



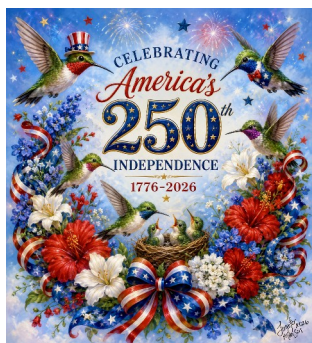
38th Annual HummerBird Celebration

**Presented by the Rockport-Fulton
Chamber of Commerce
& Visitor Center
September 17-20, 2026**

Join us for the **38th Annual HummerBird Celebration** in the coastal Texas towns of Rockport and Fulton. We hope to have a spectacular fall migration of Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds, the stars of the show. You may also see Rufous, Black-Chinned, and Buff-Bellied Hummingbirds. We offer something special for everyone, from backyard to more experienced birders. Topics and activities are available to meet interests in: birds, butterflies, cranes, hawks and even habitat development in your own backyard. See schedule for pricing, times, and locations.

COME EARLY-SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOME TOURS – Starting Sept 14th, stop by the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center and pick up a map and list of SELF GUIDED HUMMER HOMES. Home **Owners welcome you from dawn to dusk Thursday through Sunday**. Some select Hummer Homes open one week after the event.

THE 2026 T-SHIRT ARTIST WINNER, Pick up your 2026 T-shirt displaying the beautiful artwork of Jennifer Manson. T-shirts will be available at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, 319 Broadway and at the Hummer Mall located at 402 N. Fulton Beach Road.



ARANSAS PATHWAYS – Free to the public. Interpretative signage maps of the entire venue project are located just North of Walmart on Business 35 at Tule Creek West. Whether you're here to observe rare birds, hike scenic trails, or uncover local history, Aransas Pathways offers something for everyone. Each pathway leads to new adventures and insights into the vibrant natural and cultural heritage of Aransas County. Bird Banding open to the public, Friday, September 18th, from 8-11am at the Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary at 1429 S. Church St., Rockport. www.aransaspathways.com.

HUMMER MALL - Fulton Convention Center – Paws & Taws at 402 N. Fulton Beach Rd. Shop for bird and nature related items including bird feeders and birding supplies, art, jewelry, and more. Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-3pm. Vendors listed in the event program. Food available for purchase from food trucks outside the center. Free Admission.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION- Master Bander, Kelly Bryan, demonstrates the importance of banding. Friday through Sunday, see program schedule. Free Admission. Locations provided in program.

BAY EDUCATION CENTER – Free all day. The Bay Education Center will be open from 10am to 4pm Thursday through Saturday offering free public programs, from 10:30-11:30am, to include making a hummingbird feeder, a pressed flower hummingbird mosaic, your own nature journal and stepping outside for a guided soundscape activity. These programs are on a first come, first serve basis for the first 12 adults or kids. Call 361-774-1785. **MUST REGISTER**.

HUMMER HOME BUS TRIPS -Visit 3 sites, a Hummer Home, an Aransas Pathways site, and a private bird banding home-guided tours by experienced birders. See exclusive hummingbird banding by Master Bander, Susan Heath. Tours are Friday through Sunday. See schedule. **MUST REGISTER**.

THURSDAY EVENTS:

HAWK WATCH TOUR HOSTED BY SWAROVSKI OPTIK- Thursday, September 16th, 8am-2pm

Join your host Swarovski Optik as you travel to Corpus Christi to the Hazel Bazemore Park. Nestled along the Nueces River in Corpus Christi, Texas, Hazel Bazemore Park spreads across 77.6 acres of diverse terrain. The park's unique position at the meeting point of several major flyways has earned it recognition as one of the most significant hawk watching spots in the United States.

Departs from the Fulton Convention Center at 8am. Arrive 15 minutes early. MUST REGISTER.

2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Departs from Fulton Harbor. See Schedule.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS – Beginning at 2:20pm at the Martha Luigi Auditorium, 1803 Omohundro St, Rockport, TX 78382, Must Register.

2:20pm-Ben Horstmann-Birding in Texas State Parks-Your Other Backyard

3:40pm-Birding Panelist -Special Presentation by Local Birders

See Schedule.

WELCOME RECEPTION – 5-6:30pm – Event is FREE but you MUST REGISTER and show ticket for entry. Enjoy wine, cheese and beer sponsored by the Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St. Rockport, TX 78382. Get a sneak peak of the Rockport Center for the Arts members gallery and enjoy a metal and glass exhibition by Sculptor Peter Mangan. Local musicians Melissa Ann and George Bennett with their guitar and ukulele base will perform live providing a unique musical experience. View live bird painting by artist Bettine Goodwin, and Sky King Flaconry will be on site with their LIVE RAPTORS! Lets get Birdy!

FRIDAY EVENTS:

BUS BIRDING TRIP TO FENNESSEY RANCH. Enjoy a guided trip on a privately owned 3,361-acre wildlife oasis which hosts numerous birds, plants, amphibians, mammals and more. Bus departs at 6:30am from the Fulton Convention Center – Paws & Taws. Will return before lunch. Snacks provided.

LECTURE & BIRDING FIELD TRIP W/GLENN OLSEN 8:30-11am. "Learning How to Identify Hummingbirds" is a brief lecture followed by local bus field trip. This program, led by expert birder, Glenn Olsen, is intended for anyone that wants to improve their Hummingbird identification skills. Along with the field trip, you will have a solid foundation to begin the ID of hummingbirds in Texas. Meet at the Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S, Austin St. Rockport, TX 78382.

BUTTERFLIES OF THE COASTAL BEND WITH AUTHOR ELIZABETH WHITE OLSEN – Friday 9:30-10:30 am

Rockport Center for the Arts - 204 S. Austin Street. Elizabeth White Olsen is the author of Bringing Butterflies Home: Gardening to Heal Our Yards and Ourselves and is the co-founder of Houston's GO Native Landscaping, LLC, along with her husband, Glenn Olsen. Through GO Native's on-site consultations, custom landscape designs, presentations, and classes, she and her husband have supported hundreds of homeowners, business owners, and municipal and nonprofit employees choose sustainable, bird-and-butterfly-friendly landscapes. She has achieved Native Plant Society of Texas Landscape Certification Levels 1 and 3. In 2021, White Olsen was trained and certified as a Texas Master Naturalist. She teaches adult nature education classes at Rice Glasscock School of Continuing Studies and holds two master's degrees of fine arts in writing. Must Register.

HALF-DAY LOCAL BIRDING WITH SWAROVSKI OPTIK –8:30-11am. Looking to do a little local Rockport-Fulton birding? Local birding experts will be your guide to look for birds at Aransas Pathways sites and other local birding sites. Meeting at the Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St. Rockport, TX 78382, at 8:30am and you will travel to sites via bus and return at 11am.

BIRDING TOUR OF TEXAS STATE PARK -GOOSE ISLAND – Head to Goose Island State Park historic “CCC” building. Presentation followed by an onsite birding tour led by expert Ben Horstmann. 8:30-11am. Refreshments provided. Note: Ticket purchase allows park entry.

2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS with Captain Tommy Moore on “The Skimmer”, 9am, 12 noon, 3pm, & 6pm. Departs from Fulton Harbor. See Schedule.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS 10:20am – 6:00pm in Martha Luigi Auditorium, 1803 Omohundro St. Rockport, TX 78382. 5:00pm Keynote is Sky King Falconry with “Wildlife Revealed” – Birds in flight indoors. Check schedule for details.

10:20am -Christine Anastas-New Tech- Tracking Monarchs & Hummingbirds

11:40am -Sam Wolfe-The Secret Life of Whimbrels

1:00pm -Glenn Olsen -Hidden Gems of the Coastal Bend

2:20pm -Dr. Liz Smith-The Magic of Hummingbirds in Aransas County-And a Little Science

3:40pm -David Surkozi-What’s In A Name-How Did the Birds Get their Names-From Who & What

5:00pm -Sky King Falconry with Wildlife Revealed – Birds in flight indoors.

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES – Join Master Photographer Angie Birmingham. Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St., Downtown Rockport (upstairs meeting room) Love birds but frustrated with your photos? This beginner-friendly class is where it all starts. You'll learn the essential beginning camera settings, go over your gear and what is needed to find birds, understand bird behavior, and position your self for better shots. This class is a set-up to Part 2 held Saturday.

WINGS RESCUE PRESENTATION OF LIVE RAPTORS- 10-11:30 am -Owls, hawks, and more, oh my! Find out what makes these rescue Ambassadors so unique. Hear their personal stories and learn some interesting facts about their species. Pictures welcome! WRC cares for injured, orphaned and ill birds with the goal of returning them to the wild. The Center is comprised of two onsite care facilities and multiple cages and enclosures, including a raptor area, each designed to facilitate the rehabilitation of wild birds large and small, from hummingbirds to pelicans. Our Center averages 700-1000 avian rescues each year due to the dedication of our 100% volunteer staff. **Must Register.**

BACKYARD BIRDING WITH SUSAN- Friday, September 18, 2026 – 8-11am & 4-7pm -128 Marion Drive
Bird watching in a shady backyard dotted with coastal live oaks and a mix of lush plants offers a peaceful and vibrant experience where dappled light filters through twisting branches that serve as perches for and attract native and migrant birds. Some of the expected birds at this time of year include Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated, Black-chinned, and Buff-bellied Hummingbirds, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Black-crested Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Mourning Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Yellow Warbler, and Northern Cardinal. Susan Foster is a local birdwatcher and professional bird guide who leads trips internationally and throughout the coastal bend. **Must Register.**

PUBLIC BIRD BANDING AT ARANSAS PATHWAYS SITE-Friday, 8-11am. Open to the public, come & go. Stop by Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary located at 1429 S Church St, Rockport. This Aransas Pathways site has 6.24 acres with native gardens, hiking trails, and an observation platform. The sanctuary is a mixture of oak motte and native grasses. The native garden is popular with hummingbirds and butterflies. This is the original location of the famed Rockport Cottages, operated by Connie and Jack Hagar. Mrs. Hagar moved to Rockport in 1935 and devoted her life to documenting birdlife in the Rockport area. The pavilion holds many hummingbird feeders for viewing during HummerBird Celebration and Fall hummingbird migration. The site is at the corner of S. Church St. and E. First St. Handicapped accessible.

SATURDAY EVENTS:

BUS BIRDING TRIP TO BARNHART Q5 RANCH – Enjoy a hayride tour of a working ranch in Goliad Co. that embraces ecotourism with birding and more. Bring binoculars, cameras, and field guides. Bus departs 6:30am from the Fulton Convention Center – Paws & Taws and will return before lunch. Snacks provided.

BUS BIRDING TRIP TO WELDER WILDLIFE REFUGE – Enjoy guided birding on a historic and special conservation ranch for wildlife and research managed by the Welder Wildlife Foundation. See hummingbirds and other birds in a natural ranch setting led by an experienced birder. Bus departs at 6:30am from the Fulton Convention Center – Paws & Taws and will return before lunch. Snacks provided.

CEMETERY BIRD WALK -8:30-9:30am. -Join author Jennifer Bristol at the Rockport-Fulton Cemetery for a Birdwalk, where you will learn about the unique opportunity to bird watch in parking lots and cemeteries. Upon entering the cemetery, park on the main street at the top of the hill. Jennifer has written two books: "Parking Lot, and Cemetery Birding". Rockport Cemetery located at 2040 Tule Park Drive

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HOW TO ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES TO YOUR BACK YARD-AUTHOR ELIZABETH WHITE OLSEN – Saturday, 9:30-10:30 am Rockport Center for the Arts - 204 S. Austin. Elizabeth White Olsen is the author of Bringing Butterflies Home: Gardening to Heal Our Yards and Ourselves and is the co-founder of Houston's GO Native Landscaping, LLC, along with her husband, Glenn Olsen. Through GO Native's on-site consultations, custom landscape designs, presentations, and classes, she and her husband have supported hundreds of homeowners, business owners, and municipal and nonprofit employees choose sustainable, bird-and-butterfly-friendly landscapes. She has achieved Native Plant Society of Texas Landscape Certification Levels 1 and 3. In 2021 White Olsen was trained and certified as a Texas Master Naturalist. She teaches adult nature education classes at Rice Glasscock School of Continuing Studies and holds two master's degrees of fine arts in writing. Must Register.

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HUMMER BREAKFAST & TOUR AT THE ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORY CENTER- 8-10am. Enjoy breakfast as you are surrounded by hummingbirds on the grounds of this wonderful historic site. The featured exhibit will be a Humanities Texas exhibition titled, "The Moments that Made the US" in honor of this year's America 250 Celebration. Casual dress. Come and go is appropriate. Seating is outdoors under Live Oak trees. Location : 801 East Cedar St. Rockport

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11:40am- Dr. Rebekah Rylander-The Power of E-Bird: How Citizen Science is Shaping Conservation

1:00 pm- Ginger Easton Smith-Beyond Beautiful: Hummerbirds as Powerhouse Pollinators

2:20 pm- Libby Even-Hawk Watch 101

3:40 pm- Sky King Falconry-Wildlife Revealed-Birds in Flight Indoors

5:00 pm- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Carter Crouch, Director of the Gulf Coast Programs for the International Crane Foundation: Whooping Cranes: A Conservation Story that is still being written.

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SUNDAY EVENTS:

BOAT BIRDING 4-HOUR BRUNCH-ON-THE-BAY TRIP with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" offers extensive bay birding. The boat offers inside and outside exposures on two decks and restrooms. Expect to see up to 60 species on this birding tour. Must Register.

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SPEAKER PROGRAMS – 10:20am–2pm in the Martha Luigi Auditorium. See Schedule.

10:20 am – Kelsey Low-Decoding the Language of Bird

11:40 am- Brent Ortego- Christmas Bird Count Population Trends in Texas from 1966 – 2023

1:00 pm- Daniel Gomez-The Art of Bird Watching-Where Birding & Photography Meet

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ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

<https://www.rockport-fulton.org/hummerbird-celebration/>

Register early for your choices. All trips and tours have limited availability.

Item	Description	Times	Price Per Person
All Speaker Program Pass – Martha Luigi Auditorium Rockport-Fulton High School	2026 All Speaker Pass- Pass to 15 Authors/ Experts on NEW Birding & Wildlife Topics. Children 12 & Under FREE.	Speaker pass includes all speaker programs at the Martha Luigi Auditorium. See speaker schedule in booklet for details.	\$45
Single Speaker Program Pass	Redeemable a single time for ANY individual lecture at Martha Luigi Auditorium.	See speaker schedule in booklet for details.	\$15
Welcome and Opening Reception	Complimentary wine, cheese and beer. Open to HummerBird attendees who have registered. Meet people from 28 different states and over 98 Texas cities. Get a sneak peak of the Rockport Center for the Arts members gallery and enjoy a metal and glass exhibition by Sculptor Peter Mangan. Local musicians Melissa Ann and George Bennett with their guitar and ukulele base will perform live providing a unique musical experience. View live bird painting by artist Bettine Goodwin, and Sky King Falconry will be on site with their LIVE RAPTORS!	Thursday 5:00- 6:30 pm 204 S. Austin Thursday, 5:00-6:30 pm 204 S. Austin	FREE Must register online. Limit 200 People
Hawk Watch Tour	Thursday, 8:00 am -2:00 pm. Join your host Swarovski Optik as you travel to Corpus Christi to the Hazel Bazemore Park. Nestled along the Nueces River in Corpus Christi, Texas, Hazel Bazemore Park spreads across 77.6 acres of diverse terrain. The park's unique position at the meeting point of several major flyways has earned it recognition as one of the most significant hawk watching spots in the United States.	Thursday, September 17 th 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Arrive 15 minutes early at the Fulton Convention Center, located at 402 N. Fulton Beach.	\$40
Hummer Breakfast at the Aransas County History Center Seating outdoors under Live Oak Trees	8am to 10am. -Enjoy breakfast as you are surrounded by hummingbirds on the grounds of this wonderful historic site. The featured exhibit will be a Humanities Texas exhibition titled, "The Moments that Made the US," in honor of this year's America 250 Celebration. Casual dress. Come and go is appropriate. Seating is outdoors under Live Oak trees.	Saturday 8:00-10:00 am Come and Go, Coastal Casual. 801 East Cedar St	\$40

Hummer Home Bus Trips	Guided by experienced birders, visit three sites and see private hummingbird banding demonstration by Master Bander, Susan Heath. Bus departs from the Fulton Convention Center.	Departs promptly Friday & Saturday 7:15 am, 9:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 3:45 pm. Sunday 9:30 am	\$30
Boat Birding Trips Capt. Tommy Moore's "Skimmer"	2-hour boat trips depart from Fulton Harbor on "The Skimmer" Sunday Brunch-On-The-Bay trip departs from Fulton Harbor on "The Skimmer", a fulfilling 4-hour tour including decadent food and beverage. View up to 60 species.	Thursday 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch 9:00 a.m.	\$95 \$140
Lecture & Birding Field Trip with Glenn Olsen	Led by expert birder, Glenn Olsen, this program is intended for anyone that wants to improve their hummingbird identification skills. Lecture at Rockport Center for the Arts followed by a field trip. Limited to 20 attendees	Friday – Lecture 8:30-9:30 am Bus departs after lecture 9:30 am to 11:00 am Saturday – Lecture 8:30- 9:30 am Bus departs after lecture 9:30 am to 11:00 am	\$40 Per Tour
Fennessey Ranch. Guided Birding Field Trip	Enjoy a guided trip on a privately owned 3,361-acre wildlife oasis which hosts numerous birds, plants, amphibians, mammals and more. Includes snack.	Friday Bus departs promptly at 6:30 am (1/2 day)	\$65
Barnhart Q5 Ranch Birding & Nature Guided Field Trip	Ranch owners will provide a hayride tour of the 700-acre property, with periodic stops to learn about birds and plants found there and why they are unique. This working ranch has embraced eco-tourism with birding, wildlife conservation, and ranching.	Saturday Bus departs promptly at 6:30 am (1/2 day)	\$65
Goose Island State Park Birding Talk and Guided Field Trip	Enter Goose Island State Park entrance gate. Begin "Birds of Texas" program in historical pavilion built in the 1930s by the CCC then onto birding led by expert birder Ben Horstmann – Limited to 30 people. Ticket purchase includes park entry.	Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:30-11:30 am	\$40
Wings Rescue Presentation on Live Raptors	Owls, hawks, and more! Find out what makes these rescue Ambassadors so unique. Hear their personal stories and learn some interesting facts about their species. Pictures welcome! WRC cares for injured, orphaned and ill birds with the goal of returning them to the wild. The Center is comprised of two onsite care facilities and multiple cages and enclosures, including a raptor area, each designed to facilitate the rehabilitation of wild birds large and small, from hummingbirds to pelicans. Our Center averages 700-1000 avian rescues each year due to the dedication of our 100% volunteer staff. Must Register.	Friday & Saturday 10-11:30 AM Friday & Saturday 10:00-11:30 am	\$30

Photography Class – Parts 1 & 2	Join Master Photographer Angie Birminghamman. Part 1-Love birds but frustrated with your photos? This beginner-friendly class is where it all starts. You'll learn the essential beginning camera settings, go over your gear and what is need to find birds, understand bird behavior, and position your self for better shots. This class is a set-up to Part 2 held Saturday. Part 2 -If you've ever taken a photo of a bird only to find it blurry or soft, this class is your game changer. We'll break down exactly how to get sharp, crisp images-even when birds are moving. Increase your keeper rate. Angie will also recommend editing programs and basic editing. Take Part 1 for foundation-then Part 2 is where is all clicks!	Friday 10:20 am -Part 1 Saturday 10:20 am – Part 2 Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin Upstairs Meeting Room	\$25 Per Class
Welder Wildlife Refuge	Enjoy birding on a historic and special conservation ranch for wildlife and research managed by the Welder Wildlife Foundation. See hummingbirds and other birds in a natural ranch setting led by experienced birder.	Saturday Bus departs promptly at 6:30 am (1/2 day)	\$65
Half-Day Local Birding with Swarovski Optik	Local bus trip guided by expert birders. Meet at the Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St., and travel to great local birding sites. Limited to 20 people.	Friday – 8:30-11:00 am Saturday 8:30-11:00 am	\$40 Per Tour
Backyard Birding with Susan	Bird watching in a shady backyard dotted with coastal live oaks and a mix of lush plants offers a peaceful and vibrant experience where dappled light filters through twisting branches that serve as perches for and attract native and migrant birds. Some of the expected bird at this time of year include Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated, Black-chinned, and Buff-bellied hummingbirds, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Black-crested Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Mourning Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Yellow Warbler, and Northern Cardinal. Susan Foster is a local birdwatcher and professional bird guide who leads trips internationally and throughout the coastal bend.	Friday, 8:00-11:00 am and 4:00-7:00 pm Sunday, 8:00-11:00 am	\$15
Cemetery Bird Walks with Author Jennifer Bristol continued	Join author Jennifer Bristol at the Rockport-Fulton Cemetery for a Birdwalk where you will learn about the unique opportunity to bird watch in parking lots and cemetery's. Upon entering the cemetery, park on the main street	Saturday-8:30-9:30 am Sunday, 8:30-9:30 am Rockport Cemetery located at	\$10

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Butterflies of the Coastal Bend- Author Elizabeth Olsen Olsen White continued	Elizabeth White Olsen is the author of Bringing Butterflies Home: Gardening to Heal Our Yards and Ourselves and is the co-founder of Houston's GO Native Landscaping, LLC, along with her husband, Glenn Olsen. Through GO Native's on-site consultations, custom landscape designs, presentations, and classes, she and her husband have supported hundreds of homeowners, business owners, and municipal and nonprofit employees choose sustainable, bird-and-butterfly-friendly landscapes. She has achieved Native Plant Society of Texas Landscape Certification Levels 1 and 3. In 2021 White Olsen was trained and certified as a Texas Master Naturalist. She teaches adult nature education classes at Rice Glasscock School of Continuing Studies and holds two master's degrees of fine arts in writing.	Friday, 9:30-10:30 am Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin	\$25
How to Attract Butterflies to your Backyard	Author Elizabeth Olsen White (bio above)	Saturday, 9:30-10:30 am Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin	\$25