

Clubs & Associations

Audubon Texas
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Building II, Ste. 410
Austin, TX 78746
Phone: (512) 306-0225
www.tx.audubon.org

Texas Ornithological Society
www.texasbirds.org

Texas Bird Records Committee
www.texasbirds.org/tbrc

Further Reading

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.

CHECKLIST OF TEXAS BIRDS

- Checklist of the Birds of Texas.* 3rd edition. 1995. Texas Ornithological Society.
- A Checklist of Texas Birds.* Kelly Bryan, Tony Gallucci, Greg Lasley, Mark Lockwood and David H. Riskind. 5th edition. 1999. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Birds of the Pineywoods of Eastern Texas.* A Field Checklist. David E. Wolf, Clifford E. Shackelford, Guy G. Luneau, C. Dean Fisher. 2001. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Birds of the Edwards Plateau.* A Field Checklist. 2001. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Birds of the High and Rolling Plains of Texas.* A Field Checklist. 2002. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Birds of the Trans-Pecos.* A Field Checklist. 2002. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

For information on other Texas birding opportunities, contact:

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

To make reservations at a state park:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Central Reservation Center
(512) 389-8900

BIRDING ETHICS

- 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 over-use 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.



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RESOURCE INFORMATION LIST

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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.

National Parks, Seashores and Wildlife Refuges:

Big Bend National Park	Aransas NWR
Guadalupe Mountains National Park	Laguna Atacosa NWR
Padre Island National Seashore	Buffalo Lake NWR
Big Thicket National Preserve	Muleshoe NWR
Anahuac NWR	Hagerman NWR
Brazoria NWR	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR
San Bernard NWR	Santa Ana NWR

Texas State Parks & WMAs

check www.tpwd.state.tx.us/parks/ for up-to-date park hours

Abilene State Park	Inks Lake State Park
Balmorhea State Park	Kerrville/Schreiner State Park
Bastrop State Park	Kickapoo Cavern State Park
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park	Lake Arrowhead State Park
Big Bend Ranch State Park	Lake Bastrop State Park
Big Spring State Park	Lake Brownwood State Park
Black Gap Wildlife Management Area	Lake Corpus Christi State Park
Brazos Bend State Park	Lake Livingston State Park
Buescher State Park	Lake Mineral Wells State Park & Trailway
Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway	Lake Somerville State Park & Trailway
Cedar Hill State Park	Lake Texana State Park
Choke Canyon State Park	Longhorn Cavern State Park
Colorado Bend State Park	Lost Maples State Natural Area
Davis Mountains State Park	Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site
Devils River State Natural Area	Martin Dies, Jr. State Park
Dinosaur Valley State Park	McKinney Falls State Park
Enchanted Rock State Natural Area	Meridian State Park
Falcon State Park	Monahans Sandhills State Park
Fort Leaton State Historic Site	Mustang Island State Park
Fort Parker State Park	Palmetto State Park
Franklin Mountains State Park	Palo Duro Canyon State Park
Galveston Island State Park	Pedernales Falls State Park
Garner State Park	Resaca de la Palma State Park Site
Goliad State Park	San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site
Goose Island State Park	Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site
Guadalupe River State Park	South Llano River State Park
Hill Country State Natural Area	Sheldon Lake State Park
Hueco Tanks State Historic Site	Tyler State Park
Huntsville State Park	

Events

a complete list of birding festivals is on our Web site: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/programs/tourism/festivals/

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.harlingen.com (800) 531-7346

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

FEBRUARY

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

Brownsville International Bird Festival
Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau
www.brownsville.org (800) 626-2639

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

MARCH

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

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

APRIL/MAY

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

Migration Celebration
Brazosport Convention and Visitors Council
www.tourtexas.com/brazosport/ (888) 477-2505

Great Texas Birding Classic
TPWD and Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/gtbc/ and www.gcbo.org/gtbc.html (866) GTBCLAS

Bluebird Festival
Wills Point Chamber of Commerce
www.bluebirdfestival.info (800) WPBLUBI

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

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://tcebookstore.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.

Balcones Songbird Festival
Friends of Balcones Canyonlands
www.balconessongbirdfestival.org (512) 339-9432 ext. 0

Chappell Hill BirdFest
Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce
www.chappellhillbirdfest.com (888) BRENHAM

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

AUGUST

Davis Mountain Hummingbird Festival
Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute
(432) 364-2499

SEPTEMBER

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

HummerBird Festival
Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce
www.rockport-fulton.org (800) 242-0071