

# TEXAS BIRD BINGO



## FAR WEST TEXAS REGION

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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 [farwest@texasbirdbingo.com](mailto:farwest@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](http://texasbirdbingo.com)

 <b>Acorn Woodpecker</b>	 <b>Bushtit</b>	 <b>Barn Swallow</b>	 <b>Bell's Vireo</b>	 <b>Bewick's Wren</b>
 <b>Black Phoebe</b>	 <b>Gambel's quail</b>	 <b>Black-crested titmouse</b>	 <b>Black-throated sparrow</b>	 <b>Blue Grosbeak</b>
 <b>Burrowing Owl</b>	 <b>Cactus Wren</b>	<b>Birders flock to Earthx 2025</b> <b>FREE</b>	 <b>Canyon towhee</b>	 <b>Chihuahuan Raven</b>
 <b>Cassin's kingbird</b>	 <b>Common black hawk</b>	 <b>Curve-billed thrasher</b>	 <b>Golden Eagle</b>	 <b>Hooded Oriole</b>
 <b>Varied bunting</b>	 <b>Killdeer</b>	 <b>Verdin</b>	 <b>Loggerhead shrike</b>	 <b>Mexican Jay</b>



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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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**Several locations in and around Big Bend National Park offer excellent birdwatching in a variety of habitats.**

#### **BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, RIO GRANDE VILLAGE**

Always one of the best locations in the area. Any time of year delivers interesting and exciting birding for all skill levels. Zone-tailed Hawk, Common Black Hawk, Vermilion Flycatcher, and Greater Roadrunners often treat birders to great moments of viewing pleasure.

**CHISOS BASIN** – A Chihuahuan Desert sky island, with elevations reaching almost 8000-feet. Spring, summer, and fall offer Phainopepla, Pyrrhuloxia, Scott's Oriole, Colima Warbler, Magnificent Hummingbird, Blue-throated Hummingbird, Black-chinned Sparrow, and many others. Lots of elevation change, so be prepared for slow and easy.

**LAJITAS RESORT** – A privately owned resort on the banks of the Rio Grande, Lajitas is a good place to spot a variety of birds. Common Yellowthroat, Marsh Wren, Swamp Sparrow, Mexican Mallard, Verdin, and Black-tailed Gnatcatcher are just a few of the treats to be found beside the river.

**LA KIVA** – Site of an RV park, this shaded little retreat on the banks of Terlingua Creek always provides a relaxing birding experience. You can get good easy looks at Pyrrhuloxia, Black Phoebe, Lesser Goldfinch, Verdin, Inca Dove, and many others at almost any time of year.

**PENA COLORADO PARK** – This hidden little spring fed pond, surrounded by Cottonwood trees is another bird magnet for lots of Vermilion Flycatchers, Golden-fronted Woodpeckers, Lesser Goldfinches, Black Phoebes, Cactus Wrens and lots of other activity.

**SAM NAIL RANCH** – A nicely shaded low desert oasis off the Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive. An old windmill pumps water and keeps pecan trees, Mexican persimmon, fig, and a wide variety of native plants alive at this abandoned old ranch site. These in turn provide shelter for a great variety of birds. Varied bunting, Painted bunting, Bell's Vireo, Crissal thrasher, and lots of exciting surprises await visitors to this quiet spot.