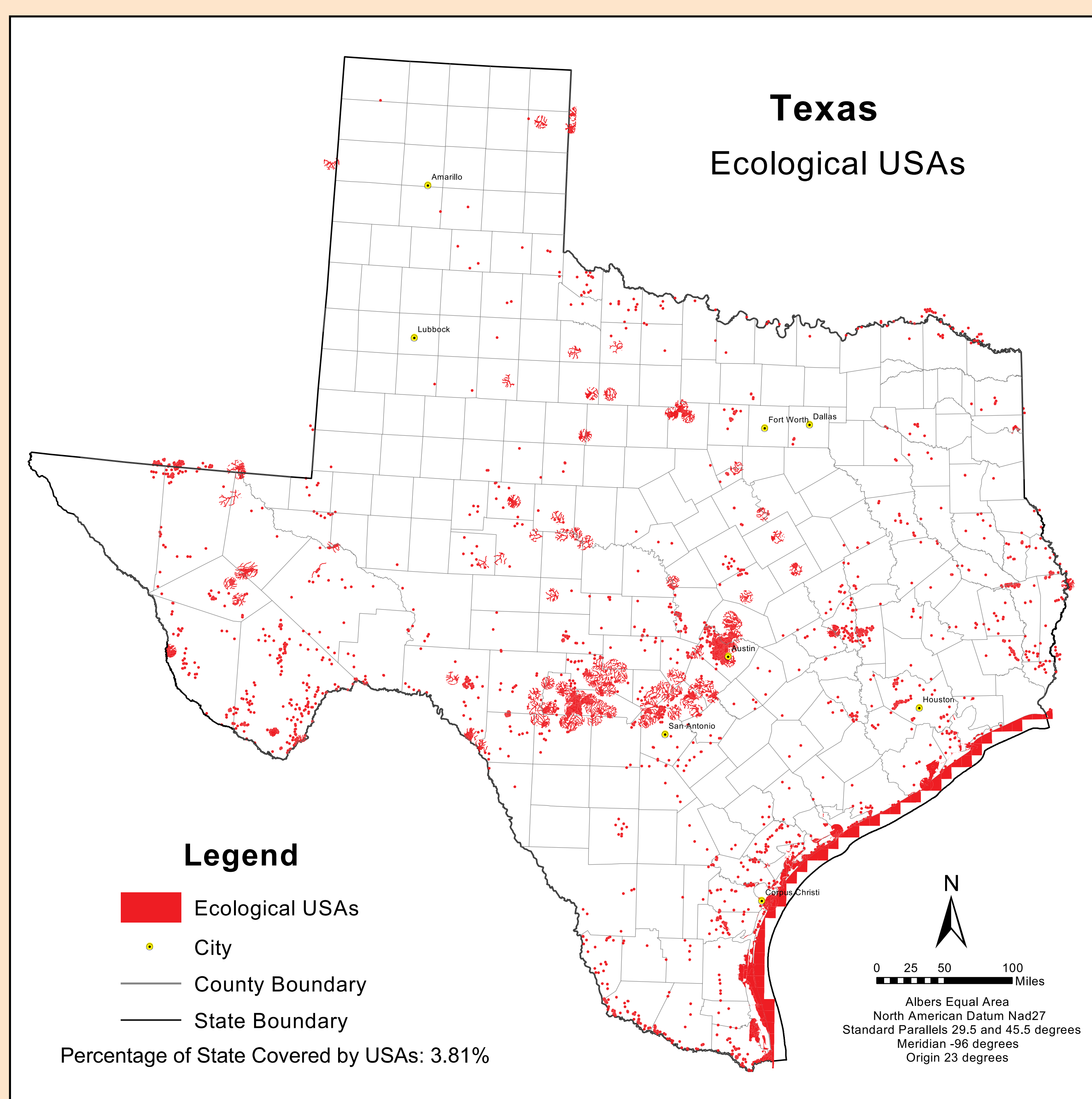
# ECOLOGICAL AREAS OF PRIMARY CONCERN



Ecological candidates of primary concern focused on the characteristics of rarity, imperilment, or the potential for loss of large segments of an abundant population during periods of migratory concentration. These include:

- Critically imperiled and imperiled species and ecological communities,
- Threatened and endangered (T&E) species,
- Depleted marine mammals, and
- Migratory waterbird concentrations

# ECOLOGICAL USAs



1. Areas containing critically imperiled species or ecological communities
2. Multi-species assemblages where three or more different candidate resources co-occur
3. Migratory waterbird concentration areas identified as Ramsar Sites or Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network sites designated as Hemispheric, International, and Endangered Species Reserves
4. Areas containing candidate species or ecological community occurrences that are identified as excellent quality or good quality
5. Areas containing candidate species and ecological communities that are aquatic or aquatic-dependent, or are terrestrial with a limited range