

Spring 2025

# The Warbler

**HOUSTON AUDUBON'S ANNUAL SPRING RECAP**



Cerulean Warbler / Lili Banta @LiliBantaWildlife



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

*This has been an unforgettable first spring with Houston Audubon! It also marks my 20th spring in Texas, and from the beginning, I quickly came to understand the critical importance of spring migration to the Gulf Coast. While my direct involvement with Houston Audubon is new, my curiosity for the natural world has always run deep.*

*About ten years ago, I started spending more time birding, especially during the spring migration season. I was drawn in by the variety and beauty of the warblers—the striking blues of the Cerulean Warbler, the yellow, black, and gray of the Magnolia. They captured my attention and fueled a deeper desire to see more and learn more.*

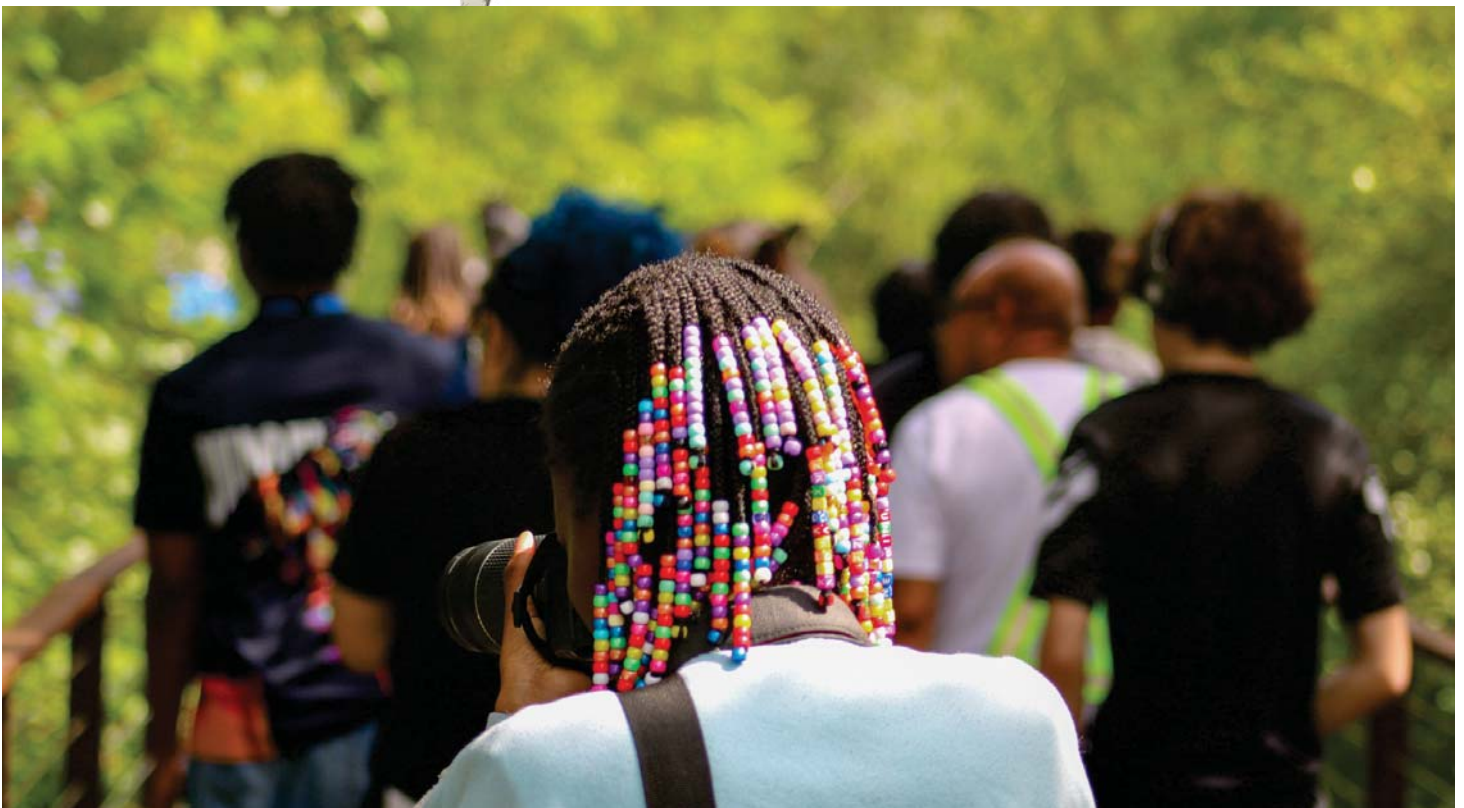
*Now, in 2025, I feel honored to be part of an organization with such meaningful history and impact. Since 1969, Houston Audubon has grown through the dedication of volunteers, board members, staff, and partners—all united by a shared love for birds and nature. The incredible work of those before me has built a strong foundation for the future, and I'm excited about where we're headed together.*

*I hope you enjoy this special edition of The Warbler, featuring stories and updates from our incredible staff, volunteers, and community members. As we look ahead, I invite you to be part of our mission—get out and go birding, bring a friend along, volunteer, support our work, and keep exploring the amazing natural spaces around us.*

*Let's continue our vital work to protect what makes this region so special—for the birds, and for all of us.*

*Jed Aplaca*

**President & CEO**



*Elsik High School students on a field trip to Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary in High Island, Texas*

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: ELSIK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CONNECT WITH NATURE AT SMITH OAKS

*Kassandra Robles, Art Teacher, Elsik High School*

This spring, our students from Alief ISD's Elsik High School had the incredible opportunity to visit Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary with Houston Audubon, a first for us, and hopefully the beginning of something that continues to grow. As an art teacher in one of Houston's most diverse districts, I know how important it is for students to have access to meaningful, real-world experiences beyond the classroom. This trip gave our students just that: a chance to step out of their daily routines, connect with the natural world, and see things with fresh eyes.

Many of our students had never been on a field trip like this. Being outdoors with binoculars in hand and cameras at the ready was new for them. Some were surprised to spot alligators, turtles, rabbits, and of course, so many birds. They pointed things out to each other, asked thoughtful questions, and leaned into the experience - learning through curiosity and observation.



This year, I introduced digital photography and editing to my students. One of my goals has been to grow our program in that area and give students meaningful ways to apply their skills. This trip gave them that opportunity. They captured moments of stillness and motion, framed the world through their own creative lens, and saw how what we learn in class can come alive outdoors. For me as a teacher, this was one of the highlights of the school year.

Birding has recently become a personal passion of mine. I'm still a beginner, but I love learning, and I love sharing what excites me with my students. I think this trip was a beautiful way to help them explore a new environment, connect with one another, and build a deeper appreciation for the natural world. I've even taken some students out to the little bayou near our school to observe birds and take photos. They're always excited to go, and I want to find more ways to make those kinds of experiences part of our regular learning.

I'm grateful to my students for being curious, engaged, and open to trying something new. I'm also thankful to everyone who helped make this trip possible: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Bailey for chaperoning, keeping the group together, and setting a fun tone; and the Houston Audubon team for coordinating the trip, guiding us with patience and enthusiasm, and helping provide resources like binoculars. Their support meant so much.

Experiences like this show just how powerful outdoor learning can be, not just for teaching content, but for offering calm, perspective, and connection. I hope that with continued support and more time in nature for our students—through photography, poetry, and observation—we can help them build lasting connections with art, their environment, and themselves.



## WHERE TO START...?

*Melissa Stappen, Houston Audubon Member*

Soil and sun and water, oh my! How do they all add up to a beautiful, flowering, peaceful space to share? Where do we start? That was the question when Josh and I moved to Fresno, Texas, from the northeastern states. We purchased a wonderful home with a sort of weedy, grassy yard, a few sparse shrubs, and a fruit tree—less than exciting, to say the least. So, we started to adventure into the neighboring areas of Brazos Bend State Park, Houston Arboretum, and Houston Botanic Garden, taking mental notes of what we were seeing and picking up all kinds of brochures, educational materials, and pamphlets. Although we were learning, we didn't understand how to apply our newfound knowledge.

Determined to fill our space with trees, plants, and flowers, we found a class entitled "Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification" and that is where we started. Our first step was acknowledging the challenges and determining solutions for our space. Clay soil? Yes, we have that. Shade and sunny spots? Another challenge to think about. Water in the spring and then not so much in the summer for months on end? Another hurdle to overcome. Once those elements were evaluated and determined for our space, we introduced native Houston plant species to our yard, and WOW, our space took off. First came the green anoles, then the butterflies, and, of course, the birds!

Second came our submission to Houston Audubon's Bird-Friendly Spaces Program, to be sure we were on track by achieving recognition as a Bird-Friendly Space.

Our lovely Bird-Friendly Space continues to evolve; we are always adding new plants, creating water features, hanging nesting boxes, and filling our feeders with various bird treats (yes, our birdy visitors have favorites)—as do the squirrels!

This 'where to start project' is now a 'what's next adventure'.



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If you're taking actions at home to support birds, you may be eligible for our free Bird-Friendly Spaces Program! Sign up today for a welcome packet, badges for each bird-friendly action, and additional resources. Learn more at [www.houstonaudubon.org/BFS](http://www.houstonaudubon.org/BFS)

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# MURDER AT THE ROOKERY: A STORY OF TRESPASS AND TRIUMPH

*Pete Deichmann, Land Conservation Director, Houston Audubon*

It was April 9, 2020. COVID-19 had swept across the country, forcing federal, state, and local governments to issue quarantine restrictions. Non-essential businesses shuttered their doors, Houston Audubon staff adopted a “work from home” schedule, and for the first spring since the initial High Island acquisition of Boy Scout Woods Sanctuary in 1983, the gates to our High Island sanctuaries were chained and locked.

It was the Thursday before Easter weekend. Our conservation technicians arrived at Smith Oaks Rookery just before sunset to complete the Rookery Count (a weekly count of nesting and/or roosting birds conducted throughout the year) when they heard a series of loud noises—“POP-POP-POP!” They weren’t alone. Despite the signs, the social media posts, and the locked gates, someone else was in the sanctuary, and they were armed. Thinking quickly, they called the county sheriff to report an armed trespasser. A sheriff’s deputy was dispatched and made contact with the perpetrators.

Three males ranging in age from 17–21 were staying in Crystal Beach for the upcoming Easter weekend and decided to take their .22 caliber rifle out for some target practice. The trespassers assured Houston Audubon staff and the deputy that they had only targeted trees. As the sun was setting, the deputy collected their contact information, issued criminal trespass warnings, and sent them home.

The following morning, Houston Audubon staff took to the trails. Something told them there was more to this story. Atop platform D overlooking the Rookery, they found a smattering of bullet casings, and on the island across from the platform, a Roseate Spoonbill, splayed on the ground, not moving. Upon closer inspection, they found more – a Great Egret, a couple of Red-eared Sliders, and even what looked like a wounded alligator. The Texas Game Wardens and a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Agent were notified and responded to investigate. The birds were collected and a field necropsy was conducted to determine the cause of death. Indeed, the trespassers had targeted more than just trees. In the end, the individuals were cited and justice was served. The Great Egret and Roseate Spoonbill were taken as evidence by the Texas Game Wardens.



*Smith Oaks Rookery, High Island, TX / Brian Koch*



This story has a silver lining, though. The Texas Game Wardens had the birds taxidermied to include in a wildlife crime exhibit. These exhibits are used across the state to educate the public on wildlife conservation and how wildlife crimes affect populations. We were fortunate to have these birds on display at our 2024 Avian Affair fundraising dinner. Special thanks to Game Warden Patricia Vannoy for her dedication to Texas’ wildlife and for her help protecting Houston Audubon’s High Island Sanctuaries over the years. Houston Audubon remains committed to safeguarding these

vital habitats. We urge all visitors to respect sanctuary rules, report any suspicious activity, and join us in ensuring High Island remains a safe haven for the incredible biodiversity that graces our Texas coast.



## A PROMISING SPRING FOR BOLIVAR'S BEACH-NESTING BIRDS

*Wyatt Egelhoff, Sanctuary Manager and Victoria Parker,  
Seasonal Coastal Avian Technician, Houston Audubon*

Shortly before the woods fill with migrating songbirds, Houston Audubon staff spring into action, readying the beaches of the Bolivar Peninsula for the arrival of our beach-nesting birds in mid-March. For over a decade, Houston Audubon has monitored and stewarded several key sites on the Peninsula, working with partners across the Texas coast. These efforts ensure our beaches remain safe nesting places for Wilson's and Snowy Plovers, Least Terns, Black Skimmers, and other species. A total of five sites are regularly monitored, with Bolivar Flats, Port Bolivar Ferry Beach, and High Island Beach being the primary ones.

Life among the dunes is facilitated by the vagaries of the sun and surf. Unlike songbirds, beach-nesting birds build a simple nest in the sand known as a "scrape." Consisting of a shallow depression in which the eggs are laid, these species rely on remarkable camouflage to protect their nest from predators. Some years, elevated tides wash out all but the most elevated nests. Other years can be too dry to support the pockets of wetland needed for the chicks to forage and grow to adolescence. Given the added disturbance from humans – including direct destruction of nests, pets, trash, and even increased erosion from vehicles – it is not surprising that the populations of many birds nesting on Texas beaches have declined.



*Wilson's Plover nest / Sarah Belles, American Bird Conservancy*

This spring's nesting efforts have been encouraging. Thus far, a total of thirteen Wilson's Plover nests have been discovered across our sites. Five were lost due to weather, primarily high winds that either buried the nests in sand or pushed the tides high enough to wash the nest away. Despite these setbacks, three known nests have successfully hatched. Staff have also discovered several Wilson's Plover chicks in areas without known nests, meaning a few pairs have managed to escape detection and nest successfully. Most of the successful nests have come from Bolivar Flats and Ferry Beach, an encouraging indication that our stewardship of these sites is working. High Island Beach has produced a mix of hatched nests and re-nesting attempts. While recent beach renourishment activities have increased the amount of habitat at this site, it has also made the area more accessible for recreation and increased human disturbance.

Least Terns are also having a productive season. High Island Beach is supporting about eighty active nests. Ferry Beach has forty-five active nests, with a few managing to hatch already. Bolivar Flats hosts twenty active nests at present. This is a vast improvement on last year's total lack of successful Least Tern nests.



*Wilson's Plover / Sarah Belles, American Bird Conservancy  
[Birds are only handled by trained professionals with permits.]*

As the breeding season progresses, staff will continue to monitor nest success, chick development, and potential threats. The signs of successful hatching are promising. If you find yourself on the Bolivar Peninsula this summer, respect all symbolic signage and fencing by staying out of marked areas and giving the fencing a wide berth. If you notice birds calling or following you (or even doing a “broken-wing” display), carefully walk away from the area, giving the birds at least fifty feet of space. Whenever possible, walk in the wet sand, as this will help ensure you don’t disturb nests or chicks. Learn more about our Beach-nesting Birds initiative at [www.houstonaudubon.org/BNB](http://www.houstonaudubon.org/BNB)



*Wilson's Plovers / Sarah Belles, American Bird Conservancy [Birds are only handled by trained professionals with permits.]*

## BUILDING COASTAL RESILIENCE ON THE BOLIVAR PENINSULA

*Aimee Friend, Development Consultant, Houston Audubon*



*Piping Plovers / Kathy Adams Clark*



*Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary / Kathy Adams Clark*

The Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary is at risk from a development, the Sanderling Subdivision, which plans to build 30 homesites on 52 acres of non-tidal wetlands that are surrounded on three sides by the sanctuary. This globally important area is a critical habitat for the federally protected Black Rail, Piping Plover and Red Knot among many other species. It is not just a sanctuary; it is a haven for thousands of birds, playing a pivotal role in their wintering, migrating and breeding cycles. Birdwatchers from around the world visit the area, drawn by its unique and vibrant birdlife.

Houston Audubon has worked to acquire this property for years as it represents the last remaining piece to complete Bolivar Flats. In 2024, the landowner approached Houston Audubon with the opportunity to purchase the entire property. Houston Audubon prides itself on taking on ambitious projects to protect critical habitat, so in January 2025, a contract was signed to purchase the property. With the support of lead donor, The Knobloch Family Foundation, a \$6 million fundraising campaign was launched to raise the necessary funds to close on the property by January 2026.

To learn more about our efforts and ways to help Houston Audubon acquire this property, please visit [www.houstonaudubon.org/ProtectBolivar](http://www.houstonaudubon.org/ProtectBolivar)











## BIRDATHON: INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF NATURE LOVERS

Birdathon is not just a spring fundraiser, but an opportunity for students to learn about nature firsthand through the lens of birds. Our Birdathon for the Classroom program provides teachers with valuable resources to integrate birding into their curriculum during spring migration. This initiative has been incredibly successful in sparking students' enthusiasm for birds, often for the very first time! Discover how students from the Ecologist School Houston experienced Birdathon below.



Spoonbill-A-licious

*"Hey everyone! Do you know what my favorite part about Birdathon is? If you guessed seeing birds, then you're right! I love finding birds and identifying them. My favorite bird is the Roseate Spoonbill, and not because they are pink like the flamingo. Don't get me wrong, flamingos are cool. It's actually because of the shape of their bill. It's like every time I see them, I want to dip them in a bowl of cereal. In all seriousness, Birdathon is important to me because it helps raise money for bird conservation. I would be sad if birds like the Roseate Spoonbill weren't around anymore."*

**Ayden, age 9, Ecologist School Houston**

*"Hi Warbler fans! I hope that you've been spotting lots of birds migrating lately! And that is exactly what my article is about. I was in the kids' category for the recent Birdathon. I learned that kites are birds of prey, which may seem crazy to you professionals. I saw birds that I have never seen before, like the Summer Tanager and the Mississippi Kite. My group identified forty-five birds in total. I am new to birding, so this is a good step up for me! I'd like to give a huge thanks to my Ecologist School Houston teachers who helped my group prepare for the Birdathon. Miss Jen and Miss Jay, you guys rock! I am so happy that there is a category for children like me. I really like this because, as you probably know, our planet is currently not in a very good condition. Habitats are at risk and some animals are endangered. Kids are the future, and the Birdathon is a good way to raise awareness for one of Earth's residents, birds. I feel like every time I am in nature, I care more and more about saving it. Grown up Warbler fans, don't be afraid to show a kid how to use some binoculars. Who knows, maybe that kid will grow up and make the world a better place, for people and animals alike, all because of you!!"*

**Lincoln, age 8, and Zoey, age 10,  
Ecologist School Houston**



Miles, Bea and Kylie participated in their first Birdathon!



## Congratulations to our Birdathon winners!

Whittington Award [Top Fundraising Team]

High Island Buddies: \$16,545.90

Oberholser Award [Most Species]

Meepers Peepers: 166 species

Top Fundraising Individual

Stuart Nelson: \$11,633.56

Best Team Photo & Best Team Name

Out on a Lark



*Prothonotary Warbler  
Lili Banta*



### EDITH MOORE: A PERFECT SPOT FOR LITTLE EXPLORERS

*Julé Jackson, Sanctuary Neighbor, Houston Audubon*

As a mom of three young children, I've appreciated the ease and tranquility of visiting the Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary. We enjoy visiting in the cool of the morning, walking the level paths together, and keeping our ears and eyes open for bird song and bunnies. Under the lush green canopy of spring, we have spent many happy hours together learning to watch and listen. The sanctuary has been a wonderful place to introduce my young children to the beauties and mysteries of wildlife and nature. From catching pill bugs as temporary pets to naming the turtles who live in the small pond, the bird sanctuary has provided our little family with many happy outdoor memories.

### FUN WITH FLEDGLING FRIENDS

*Juanita Perkins, Volunteer, Houston Audubon*

Since retiring from Houston Audubon, I have enjoyed playing pickleball on most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. But this spring, my favorite day of the week was the Thursday mornings when I volunteered as a class assistant with the Fledgling Friends pre-school program taught by Houston Audubon Environmental Educator Vicki Stittleburg. I loved helping the children with the day's activities. I'm still tickled by how much fun the kids had on the day they acted out spring migration challenges as warblers. My job was to squirt the warblers (kids) with water to simulate a rain storm. Without a doubt, I enjoyed it as much as the kids. Probably more!



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## BIRD-FRIENDLY BUILDINGS CREATE SAFER SKIES

*Patti Goodman, Property Manager, MetroNational*

I love birds. I'm fairly obsessed with them, as my family, friends, co-workers, and anyone I've talked to for more than a few minutes can attest to. Several years ago, I had just become aware that there is an array of beautiful birds living in and moving through our area when I joined the property management team at Memorial City Plaza, a campus of three high-rise office buildings set on three acres within Memorial City, a city-within-the-city developed and owned by MetroNational.



*Lights Out vs. Lights On - Houston after dark  
Daniel Sheire, Cornell Lab of Ornithology*

As I walked the campus that first autumn, I found a few birds around the buildings' perimeters. Some were stunned (I took them to a rehab center) and some were dead. As I researched this phenomenon, I learned that this was the result of birds striking windows – one of the most devastating hazards birds face during spring and fall migration. I learned that window strikes take place not just during the day, but also at night. Most bird species migrate at night, and bright lights from buildings and homes disorient them, drawing them towards the lights. Birds don't perceive the glass and strike the window through which light emanates. Window strikes during the day are caused when a bird encounters a reflective window and believes it to be sky or trees, or it does not perceive a clear window.

Once I understood the problem, I set out to find a solution. I contacted Houston Audubon for help. A member of the Houston Audubon team and I surveyed the campus. We identified bird strike hot spots and formulated an immediate action plan as well as a program to be rolled out over the next several years.



The immediate action was to turn off program exterior lights (such as landscaping and soffit lights) from 11 PM to 6 AM during migration season. Lobbies are on reduced lighting during these hours, and our janitorial crew turns off office lights when they leave at 10 PM. MetroNational's 12 Memorial City office buildings signed the Lights Out for Birds pledge to turn off nonessential lights during migration season.

Next was the long-term plan. Houston Audubon introduced me to CollidEscape, a company that sells anti-bird-strike window dot systems. The window treatment was installed on the management office row of windows, which was also a bird-strike hot spot. Our management team agreed to act as test subjects to determine the effect of the dots on outdoor views. Window dot installation at other hot spots is slated over the next several years.

I am happy to report that these measures have dramatically reduced the number of window strikes. As we near the end of the first spring migration since we instituted the Lights Out for Birds program, I have found only one injured bird in the area that used to be our main location of collisions caused by nighttime lighting.



We have not had any collisions with the management office windows, and our management team members report minimal effect on outdoor views. In January, I witnessed proof of success as a Cedar Waxwing flew out of the live oak tree behind my office and suddenly turned back about one foot from the window.

My management team is responsible for the safety and well-being of several thousands of people on the property on any given weekday. I believe we all have a responsibility to protect, to the best of our ability, the natural world around us, including the incredible birds that bless us with their presence year-round and those that migrate through our city to reach their breeding and wintering grounds in other parts of the world.

## HABITAT BEAUTIFICATION ALONG BRAYS OAK TRAIL

*Sharon Young, Friends of Keegans Bayou Trail*



As part of the Witness Series event, “Blooming into History: Beautiful, Fierce and Free,” held on April 26, 2025, Houston Audubon staff Jed Aplaca and Carolyn Klein led a walk that helped participants identify wildflowers, grasses, pollinators, and birds along Keegans Bayou Trail in southwest Houston. Among the 75 participants was an enthusiastic Girl Scout troop. A wildflower checklist was put together by Native Plant Society Houston members. A Texas Master Naturalist recorded 18 bird species out of the dozens that live along the Bayou. It was truly a complete ecology lesson packed into one hour.

Community sponsor spokesperson Gillian Alexander, RN, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of Memorial Hermann Southwest and Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospitals, shared her thoughts on the event: “The Hospital is making connections to improve the health and well-being of communities by incorporating exercise into healthcare and encouraging the use of parks, trails and outdoor activities.” Visitors saw firsthand the benefits of conserving and providing habitat for wildlife right in their own backyard. Hopefully, these connections will inspire some to become environmental stewards.

The Friends of Keegans Bayou Trail set a great example by advocating for wildflowers to be sown along the Brays Oaks Trail. The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) seeded wildflowers in November 2021 on 1,500 feet of the banks of the trail. Beyond beautifying the landscapes, the wildflowers provide a sustainable landscape and wildlife habitat. To ensure maximum seed production, the first mowing cycle in May-June is skipped each year. This allows seeds to fully develop and disperse during the fall and winter mowing schedule. It's a win-win for everyone, achieving our group's goal of beautifying the environment and enriching the ecosystem, all while reducing mowing costs.



# UNSUNG HEROES: RECOGNIZING OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

*Caroline Nixon, Volunteer Coordinator, Houston Audubon*

This year, our incredible volunteers have gone above and beyond, and we are deeply grateful for their time, energy, and passion. From leading bird surveys to restoring habitat and supporting outreach events, each volunteer has played a vital role in protecting birds and their habitats. At this year's Volunteer Appreciation Picnics, we were thrilled to recognize several outstanding individuals: our amazing coastal volunteers Paul and Bette Lester, Sandra Moore, David Swaim, and Gretchen Thoman; as well as outstanding volunteers Mike McGinnity, Riki Miller, and Pam Smolen. We also celebrated Mary Spolyar, recipient of the Laura Singleton Exceptional Volunteer Award, who has dedicated thousands of hours to Houston Audubon's Natives Nursery at Edith L. Moore. The commitment of these volunteers inspires us every day and strengthens the work we do across the region. Whether you gave a few hours or many, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you to our volunteers for being a part of our flock—we couldn't do it without you!



*CEO Jed Aplaca with Mary Spolyar, Laura Singleton Exceptional Volunteer Award Recipient*

## *Thank you to our spring volunteers!*

Donna Adams	Sarah Belles	Leah Carcamo	Scott Davis
Adedoyin Adetoro	Andrea Berdegue	Jose Carrejo	Margaret Davis
Hania Ahmed	Jeremy Berkman	Claire Caudill	Judy Dobler
Karim Al Damerji	David Berrones	Gus Cei	Sean Downs
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Leslie Appling	James Blackburn	Joe Clements	Alessandra Fernandez
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Mary Ann Beauchemin	David Burkett	Tina Crichfield	Kesava Garimella
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