



# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COUNCIL 2022

The goal of the YPAC is to engage the next generation of conservationists and to build awareness of Houston Audubon's mission among young professionals. YPAC members have the chance to make a significant impact in the world of bird conservation and play an important role in enhancing wildlife habitat.

The inaugural Young Professionals Advisory Council kicked off in 2019 during Houston Audubon's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with 17 dedicated members. This group of passionate young conservationists launched the first ever Houston Bird Week and successfully ran a contest to determine the official Bird of Houston – the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. Since then, the YPAC has been organizing Bird Week every year in addition to various community projects such as park restoration, assisting with education programming, community engagement efforts, hands-on conservation, and more!

## About Houston Audubon

Houston Audubon, founded in 1969, is a nonprofit charitable conservation organization committed to enhancing life on the Upper Texas Coast for birds and people. It is dedicated to advancing the conservation of birds and positively impacting their environments through habitat conservation, environmental education, and conservation advocacy. Houston Audubon owns and manages 17 sanctuaries totaling over 4,000 acres.

## Term

The time commitment for this membership is 12 months, consisting of 6 bi-monthly meetings and any additional socials or desired volunteer time with Houston Audubon.

## The ideal candidate is:

- Between 25 and 40 years old and active in the professional and/or academic community
- A strong leader eager to make an impact in the world of conservation
- Committed to volunteering their time, abilities and energy to support Houston Audubon
- Energetic and productive

## Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Attend bi-monthly meetings (**in-person attendance required at 3 of the 6 meetings held at our HQ Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary**)
- Current Houston Audubon membership required (starting at \$35)
- Active participation in at least one committee and strong presence at Houston Bird Week events
- Assist Houston Audubon in its efforts to strengthen its recruitment and retention of young professional supporters by engaging the next generation of conservationists
- Serve as an enthusiastic advocate for Houston Audubon and network on behalf of the organization

## Benefits

- The opportunity to collaborate and socialize with like-minded young professionals
- Build leadership skills and personal development

- The chance to give back to your community and make a positive impact on the natural environment
- Exclusive volunteer opportunities and events

## Commitment

2023 Meeting Dates (in-person attendance required at 3 of 6 meetings)

- January – kick-off social date TBD
- February 2
- April 6
- June 1
- August 3
- October 5
- December 7
- Optional socials to be scheduled

Time: 6 – 7:30 pm

Location: Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, 440 Wilchester Blvd, Houston, TX 77079\*