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MAVERICK BASIN Ki Intrusive igneous rocks, undifferentiated Ku Upper confining units, undivided

Kg Georgetown Formation Salmon Peak Formation Kmku Upper unit of the McKnight Formation mkm Middle unit of the McKnight Formation

HYDROSTRATIGRAPHY

Edwards Group

San Marcos platform

DEVILS RIVER TREND Alluvium QI Leona Formation Ki Intrusive igneous rocks, undifferentiated Austin Group Eagle Ford Group Kb Buda Limestone Kdr Del Rio Clay Kg Georgetown Formation Devils River Formation Kgru Upper member of the Glen Rose Limestone

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

Ku Upper confining units, undivided Knt Navarro and Taylor Groups, undivided Ka Austin Group Kef Eagle Ford Group Kb Buda Limestone Kdr Del Rio Clay Kg Georgetown Formation Kpcm Cyclic and marine member Kplc Leached and collapsed member d Regional dense member Kkg Grainstone member Kkke Kirschberg evaporite member Kkd Dolomitic member Kkbn Basal nodular member Kgru Upper member of the Glen Rose Limestone

Qal Alluvium

SAN MARCOS PLATFORM

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Upper Cretaceou Lower Cretaceous

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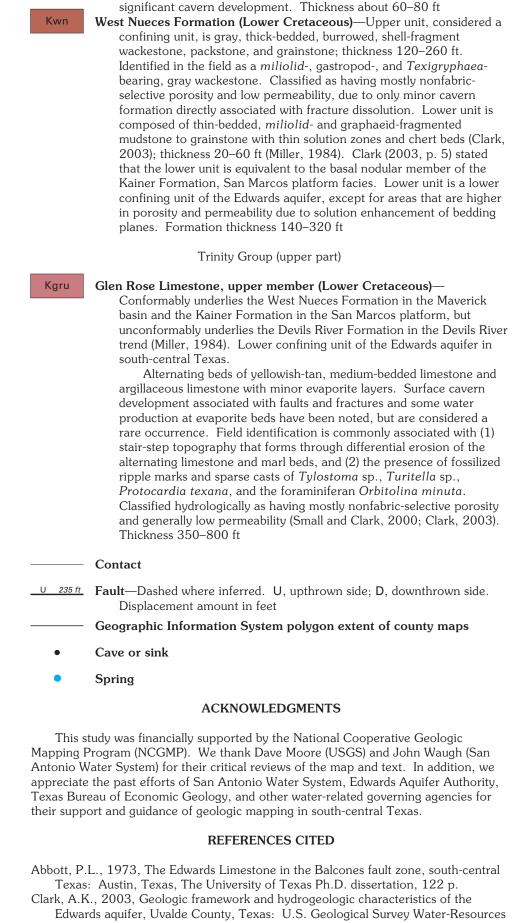
**Dolomitic member**—Mudstone to grainstone and chert-bearing, crystalline limestone. Massive-bedded dolomitic member weathers light gray in outcrop and has abundant *Toucasia*. Cavern development is directly related to faults, fractures, and bedding planes; thus, considered nonfabric-selective porosity except where solution along bedding planes yields water (Stein and Ozuna, 1995; Small and Clark, 2000). Thickness 110–140 ft Basal nodular member—Shaly, nodular limestone and burrowed mudstone to wackestone; minor lateral cavern development at surface and nonfabric-selective porosity. Identified in the field as gray nodular mudstone, containing black rotund bodies and *miliolids*, gastropods, and *Exogyra texana*. Considered regionally as a lower confining unit, and is locally water bearing through dissolution along bedding planes (Stein and Ozuna, 1995; Clark, 2003). Thickness 20–70 ft Devils River trend facies Kdvr Devils River Formation (Lower Cretaceous)—Upper 250 ft consists of miliolid, shell-fragment wackestones and grainstones containing rudists and chert. Middle of formation consists of recrystallized and brecciated mudstones that grade downward into alternating beds of

vuggy spar and chert-bearing wackestone and grainstone. Lower 120–250 ft contains sparry limestone and nodular, burrowed mudstone to wackestone, with gastropods, miliolids, and Exogyra texana. Upper part of formation has extensive cavern development and abundant caprinids, monopleurids, and requieniids. Highly dissolutioned and brecciated, the middle part has vuggy porosity and abundant chert, with numerous sinkholes and some cavern development. Solution-enlarged fractures are present in the relatively massive, nodular, burrowed mudstone near base of formation. Upper grades downward into more nonfabric-selective porosity near base. Small porosity and permeability are related to solution-enlarged fractures in lowermost part of formation. Formal subdivision of the Devils River Formation has been lacking to date. Geologic maps of the Texas Bureau of Economic Geology show the Devils River Formation subdivided into upper and lower units, whereas all USGS mapping to date (including this map) shows the Devils River Formation as a single undifferentiated unit. According to Clark (2003), most workers since Lozo and Smith (1964) have recognized that the Devils River Formation lacks sufficient marker beds to permit detailed or widespread subdivision. A helicopter electromagnetic survey flown in the Seco Creek area in Medina and Uvalde Counties (Smith and others, 2003) clearly shows the Devils River as two separate units on the basis of contrasts in resistivity. Clark (2003), in mapping Uvalde County, also demonstrated that the informal basal nodular member of the Kainer Formation could be traced from the San Marcos platform into the Maverick basin. Recent fieldwork by a number of authors (Clark, Blome, and Faith) now shows that at least the informal basal nodular and dolomitic members of the Kainer Formation may be laterally traceable from the San Marcos platform into the Devils River trend and even into the deeper water Maverick basin. This lateral continuity of the lowermost units was first observed by Rose (1972) and revisited by Miller (1983). Nevertheless, local aquifer researchers have not to date accepted the informal subdivisions throughout the Edwards Group. Hydrostratigraphic subdivision of the lower part of the Devils River Formation in Medina and Uvalde Counties and mapping of Maverick basin lithologies in Kinney County are ongoing. Thickness 540–670 ft in Medina and Uvalde Counties, of which

Clark (2003, p. 4, 10) believed the lower 20–70 ft to be equivalent to the basal nodular hydrostratigraphic member of the Kainer Formation, San Marcos Platform facies Maverick basin facies Salmon Peak Formation (Lower Cretaceous)—Upper part of the Salmon Peak is typified by grainstone grading downward to light-gray, fossiliferous mudstone; about 75 ft thick. Minor karst and limited fracture enlargement classifies this unit as having both fabric- and nonfabric-selective porosity, except for areas of high dissolution.

Lower part of the Salmon Peak is a thick, chert-bearing, massive lime mudstone to grainstone; average thickness 310 ft. Lower part has mostly nonfabric-selective porosity associated with minor karst development and solution along fractures. Total thickness averages McKnight Formation (Lower Cretaceous) **Upper unit**—Brown to tan, thin-bedded mudstone, wackestone, packstone, and grainstone. Most porous and permeable unit within the McKnight Formation, with collapse breccia, no cavern development, and very high, mostly fabric-selective porosity where dissolution of evaporite layers occurs. Contact between the upper and middle units of the McKnight is gradational, just as the upper unit is conformable with the overlying Salmon Peak Formation. A horizon of bored rip-up clasts described as a conformable "conglomeratic zone" by Lozo and Smith (1964) underlies the Salmon Peak Formation and is considered part of the upper McKnight (Clark, 2003). Thickness 100–160 ft Middle unit—Dark, laminated, fissile mudstone identified by its petroliferous odor and vegetative band on aerial photographs. Very

low permeability, no notable cavern development, and classified as having mostly nonfabric-selective porosity. Considered a confining unit by Clark (2003, p. 5). Thickness about 40 ft



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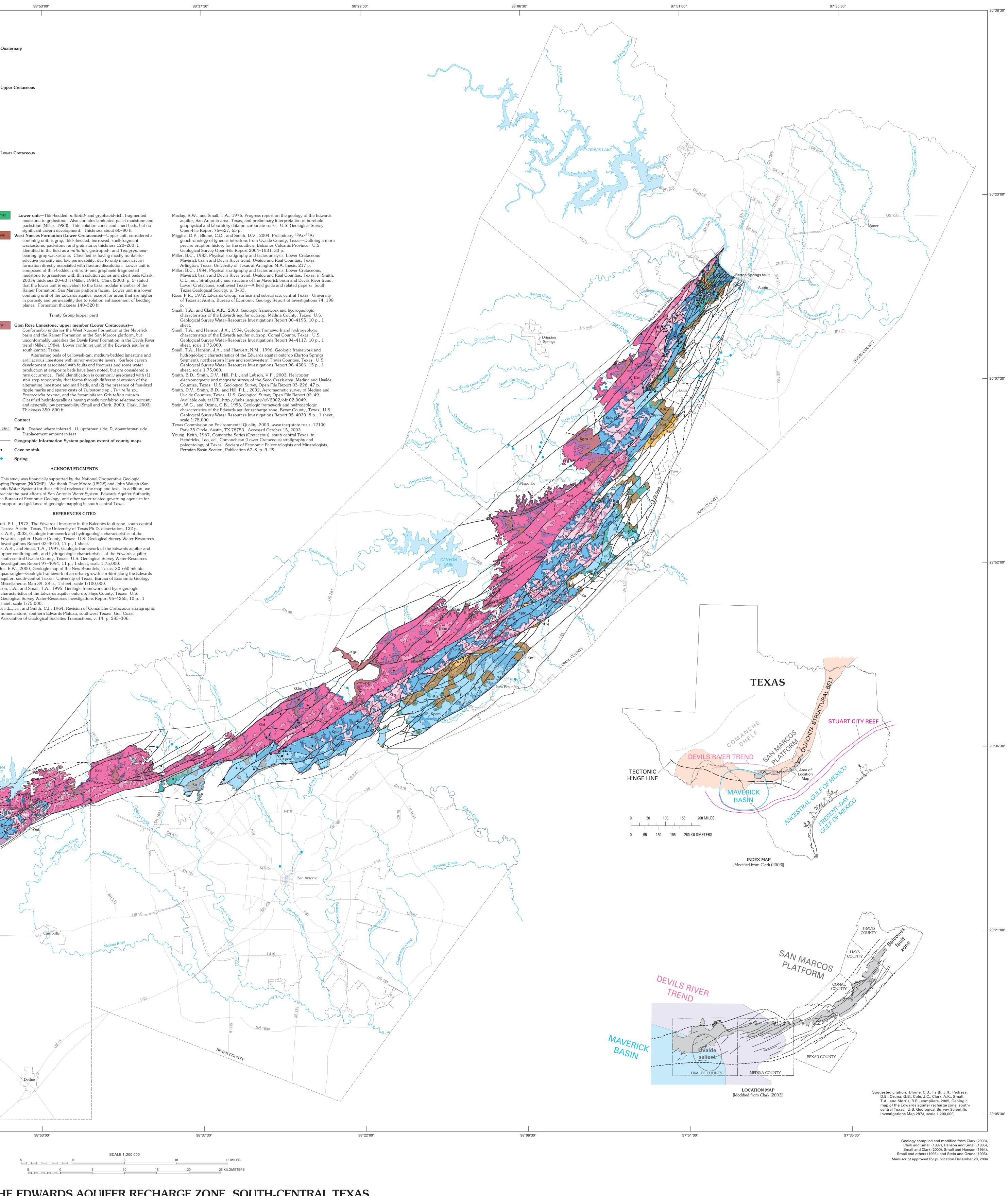
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