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Update: BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA, 2022 Calendar Announcement



April 20-24, 2022, Corpus Christi's **BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA** turns five, with renowned keynote speaker, both pre-trip and first post-trip! In "Covid 2021," 289 different bird species were sighted by 163 registrants from 19 states—breaking its previous 262-species record; raising its four-year sighting history to 311!

Experience amazing spring migration along the Texas Gulf Coast in perhaps the busiest flyway in the country, a variety of field trips to famous South Texas ranch and coastal hot spots, several presentations and workshops; bird walks; and Jonathan Wood Raptor Project shows. An opening reception with Happy Hour cash bar and Texas BBQ dinner; Vendor Trade Show; artisan booths; and Saturday Family Fun Day round out your basic Texas Coastal adventure!

Suspense is building for "**What's it Like to be a Bird,**" by acclaimed author and illustrator of *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, **David Allen Sibley**, who originally scheduled for cancelled 2020 festival, while Covid concerns kept him from presenting in 2021!

Pre-trip, April 16-19, heads to the Rio Grande Valley in deep South Texas for specialty birds, last year producing 193 species; while post-trip, April 25-28, treks north to the Upper Texas Coast and Piney Woods, on a scenic search for specialty song birds and shore birds. Each trip is \$850, maximum eight birders.

Basic Festival registration is \$25, plus opening dinner, field trips, speaker. Beginning December 1, visit <https://www.birdiestfestival.org> for REGISTRATION, DESCRIPTIONS, SCHEDULE. Further questions to Denise, 361-563-5968.

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