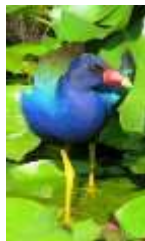




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BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA

Wednesday-Sunday, April 21-25, 2021, Corpus Christi, TX
NEW PRE-TRIP, April 17-20, TX Rio Grande Valley

Corpus Christi's **BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA**, April 21-25, has earned its wings, bringing visiting and resident birders of all levels together on the Texas Gulf Coast to experience amazing spring migration in perhaps the busiest flyway in the country! Debuting this year is a **four-day RIO GRANDE VALLEY birding pre-trip, April 17-20**—which filled, giving out-of-state birders access to two top North American birding regions in one trip to South Texas!

Based at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St., before cancellation, the 2020 festival had doubled its 2019 registration! Larger and longer, 2021 features 14 different field trips to South Texas ranch and coastal hot spots, eight presentations and workshops, three bird walks, and nine Jonathan Wood "Raptor Project" shows. An opening reception with Texas BBQ dinner; Vendor Trade Show; artisan booths; and Saturday Family Fun Day round out this Texas Coastal adventure.



Bird count for the 2019 event totaled 262 species sighted on field trips, making the Birdiest Festival's **three-year total 384 species!** This year's **Field Trip highlights include:** King Ranch Norias Division, Guadalupe Delta Wildlife Preserve, Port Aransas and Rockport-Fulton hot-spots, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, Knolle Jersey Farm River Pasture, Skimmer Boat Tour, and 'BIG DAY' Full Day Trip—all guided by leading area birding experts.

Visiting birders look forward to friendly Texan hospitality; excellent menus of hotels, shopping and dining; sister attractions like Texas State Aquarium, USS Lexington on the Bay, museums; and of course beaches and charming coastal towns! Local residents get the ideal, reasonably-priced opportunity to meet birders from other regions, improve their skill-level, or see if birding is their next hobby!

Basic Festival registration is \$25. Get Festival **DETAILS, SCHEDULE, on-line REGISTRATION, COVID protocols**, at <https://birdiestfestival.org>, or Festival Chair Denise Housler, 361-563-5968.

