

Clubs and Listserv

Audubon Texas

901 South Mopac Building II, Ste. 410, Austin (78746)
(512) 306-0225 www.tx.audubon.org

Texas Ornithological Society

www.texasbirds.org

texbirds Listserv - Birding discussion

<http://lists.texbirds.org/texbirds.html>

Further Reading

TPWD BIRDING LITERATURE

Download free birding literature:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/huntwild/wild/species/nongame

Publications include:

- Bird checklists (regional and statewide)
- Nature festival listings
- Migration details
- Species profiles
- Nuisance bird facts
- Hummingbird information
- Other nongame literature

ONLINE RESOURCE

Cornell Lab of Ornithology's *All About Birds*

www.allaboutbirds.org

BOOKS

Field Guide to the Birds of North America.

National Geographic Society. 1987. National Geographic Society.

A Field Guide to Texas Birds. R.T. Peterson. 1961.

Houghton Mifflin.

Birds of North America: A Guide to Field Identification. C. Robbins, et al. 1983. Golden Press.

Birding Texas. Wauer and Elwonger. Falcon Press.

Birder's Guide to Texas. E.A. Kutac. Gulf Publishers.

A Birder's Guide to the Rio Grande Valley.

M.W. Lockwood, W.B. McKinney, J.M. Paton and B.R. Zimmer. 1999. American Birding Association, Inc. Publications.

A Birder's Guide to the Texas Coast. H.R. Holt. 1993.

American Birding Association, Inc. Publications.



- Stay on established pathways and keep motor vehicles on established roads and parking areas.
- Avoid harassment; don't disturb birds that are nesting or their nesting areas. Do not handle eggs or young, or tarry too long at a working nest.
- Don't overuse audio playback tapes or owl tapes to call birds in.
- Don't trespass on private property. Respect landowners' rights to privacy. Always ask permission first.
- Follow all USFWS refuge and state land rules and regulations.
- Divide larger groups of people into smaller, more manageable numbers when leading a tour. Small groups cause less disturbance. When possible, carpool.
- Leave no litter or trash. Pack your garbage out. Ingested trash items can kill animals.
- Support Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Nongame Fund. A good portion of the money donated goes towards management of nongame birds and their habitat.
- Order a conservation license plate.

For information on other Texas birding opportunities:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.: (800) 792-1112
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/birding

To make reservations at a state park:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. Central Reservation Center: (512) 389-8900



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Birding IN TEXAS



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Where to go

Local parks and natural areas are a great place to get started birdwatching. They are convenient and can provide good-quality birdwatching. Check with your local parks and recreation department, or birding club, for recommendations on local opportunities.

State Parks and Wildlife Management Areas
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/parks

World Birding Center
www.worldbirdingcenter.org

National Parks and Seashores
www.nps.gov/state/TX

National Wildlife Refuges
www.fws.gov/Southwest/refuges/txrefuges.html

Regional Birding and Wildlife Trails

Whether you are a birder, a wildlife enthusiast, or just ready to discover the wildlife Texas has to offer, we have a map that makes it easy for you. These eight driving trail maps will direct you to the best spots in the state to observe wildlife such as birds, butterflies, bats or pronghorns.

Maps available:

Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail - Upper Coast
Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail - Central Coast
Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail - Lower Coast
Heart of Texas Wildlife Trail - East
Heart of Texas Wildlife Trail - West
Panhandle Plains Wildlife Trail
Prairies and Pineywoods Wildlife Trail - East
Prairies and Pineywoods Wildlife Trail - West

Purchase the beautiful four-color maps online at <http://agrilifebookstore.org> or by calling (888) 900-2577. Sections of the maps are also available online for last-minute trip planning at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/birdingtrails

Buy one or more maps today and start an adventure on the wild side of Texas.

Events

For a complete list of birding festivals
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/programs/tourism/festivals/

FEBRUARY

Annual Nature Day Celebration
Sea Center Texas - Lake Jackson
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/seacenter (979) 292-0100

Celebration of Whooping Cranes and Other Birds
Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce
www.portaransas.org (800) 45-COAST

Eagle Fest
Rains County and the City of Emory
www.eaglefest.org (800) 561-1182

Laredo Birding and Butterfly Festival
Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau
www.visitlaredo.com (800) 361-3360

MARCH

Jones Park NatureFest
Jesse Jones Park and Nature Center - Houston
www.hcp4.net/jones/index.htm (281) 446-8588

Texas Tropics Nature Festival
McAllen Chamber of Commerce
www.mcallen.org (877) MCALLEN

APRIL

Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival
Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR-Eagle Lake
www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/attwater/
(979) 234-3021

Balcones Songbird Festival
Friends of Balcones Canyonlands
www.balconesongbirdfestival.org (512) 965-2473

Bluebird Festival
Wills Point Chamber of Commerce
www.willspointbluebird.com (800) WPBLUBI

Galveston Island FeatherFest
Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council
www.galvestonfeatherfest.com (888) GAL-ISLE

Great Texas Birding Classic
TPWD and Gulf Coast Bird Observatory - coastwide
www.birdingclassic.org (979) 480-0999

Migration Celebration
Friends of the Brazoria Wildlife Refuges
<http://migrationcelebration.org> (888) 477-2505

Nature Quest
Texas Hill Country River Region - Concan
www.thcrr.com (800) 210-0380

MAY

Dragonfly Days
Valley Nature Center - Weslaco
www.valleynaturecenter.org (956) 969-2475

SEPTEMBER

HummerBird Celebration
Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce
www.rockporthummingbird.com (800) 242-0071

XTreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory - Lake Jackson
www.gcbo.org (979) 480-0999

OCTOBER

Texas Butterfly Festival
Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce
www.texasbutterfly.com (800) 580-2700

Wild in Willacy Bootfest
Raymondville Chamber of Commerce
www.wildinwillacy.com (888) 603-6994

NOVEMBER

Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival
Harlingen Chamber of Commerce
www.rgvbirdfest.com (800) 531-7346

South Texas Wildlife and Birding Festival
Kingsville Convention and Visitors Bureau
www.kingsvilletexas.com (800) 333-5032



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