

# Birding Locations and Information

(Most locations within 125 miles of Houston – May 4, 2012 update)

**Lafitte's Cove:** <https://www.galveston.com/lafittespreserve/>

**Sabine Woods:** <http://www.goldentriangleaudubon.org/focus-areas/sabine-woods>

High Island Birding: <https://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/high-island/birding-walks.html>

Texas Ornithological Society: <http://www.texasbirds.org/home.html>

Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary: <http://migrationcelebration.org/QNBS.html>

Dos Vacas Muertas: <https://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/dos-vacas-muertas.html>

Brazos Bend SP: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend>

“Corps Woods”: [http://www.galvnews.com/leisure/pdf\\_1fc9f9bc-228a-11e4-9407-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.galvnews.com/leisure/pdf_1fc9f9bc-228a-11e4-9407-001a4bcf6878.html)

Info on Migration and the Migratory Birds of Texas: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/birding/migration/>

**Cattail Marsh:** <http://www.beaumontcvb.com/listing/cattail-marsh-scenic-wetlands-%26-boardwalk/7/>

J. J. Mayes Wildlife Trace Trinity River Trail: <https://my.viewranger.com/route/details/NzM3Ng==>

Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary: <https://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/edith-moore/maps.html>

Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Park: <http://www.pct3.com/Parks/Archbishop-Joseph-A-Fiorenza-Park>

Sheldon Lake State Park: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sheldon-lake>

Lake Houston Wilderness Park: <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/parksites/lakehoustonpark.html>

Kleb Woods Nature Preserve: <https://www.visithoustontexas.com/listings/kleb-woods-nature-preserve/20137/>

Baytown Nature Center: <https://www.baytownnaturecenter.org/>

Smith Point Hawk Watch: <https://www.gcbo.org/avian-research-and-monitoring/smith-point-hawk-watch/>

Bolivar Flats: <https://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/bolivar-flats/about-bolivar-flats.html>

Anahuac NWR: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/>

Peveto Woods Sanctuary: <http://braudubon.org/conservation/peveto-woods-sanctuary>

Jesse Jones Park: <https://www.hcp4.net/parks/jjp/>

Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens: <https://www.hcp4.net/parks/mercer/>

Katy Prairie Loop: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wildlife/wildlife-trails/utc/katy-prairie-loop>

Paul Rushing Park: <http://www.pct3.com/Parks/Paul-D-Rushing-Park>

Houston Audubon Raptor Center: <https://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/sims-bayou.html>

Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve: <https://www.hcp4.net/parks/kmp/>

Spring Creek Greenway: <https://www.hcp4.net/parks/scg/>

Lowlands Nature Trail at Lone Star College in Kingwood

Artist Boat – Galveston: <https://artistboat.org>

Note: There are many parks in counties, cities, subdivisions that have trails to walk and watch for birds.

**Bird Walks:** New birders are welcome at some local bird walks.

1. Jesse Jones Park (listed above) – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 7:45a.m.
2. East End Park – Kingwood – Led by Lake Houston Nature Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 8:00a.m.
3. Sheldon Lake State Park (Listed above) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:00a.m.
4. Mercer Arboretum (Listed above) – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:45a.m. – reservation required.

### **Books:**

“Birds of North America” – National Audubon Society (Extensive Guide) (My favorite home bird book.)

“Field Guide to the Birds of North America” – National Geographic

“Field Guide to Warblers” by Donald and Lillian Stokes

“The Warbler Guide” by Tom Stephenson and Scott Whittle

“The Sibley Guide to Birds” (Second Edition) by David Allen Sibley

**“Field Guide to Birds of North America”** by Roger Tory Peterson (also in a handy carry edition)

“Field Guide to Birds of North America” by Kenn Kaufman

**“Finding Birds on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail”** by Ted Eubanks Jr.

“The Crossley ID Guide” (Eastern Birds) by Richard Crossley

“Birds of the Gulf Coast” – Jim Stevenson (great in-depth coverage of each bird)

Quick Reference Publishing, Inc.: [www.quickreferencepublishing.com](http://www.quickreferencepublishing.com)

(Great quick reference pocket guides, waterproof, folding, easy to use)

### **Applications:**

eBird from Cornell: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ebird/id988799279?mt=8>

iBird Pro: <http://ibird.com/app/iphone/ibird-pro-guide-to-birds/>

Merlin Bird ID from Cornell (free): <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/merlin-bird-id-by-cornell/id773457673?mt=8>

Merlin has added bird calls so you can record a call and Merlin will identify it.

Audubon and other apps (geographical areas, or full U. S. and they also have other animals besides birds)

If you have questions I might be able to help with, e-mail me at: [paul.gregg@comcast.net](mailto:paul.gregg@comcast.net)

**Also if you would like to be added to my list of over 500 recipients of my occasional e-mails with photos, send me an e-mail asking to be placed on the list. (I send my e-mails “bcc.” so nobody knows who else is receiving them.)**

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