

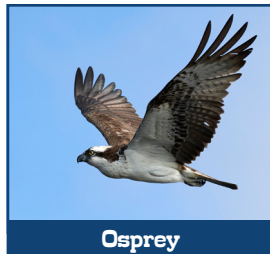
TEXAS BIRD BINGO



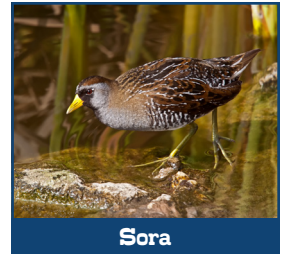
UPPER TEXAS COAST

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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 uppercoast@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!



Port Arthur's always birdy. Spring and fall migration are showstoppers. Sabine Woods, Sea Rim State Park and Pleasure Island are hotspots in Port Arthur, the Cajun Capital of Texas. Sabine Woods is the first land birds see as they fly in for spring migration. The oak mott is internationally famous for attracting thousands of "first landing" migrants each year. Warblers, Vireos, Grosbeaks, Flycatchers, Thrushes, Tanagers and Orioles visit March through May. Painted Bunting and Scarlet Tanager are among the showiest of visitors. Sabine Woods features paths under a canopy of trees, a pond, drips and a mulberry patch that Cedar Waxwings love.

Our upper Texas Gulf Coast invites shore birds who love to fish the coast. American Avocet, Ruddy Turnstone, White Ibis and Brown Pelican are among beach favorites Sea Rim State Park's foamy Gulf shoreline. Catch Heron while secluded at Pleasure Island's new bird blind or look for Pelicans along the jetties of Sabine Lake. Showy pink Roseate Spoonbills are a local favorite, adding color to the marshland. The sound of Laughing Gulls just make your picnic better. Nearby hotspots include Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge, full of trees for an easy "quick look" for Orchard Orioles and wrens. McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge offers a driving trail with fishing piers and observation platforms. Clam Lake draws waterfowl in winter. Kingbirds, Orchard Orioles and Crested Caracara are some regulars.

Port Arthur is in both the Central and Mississippi Flyway, so our abundance is a natural. There's coast, forest and marshland keeping our resident and visiting birds chirping. Our spring migration peak is April 19 through early May and our fall migration peak is Sept. 5-Oct. 29. #birdportarthur and have some fun in the Cajun Capital of Texas. Museum of the Gulf Coast tells our story from nature and maritime history to music and sports. **Learn more at www.visitportarthurtx.com**

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