

Spring 2023

# The Warbler

HOUSTON AUDUBON'S ANNUAL SPRING NEWSLETTER

Featuring spring activities and stories from the people  
and places that make Houston Audubon special.





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

*Houston Audubon is a community linked by our passion for birds and our shared hopes for conserving nature through the lens of birds. The mission to protect birds and their habitats connects us to each other, the land around us, and the communities where we live, work, and play.*

*New bird sightings, even lifers for some, grand openings, and the expansion of Birdathon are notable highlights this spring, but the relationships forged and strengthened through the Houston Audubon experience are the leading story for the 2023 edition of The Warbler. Warm welcomes and memorable encounters facilitated by our amazing High Island volunteers and staff are underscored. Friends reconnecting as they race to get their eyes on the latest rare sighting, including the secretive Mangrove Cuckoo, is a classic. This cuckoo nests in the mangrove forest of southern Florida and is normally found in the Caribbean and Latin America.*

*Even more, annual traditions like the Big Sit at Katrina's Corner in Smith Oaks connect Houston Audubon's rich history to the present. The curated experience at the Rookery shared with Sunnyside community partners at the Nature Heritage Society brought awe and excitement as first timers perched atop the canopy walk to see new chicks. This type of intentional outreach supports our efforts to foster and cultivate greater diversity.*

*This edition of The Warbler brings new insight into the people and places of Houston Audubon and beautifully captures the spirit and culture of this great organization.*

*Helen E. Drummond*

**Executive Director**



Nature Heritage Society trip to Houston Audubon's Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary



## COMMENTS FROM THE COAST

*"I went to High Island this past weekend on my first-ever birding trip, and let me just say, I am hooked! Your expertise and willingness to share definitely enriched the experience. I've been laughing all week because when I got home my lips were sooo chapped and I realized it was because I was staring up into the treetops mouth agape in amazement all weekend. I've lived in Houston all my life - I can't believe I didn't know all this natural splendor was just a day trip away. And now that I have "eyes to see" I'm enjoying the birds more everywhere I look. I live in the Woodlands, and I spotted a Neotropic Cormorant on the lake on my way into work this morning!"*

- Catherine Dunaway, The Woodlands, TX



High Island volunteer Mike McGinity assisting visitors



High Island volunteers Pat and Gary Andrews

*"Your High Island area sanctuaries play a vital role in protecting habitats for migrating birds! Your sanctuaries are operated so efficiently, staffed by knowledgeable, helpful and friendly volunteers. We just spent 9 days birding at Boy Scout Woods, Smith Oaks, Bolivar Flats and we are so impressed with all the good you do for bird conservation. Thank you for making our visit so enjoyable!"*

- Katy Duffy, Gardiner, MT

*"All of the volunteers there are top notch! I just read about High Island and decided on a whim to spend a weekend there even though I knew nothing about birding. Every volunteer I met was kind and welcoming and taught me so much!"*

- Cassie Villela, Houston, TX

*"I met lots of great people, got to bird watch with amazing people whom I've seen for many years, and also did some volunteering. I can't thank enough all the volunteers and staff who dedicate so much time at High Island and the Bolivar Peninsula to make this place so magical. I also want to thank all the visitors who came to visit and contribute to our great cause."*

- Tony Dang, Houston, TX



## SPECIAL SANCTUARY SPOTS

*By Aimee Friend, Laurel Ladwig and Sam Oke*

While it's the birds that bring visitors to our High Island sanctuaries, it's passionate people that make the place truly special. Houston Audubon was established in 1969 by a group of dedicated volunteers who wanted to create an organization focused on protecting birds and habitat while introducing a structured approach to environmental education and advocacy. One such volunteer was Katrina Ladwig, who helped establish the Houston Audubon bylaws. After Katrina passed away in 2013, her daughter, Laurel, established Katrina's Corner, a beloved area next to the pump house in Smith Oaks Sanctuary that features a bird drip and two benches. Since its dedication in 2015, many visitors proclaim Katrina's Corner to be their favorite spot in High Island. 154 species have been documented from this location. Both Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos have visited, along with 27 warbler species.



*Katrina's Corner Dedication Ceremony 2015: Nancy Ellison, Vicki Sims, Gayle Goddard, Betty Glass, Trina Altman, Laurel Ladwig, Eleanor Dahlin, Selena Connealy, Paul Halford*

*“Soon dozens of people were crowded around the benches and everyone was focused on making sure others got to see the special visitors. My mom would have loved that.”*



*Big Sit 2016: Nancy Cox and Curt Burney*

Laurel comes each April to spend a weekend at High Island and plans a Big Sit. She says, “a few Albuquerque birding friends come with me and many Houston friends drive down for the day of the Big Sit, though some are most excited about the church barbeque. I get there at dawn and stay until dusk. For the first few years a Barn Owl flew out from the pump house each evening. Something special happens each year. During the pandemic, the awesome field crew members did a virtual Facebook Live Big Sit and one was able to get on a Cerulean Warbler moving above the drip while digiscoping. It was incredible and so fun to have a recognizable blue and white blur in a screenshot! Last year, the drip didn't have many morning visitors. It had been a slow day overall and then someone spotted Cape May Warblers in the canopy above the drip! Soon dozens of people were crowded around the benches and everyone was focused on making sure others got to see the special visitors. My mom would have loved that.”



Katrina's dear friend, Dee Oke, was the caretaker for Edith Moore's log cabin shortly after she passed, and even helped care for Edith's dog. Katrina and Dee met in the early days of Houston Audubon and volunteered together folding newsletters, which has been a long-standing tradition at Houston Audubon. Laurel remembers spending much of her childhood at Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary with her mom and Dee, "getting in the way" while they were building trails and renovating the cabin with other volunteers.



*Dee Oke, Katrina Ladwig and Laurel Ladwig at the Edith L. Moore historic log cabin*

Dee's passion for the outdoors and her love of birding was a gift she enthusiastically shared with all who knew her. "Birdie," as she was affectionately called by her loving grandchildren, was an avid birdwatcher who found great joy in spending time outdoors. She traveled all over the world and throughout the U.S. for the simple joy of seeing a new bird, but she particularly enjoyed birdwatching in local nature sanctuaries such as High Island, Bolivar Flats, Edith L. Moore, and the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. After Dee's passing in 2021, her sons and extended family sought to establish a memorial site bearing Dee's name at Smith Oaks Sanctuary. Dee's Den was officially dedicated in 2023 and serves as a gathering location for birdwatchers and nature lovers from all over the world.

Says Sam, "my mom would have been so thrilled to know her legacy was to help provide a space for all to experience the natural beauty of southeast Texas preserved for future generations. We are so happy to see the site come to fruition with the help of Aimee Friend, Laurel Ladwig, David Bradford, and Houston Audubon."

Sam Oke recalls that growing up, exploring nature and birdwatching were ever-present activities for him and his brother. From camping in state parks to fishing in local ponds, from tending to native plants in the front yard to birdwatching in the backyard, experiencing and appreciating nature was cultivated early on. Laurel recalls that all her best memories of her mom involved birds and birding together. Her favorite times at Smith Oaks are sitting alone at dawn at Katrina's Corner and feeling like she's with her mom while waiting for the first visitor to the drip.

Dee and Katrina planted the seeds for a love of birding and an appreciation for the outdoors that will continue to thrive in all who knew her. Not only do Katrina and Dee's legacies live on through Katrina's Corner and Dee's Den, but through all who visit as well.



*Dee's Den Dedication 2023: Amber Oke, Charles Oke, Elijah Oke, Sam Oke, Natalia Oke, Lucy Zhang Oke, David Bradford, and Laurel Ladwig*



## SPRING SUCCESSES



## HORSESHOE MARSH NATURE TRAIL OPENING

We're excited to announce that the Horseshoe Marsh Nature Trail is now open! This project, funded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant with support from ERM, includes a culvert, expanded parking area, mowed trail, and 600 feet of elevated boardwalk across a shallow pond. The boardwalk, which was completed in partnership with the Texas Conservation Corps, a Program of American YouthWorks, offers a path into the core of the sanctuary where Nelson's Sparrows are thick in spring, White-tailed Kites and Gull-billed Terns cruise the wetlands all summer, and waterbirds galore can be seen and heard year-round in the wetlands. Houston Audubon and the American Youthworks Texas Conservation Corps completed the second phase of the trail which includes simple trailhead amenities, habitat restoration, a longer boardwalk, two overlooks, interpretive signage, and a natural trail along the brushy ridge to a view of the lighthouse.

## CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

We were proud to be a part of the City of Houston's Earth Day celebrations and the signing of the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights (COBOR) Day proclamation on April 18! Houston Audubon's Executive Director, Helen Drummond, was present for the Mayoral proclamation signing for the COBOR, which advocates for children to have safe, clean, and shaded outdoor environments for social and educational use. As part of the day, Helen also served on a panel for the City's Earth Day HTX Speaker Series, discussing Houston's contributions to bird conservation and the importance of birds, habitat and nature integrated communities.

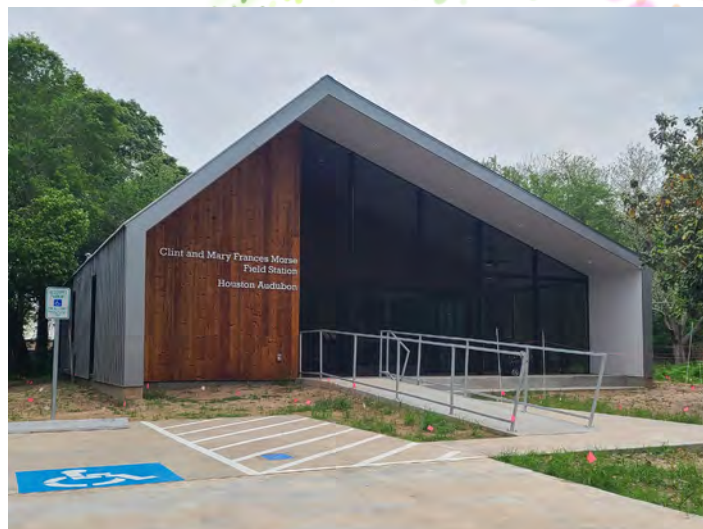




## MORSE FIELD STATION GRAND OPENING

*By Pete Deichmann, Land Director*

The Clint and Mary Frances Morse Field Station in High Island is the culmination of a dream which started over 10 years ago with the purchase of the old “Tropical Birding House” across the street from Boy Scout Woods Sanctuary. While it was an experiment having full-time dedicated staff to manage Houston Audubon’s coastal sanctuaries, the impact proved to be invaluable. However, it was quickly realized that to maintain that impact and increase our footprint we needed to expand our infrastructure. The “Tropical Birding House” had served us well but was in a state of disrepair. Thanks to the architects at Schaum/Shieh, SWA Group, and the generosity of donors including a lead donation from Sara and Mark Bettencourt, we were thrilled to have the Morse Field Station in service for its inaugural Spring season! A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on March 25, 2023. The new field station serves as coastal headquarters for the staff and volunteers at High Island and provides facilities for visiting researchers, meetings, workshops, and educational programs. Visitors are encouraged to spend time relaxing on the screened in porch with a great view of the Barn Yard. We are looking forward to expanding our conservation footprint.



*Morse Field Station Ribbon Cutting April 2023: Pete Deichmann, Helen Drummond, Sara Morse Bettencourt, Mark Bettencourt*

## LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION RENEWED



*Dos Vacas Muertas Bird Sanctuary, Galveston, Texas*

We’re excited to share that our Land Trust Accreditation status was renewed this spring! Houston Audubon was first accredited in 2017 after a rigorous verification process to ensure we’re operating at the highest possible conservation standards. This accreditation means Houston Audubon has proven to have sound finances, practice ethical conduct and responsible governance and can ensure lasting stewardship of the 4,000+ acres of bird and wildlife habitat we own and manage. We are proud to work with our community to protect the places we love.



## FLOCKING TO HOUSTON AUDUBON

*By Amanda Kingston-Beetle, Houston Audubon Member*

I was lucky to grow up with my mother, a birder, who tried to instill that love of birds and the outdoors into me and my sisters. But it wasn't until my late twenties that I became interested in birds and started to share that affinity with my mother, sisters, and now even my husband and daughter. A little over a year ago, while searching for outdoor activities to share with my busy toddler, I happened upon the Houston Audubon Raptor and Education Center. The grounds are beautiful. We love walking around the quiet space and getting to see such incredible birds up close. On our very first visit, we had the good fortune to meet Education Director Mary Anne Morris, who was so engaging and warm that my daughter soon felt at home. We have not missed our weekly visit more than a handful of times since.



My daughter formed a special attachment with the opossum, Miss Violet Pickles, and got to help make Miss Pickles' breakfast and feed the sweet opossum on Friday mornings. I cannot express how much the Raptor Center making my daughter an official "volunteer" has helped her confidence to grow. She now looks forward to visiting her snake friends (of which she has no fear) and checking on her owls, birds, and turtle. Identifying the curiosity that my daughter has for nature, Mary Anne recommended that we sign up for the Fledgling Friends Class at Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary. Miss Vicki, the instructor, is so patient and animated that not only is she able to keep a room of 3-5 year olds from descending into chaos, but teaches them valuable information using real vocabulary every week.

*“We have been so inspired by the people and encounters that we have had with Houston Audubon that we intend to make our home a Certified Wildlife Habitat.”*



I would encourage anyone with an interest in birds or the outdoors to make a trip to the Raptor Center or Edith L. Moore Sanctuary. I can never hope to attain the mastery of Texas wildlife that the people who run these magical places have, but I am so fortunate to know and learn from them.



# BIRDATHON: COUNTING BIRDS BECAUSE BIRDS COUNT

Birdathon is Houston Audubon's annual spring fundraiser where participants compete to count as many bird species as possible in a 24-hour period while fundraising for bird conservation. A new partnership with the Houston Independent School District for Birdathon in the Classroom allowed us to engage 31 teachers and 679 students this year!



*"We had a wonderful time. My sister came from Missouri because she likes to bird with me every year and she picked up my 87 year old mother from San Antonio, who has been an avid birder, nature watcher and photographer for many years. My daughter met us down there so we had a really nice girls' birding day."*

**Lee Kobs, Noddy Roadrunners**

*"Students used field guides, books and google to learn about the diet of a variety of backyard birds so they know what type of materials we need to invest in!"*

**Mrs. Fetter and Mrs. Jay, Ecologist School Houston**



*"While perhaps not quite as exhausted as new bird arrivals from across the Gulf, we gratefully ended our day in awe of each moment with the birds we observed."*

**Diana Strassmann, Empid Yadas**

*We have had the best spring! We filled two pages plus started a third with bird species observations since mid-April. Thank you for doing this to ignite our interests!"*

**Joyce Almaguer-Reisdorf, Homeschool Teacher**



# WITNESSING CONNECTIONS TO NATURE

By Miqdaad Bhuriwala, YPAC Member



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Part of Houston Audubon's mission is to engage and support communities that reflect the diversity of our state and region. We were pleased to again offer nature-based experiences as part of the Witness Series coordinated by the Community Artists Collective, which explores the profound experiences Communities of Color have to the Land and Waters of Southeast Texas and beyond.

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On April 29th, I volunteered at Part 3 of the Witness Series celebrating the Latino Connection to Wildlife and Nature. This event at Burnett Bayland Park in Gulfton was hosted in partnership with Madres del Parque, The Nature Conservancy, and Houston Audubon. One of the goals of this event was to introduce the iNaturalist app to the community since it was during the 2023 City Nature Challenge.

Houston Audubon Community Outreach Coordinator Zoe Gapayao and I led a wonderful group of people on an educational walk through the park – they were energetic and enthusiastic about learning as much as they could about the plants and animals that we found along the way. We shared stories, laughter, and even some fun facts about wildlife. This event gave children and adults a space to find a likeminded community, and resources such as the iNaturalist app help them identify, appreciate, and educate others about the beauty, importance, and individual magic of the birds and plants we see around us.

Feeding the curious mind about our environments will bring more awareness and action towards achieving the climate and environmental protection goals we are moving towards. Showing children that there are people who love to watch and talk about birds and even make careers out of it can help open eyes and open doors. Bringing awareness to children about the nature that lives around us is an action that cannot be measured, but for a future leader, it can be life changing.

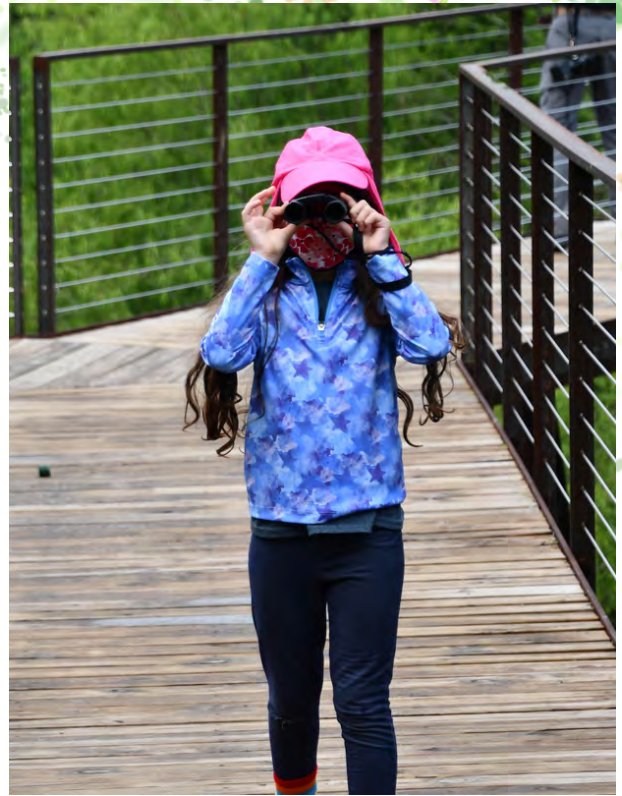


## INSPIRING CONSERVATIONISTS

*I got into birding two years ago when there were Cooper's Hawks nesting in our backyard. We could hear the babies chirping. Then my dad started downloading apps and became a bird nerd. But, we have gotten to go to really cool nature sanctuaries. My favorite Houston Audubon site is the Raptor and Education Center, but I have been to Edith Moore, High Island and Bolivar Flats. My favorite thing about HAREC is the really cute education ambassadors. My favorite is Miss Simon (a Great-Horned Owl). There are really fun activities I have done like Migratory Bird Day, RaptorFest and Owl Prowls!*

*My favorite bird is Anna's Hummingbird. I like that its feathers are a shiny pink. My dad took me in January to a wonderful home with a backyard full of hummingbirds and other cool birds! I also got a necklace with Anna's Hummingbird at the Raptor Center. I like learning about birds and maybe I will be an ornithologist one day.*

- Hannah, age 10



Sebastian Marquez led Scout Troop 825 in the building and installation of four new benches in Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary for the completion of his Eagle Scout Project. These benches are a big part of our efforts to increase accessibility in the sanctuary and are also wonderful for just immersing yourself in nature. Thank you to Sebastian and Troop 825!



*I laugh with people about how I wake up excited every Saturday to go scoop bird poop, but my excitement is no joke. The Raptor Center staff and volunteers have become like a second family to me, and when I wake up on Saturday mornings, I'm just as excited to see the people as I am excited to see the birds. I owe a huge part of my life to Houston Audubon, and I'm immensely grateful to be a part of our volunteer family.*

- Ethan Rubin



## STAFF PICKS - FAVORITE SPRING BIRD SIGHTINGS

*There was a Chestnut-sided Warbler outside my office window two days in a row!; April 26-27; Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary - [Zineera Seth](#)*

*Indigo Buntings on my birthday! (like 6-8 males eye level to my car); April 23; Harborside, Galveston Island - [Shelby Fletcher](#)*

*Hands down mine was the male Painted Bunting that visited my yard; April 16; Missouri City - [Vicki Stittleburg](#)*

*I added 13 new bird species to my backyard list during the week of April 24 - the most exciting week in my backyard ever! The most surprising one was a Painted Bunting; Bellaire - [Julie Gold](#)*

*Hepatic Tanager; April 23; Garner State Park - [Gabriel Durham](#)*

*Green Jay; April 22; Laguna Atascosa NWR - [Jesi Malowitz](#)*

*Black-whiskered Vireo. Finding this species was particularly cathartic as it was a self-found Texas state bird (#544); April 26; Gast Red Bay Sanctuary - [Wyatt Egelhoff](#)*

*The excitement of seeing a Yellow-breasted Chat perched on a limb outside my office window was palpable; May 8; Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary - [Helen Drummond](#)*

*Working on the second floor of our headquarters building inside Edith L. Moore provides many up close and personal sightings, but I was particularly excited to see my first Scarlet Tanager this spring; April 18; Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary - [Aimee Friend](#)*

*My fave this spring was the American Redstart that was hanging around with us and was so courteous about letting itself be admired; April 28-29; Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary - [Amber Leung](#)*

*Large flocks of American Avocets! Many were flying and some were riding the waves in the surf. It was a marvel to watch, and I've never seen them so up close and personal. I snapped photos and was so happy to share my love of Avocets with my family; April 8; Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary - [Barbara Thompson](#)*

*My favorite sighting was a Bronzed Cowbird on a bird walk I was leading at Smith Oaks. More than half the group got a lifer in this beautiful Bronzed Cowbird and he became the bird of the day! April 29 - [Kelsey Biles](#)*

*My favorite bird sighting is the Orchard Oriole; April 30; Huntsville State Park - [Elizabeth Ruiz](#)*

*Fish Crow! I casually strolled down 5th St. No binocular, no intent to bird, just happened to hear two calling and then they flew right over my head. It was a big deal; April 15; High Island - [Pete Deichmann](#)*

*My favorite bird sighting this year was three Magnificent Frigatebirds seen while on the ferry to Galveston; April 15 - [Schyler Brown](#)*

*Amazing looks at a Black-billed Cuckoo at Armand Bayou Nature Center. After missing several sightings around town, this one waited around for me to get out of class and was so cooperative!; April 29 - [Berri Moffett](#)*

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## WAYS TO HELP BIRDS

### Avian Advocates

#### *Recurring Supporter Program*

For as little as \$5/month, you can support Houston Audubon's mission all year long!

[houstonaudubon.org/donate](https://houstonaudubon.org/donate)



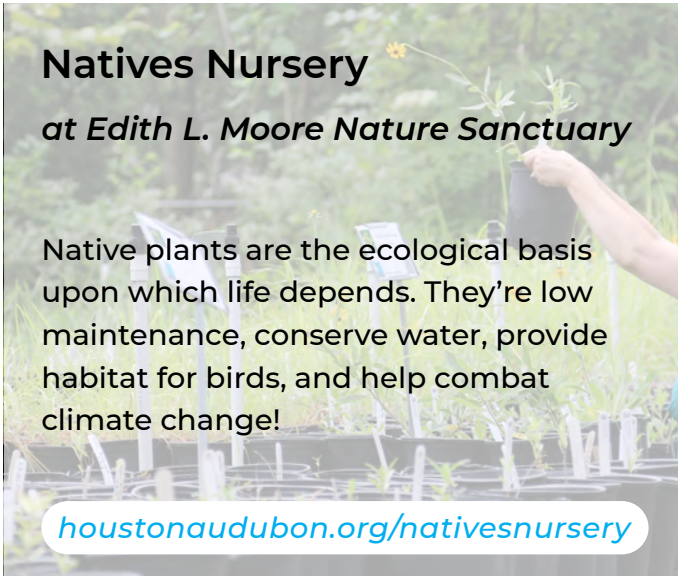
American Kestrel (Mick Thompson)

### Natives Nursery

#### *at Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary*

Native plants are the ecological basis upon which life depends. They're low maintenance, conserve water, provide habitat for birds, and help combat climate change!

[houstonaudubon.org/nativesnursery](https://houstonaudubon.org/nativesnursery)



### Bird-Friendly Spaces

This free program provides resources for individuals and organizations that support birds in their space - from creating inviting habitat and limiting threats to connecting with others.

[birdfriendlyhouston.org/spaces](https://birdfriendlyhouston.org/spaces)



Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Karl Hoeffner)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Purple Martin Watch Parties

#### *July - September*

Join us to witness the migration spectacle of up to 500,000 Purple Martins coming together to roost at dusk.



[houstonaudubon.org/purplemartins](https://houstonaudubon.org/purplemartins)

### Houston Bird Week

#### *September 23 - 30*

This annual week-long celebration of free and low-cost events highlights the important role Houston plays in the journey of billions of birds.



[houstonaudubon.org/birdweek](https://houstonaudubon.org/birdweek)

### Avian Affair

#### *October 19*

Support Houston Audubon at our annual fundraising dinner, Avian Affair, which will celebrate the sound of birds and the role birds play in our daily lives.



[houstonaudubon.org/avianaffair](https://houstonaudubon.org/avianaffair)



# THANK YOU TO OUR SPRING VOLUNTEERS

Houston Audubon's spring activities are many, and so are the wonderful volunteers that make them happen! From sanctuary cleanups to managing visitors to spring events and everything in between, we couldn't do it without you.

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\* Returning High Island volunteers and new volunteers that contributed 24+ hours at High Island this spring received an exclusive pin featuring the 2023 patch artwork

\*\* Laura Singleton Exceptional Volunteer Award Recipient 2022

\*\*\* High Island volunteers recognized at the annual volunteer picnic

