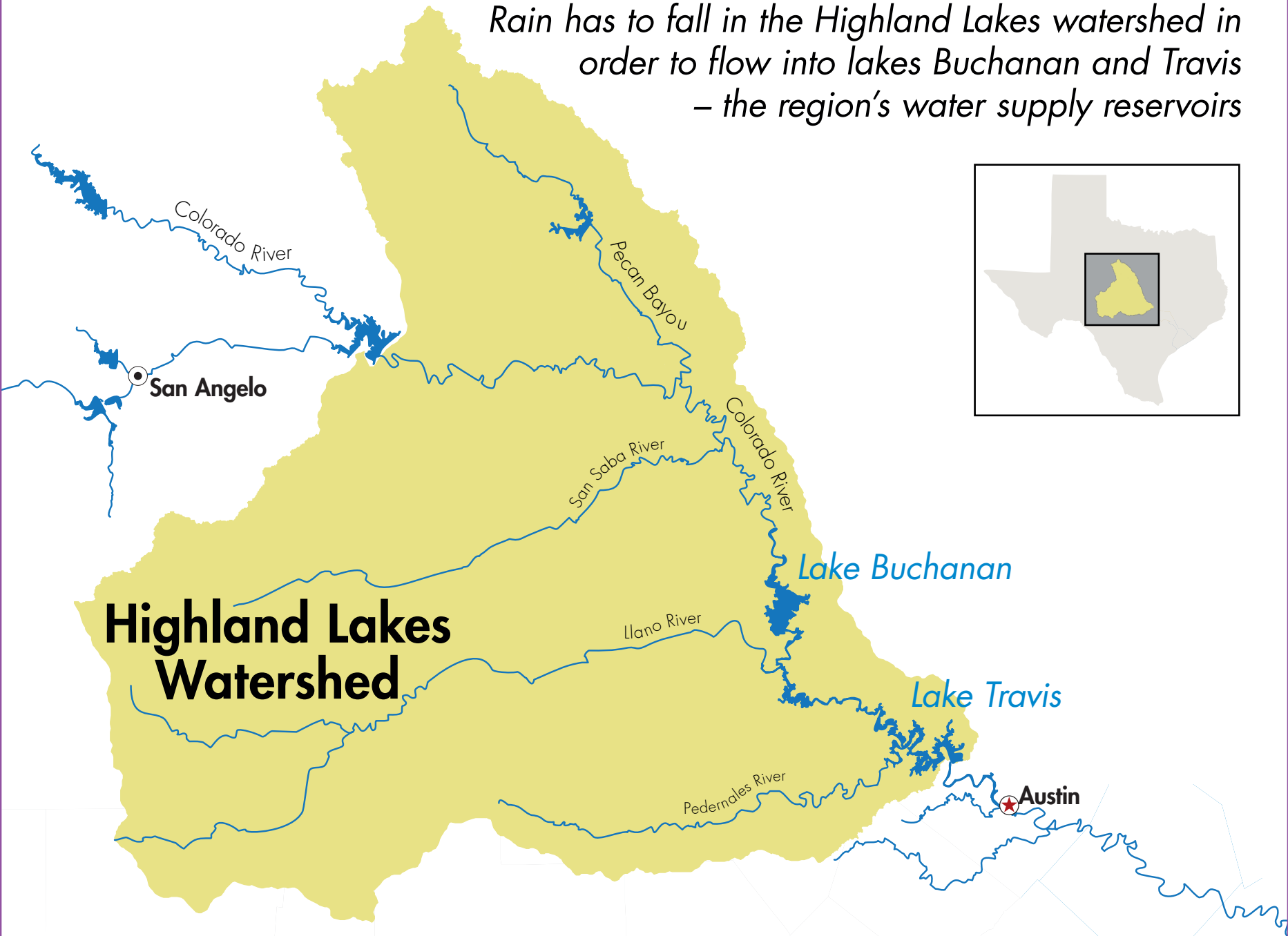


# Rain and the Highland Lakes

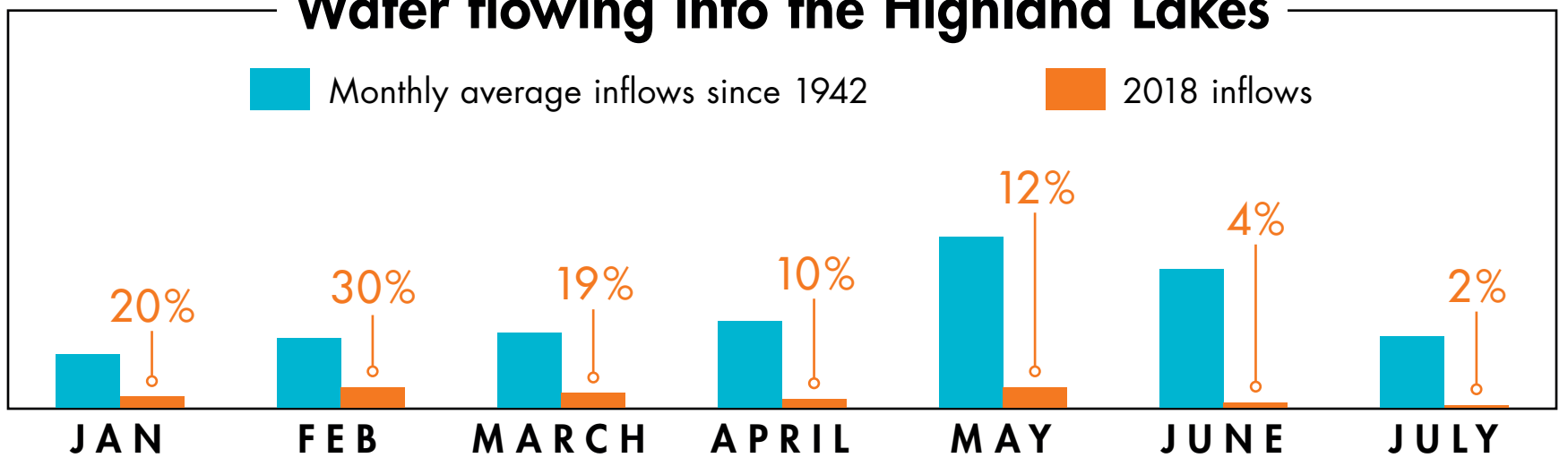
Rain has to fall in the Highland Lakes watershed in order to flow into lakes Buchanan and Travis – the region’s water supply reservoirs



The watershed that feeds the Highland Lakes is huge – a 14,700-square-mile area upstream of Austin.

Rain in the watershed helps feed the lakes. This year has been exceptionally dry, with below-normal rainfall throughout the watershed. Inflows, or water flowing into the lakes, have been a fraction of what we typically see.

## Water flowing into the Highland Lakes



*Though lake levels are falling as a result of sparse inflows, high evaporation and increased water use, lakes Buchanan and Travis are serving this region well. They are doing their job by capturing water during rainy times so we have reliable water supplies, even during dry times like these.*