

# THE STORY OF THE HIGH ISLAND PATCH

This is a story about many dedicated volunteers at Houston Audubon who have given generously of their time and talent to support our mission. The idea of creating a patch developed after Houston Audubon bought its first High Island sanctuary, Boy Scout Woods, in 1983. Early visitors to the sanctuary were encouraged by volunteer Bessie Cornelius to give a donation each time they entered the sanctuary in order to help pay off the mortgage on the property and generate funds for maintenance. Then in 1989 the first High Island patch was created and sold as an annual pass to all of the High Island sanctuaries. The Hooded Warbler was featured on that first patch, a true trans-Gulf migrant and harbinger of spring migration.

Linda Feltner, an interpretive wildlife artist and book illustrator, with the help of her husband Ben has generously donated the designs for several High Island warbler patches. Former Board member Judy Boyce created the 1997 Black-throated Blue and the 2000 Yellow Warbler patches, and Caroline Callery, Gail Yaranovich, and Evelyn Shelton have also provided patch designs for us. The help of all of these artists has been invaluable.

Every year during spring migration, our wonderful volunteers handle patch and day pass as well as retail sales. They return every year to move items in and out of cabinets daily and display them on tables for the many visitors who buy them as a memento of their trip.

Our success as an organization is due to these wonderful people and others like them who have given us years of loyal support. Why do they do it? Because it's fun and rewarding, because they love sharing the birds with our visitors, and because they see what a difference Houston Audubon has made - for the birds.

## High Island Patch Designers



## High Island Patch Gallery



2024 – Palm Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2023 – Northern Waterthrush (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2022 - Nashville Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2021 - Orange-crowned Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2020 -Pine Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2019 -Yellow-throated Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2018 - Prairie Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2017 - Lawrence's Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2016- Blue-winged Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2015 - Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2014 - Wilson's Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2013 -Kentucky Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2012 - Tennessee Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2011 - Blackpoll Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2010 - Prothonotary Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2009 - Louisiana Waterthrush (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2008 - Black-throated Green Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2007 - Yellow-breasted Chat (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2006 - Common Yellowthroat (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2005 – Ovenbird (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2004 - Northern Parula (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2003 - Black-and-White Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2002 - Worm-eating Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2001 - Bay-breasted Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



2000 - Yellow Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



1999 - Swainson's Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



1998 - Magnolia Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



1997 - Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Judy Boyce designer*)





1996 - Cape May Warbler (*Linda Feltner designer*)



1995 - Cerulean Warbler (*Gail Luckner Yovanovitch designer*)



1994 - Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Gail Diane Luckner designer*)



1993 - American Redstart (*Gail Diane Luckner designer*)



1992 - Golden-winged Warbler (*Gail Luckner designer*)



1991 - Canada Warbler (*Evelyn Shelton designer*)



1990 - Blackburnian Warbler (*Caroline Callery designer*)



1989 - Hooded Warbler (*David Elliott designer*)