

# Houston Audubon


## Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary

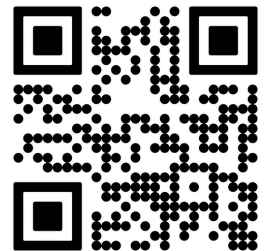
Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary is a Globally Important Bird Area, the highest designation by Birdlife International, and a site of International Importance in the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network.

“The Flats” is an exceptionally productive ecosystem complex of mud flats, salt marsh, coastal prairie, and uplands that provide essential nursery habitat for fish and marine invertebrates, and breeding, resting, and feeding grounds for hundreds of thousands of birds.



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 American Avocets / Kathy Adams Clark



# Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary is at risk from a nearby housing development!

The Sanderling subdivision plans to build 30 homesites on native coastal prairie and wetlands adjacent to the sanctuary which provide important feeding grounds for hundreds of thousands of shorebirds and wading birds annually. This development will negatively impact irreplaceable habitat for many declining and charismatic species including:

- American Avocet
- **Black Rail\***
- Horned Lark
- Least Tern
- Mottled Duck
- **Piping Plover\***
- Reddish Egret
- **Red Knot\***
- Willet
- Wilson's Plover

\*Threatened/endangered species



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Mottled Duck/Joe V Smith



Black Rail /Kathy Adams Clark

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