

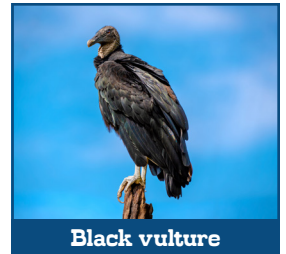
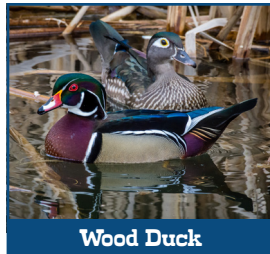
TEXAS BIRD BINGO



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HOW TO PLAY: As you see the bird(s) identified on the card, tag them with an "X" or some other mark. Cover a row of birds in any of three directions (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) and you've got a bird bingo! Email a photo of your completed bird bingo card to hearteast@texasbirdbingo.com and we'll send you a Texas Bird Bingo sticker. You'll also be entered to win four passes to the 2026 Birding the Border Festival. For complete rules and information, visit texasbirdbingo.com



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Earthx2025 returns to Dallas, Texas with a 5-day premiere forum convening a diverse group of leaders to engage and advance the latest sustainability solutions.

Each day of the event focuses on a specific topic including The Future of Energy (Monday-Tuesday), The Circular Economy (Tuesday-Wednesday), Brave New Oceans (Thursday) and “New Perspectives on Texas Conservation” on Wednesday, April 23rd.

Rapid development is causing Texas to lose about 20 football fields of open space per hour. Not only does this severely challenge the states’ rich natural habitats and biodiversity, but it places a strain on resource conservation, especially water, that urban Texans rely on. “New Perspectives on Texas Conservation” will look at the costs of the loss of Texas’ wild and open spaces and identify collaborative solutions that can help establish Texas a model for conservation best practices nationwide. The conservation conference will feature two sessions including, “The State of Texas Water” and “Passing the Torch: What Are the Pressing Challenges and Opportunities for The Next Generation of Conservation Leaders? A collaborative discussion between distinguished figures in global conservation new visionaries”

The question so many people ask is, “how is EarthX 2025 different from other environmentally focused events?”

EarthX 2025 sets itself apart from other environmentally focused events through its commitment to inclusivity and collaboration across diverse sectors and ideologies. Unlike many conferences that cater to specific industries or political agendas, EarthX 2025 emphasizes a cross-disciplinary approach. By bringing together participants from energy, finance, technology, and policy, attendees benefit from a rich tapestry of perspectives aimed at finding comprehensive environmental solutions. The event is designed to facilitate meaningful connections fostering opportunities for engagement that could lead to impactful collaborations.

Free events that are open to the public will be held during the event. Go to EarthX.org for more information.



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Whether you’ve been a birdwatcher for years or just starting out, get ready for fun! Try to find all the birds on your card, and you’ll make some great memories visiting different habitats and adding new birds to your life list, not to mention a chance to win an awesome prize. Birdwatching is more than ticking off names from a list. Birds are our neighbors, and it can be entertaining watching them as they go about their daily lives.

A good pair of binoculars lets us take a closer look. Whole Earth offers a range of binoculars from a child’s first to high quality pairs from Nocs, Celestron and Nikon. We can help you find the pair that’s right for you. When deciding on a pair of binoculars, consider the two numbers that describe them, such as 8x25, referring to the magnification factor (8) and the diameter of the main lenses in millimeters (25). Generally, a lower magnification factor provides a wider field of view and will allow the user to track motion like birds moving from tree to tree, while a higher magnification will provide more detail. Another consideration is weight. How much is comfortable around your neck or in a pack?

Be sure to check out Cornell Lab’s site and apps. They can help with identification and answers to FAQs. Enjoy exploring and playing Texas Bird Bingo!



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BIRDING IN SAN MARCOS

Birders, grab your binoculars and your favorite field guide—San Marcos is ready to ruffle your feathers (in the best way). This Bird City Texas, recognized by Audubon Texas and Texas Parks & Wildlife, is a hotspot for avian action. The endangered golden-cheeked warbler is the celebrity of the region, drawing birding paparazzi to our natural areas for a chance to catch its elusive song. Meanwhile, the San Marcos River and the wetlands at the Meadows Center are a year-round stage for waterfowl like great blue herons, great egrets, and tri-colored herons. Whether they’re wading, flying, or striking a pose, these feathered friends know how to put on a show.

For a nightly spectacle, head to the headwaters of the river, where black vultures take over the treetops like they’re checking into the world’s weirdest hotel. It’s eerie, it’s awesome, and it’s just one of the many reasons San Marcos keeps birders coming back for more.

Don’t forget to explore the miles of trails winding through San Marcos’ parks and along the riverbanks. Keep an eye out for red-shouldered hawks soaring overhead and golden-fronted woodpeckers drumming up a racket in the trees. You’ll never know what you’ll spot next—or who’s spotting you!

San Marcos pairs its vibrant birdlife with scenic landscapes and plenty of outdoor opportunities. From the wetlands at the Meadows Center (bonus: take an iconic Glass-Bottom Boat Tour!) to acres of lush natural areas, this isn’t just birding—it’s an adventure. And, of course, there’s plenty of shopping, nightlife, and good eats to be explored as well. Whether you’re a warbler whisperer or just looking for a great heron selfie, San Marcos delivers a birding experience that’s worth chirping about. **Plan your next adventure at visitsanmarcos.com.**