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Rep-Tales, Parrot Talk again entertain South Texas Botanical Gardens visitors Saturdays, Sundays!

CORPUS CHRISTI—South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St., has re-started its weekend animal programming for guests!

Both Saturdays and Sundays, *Rep-Tales*—with a mix of tortoises, turtles and iguanas—begins at 10:30 a.m. on the festival lawn. Popular *Parrot Talk*, starts at 1:30 pm, wind and weather permitting! Presented by Animal Care trainers and volunteers, both *Rep-Tales* and *Parrot Talk* are included in general admission.

Following CDC guidelines, all visitors should social-distance and wear facemasks indoors if not fully-vaccinated. The Botanical Gardens & Nature Center is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Information at 361-852-2100, www.stxbot.org.



ABOUT US: FLORA, FAUNA, & FUN are key at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, a major Corpus Christi area visitor destination and nature tourism facility! The NON-PROFIT 182-acre venue showcases 11 floral exhibits and gardens, including the Butterfly House, Samuel Jones Orchid Conservatory, Anderson Bromeliad Conservatory, seasonal Plumeria Garden with viewing ramp, plus Rose Garden and massive Rose Pavilion, delightful Hummingbird Garden, desert-like Arid Garden and “artscaped” Sensory Garden. Entertainment includes Resident Reptiles and vibrant Exotic Parrot collection. Tranquil Gator Lake, Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail with two Kent Ullberg bronze wildlife sculptures, birding tower, Palapa Grande, wetlands boardwalk and newly enhanced Oso Creek Loop Trail make this a key site on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail, and headquarters for Corpus Christi’s BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA! Bordering Oso Creek on Corpus Christi’s rapidly-growing upscale south side, this blend of beauty in the wild almost touches the northern edge of the world-famous King Ranch in an intriguing wildlife corridor.

A memorable experience for tourists, families, weddings, garden enthusiasts, birdwatchers, wildlife trackers, school field trips—or an enjoyable relaxing change of pace. Shop Nature’s Boutique in the Visitors Center. Memberships, group tours, facilities rentals, and private animal encounters are available. Free parking, picnics allowed, dog-friendly with leashes. GENERAL ADMISSION: \$9 adults; \$7 age 60, active Military, college; \$5 children ages 3 through 12. Under 3 and members, free.

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