



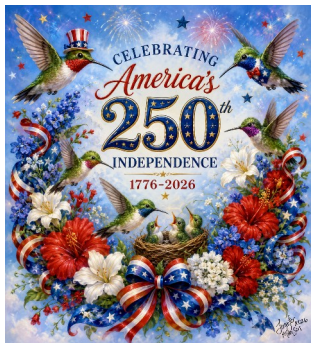
38th Annual HummerBird Celebration

**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. Tickets are available to purchase at www.rockport-fulton.org/hummerbird-celebration/

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 8-11 am 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. Location 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, located at 121 Seabreeze Drive. Programs include making a hummingbird feeder, a pressed flower hummerbird 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 to sign up.

HUMMER HOME BUS TRIPS -Visit 3 sites, a Hummer Home, an Aransas Pathways site, and a private bird banding home. See exclusive hummingbird banding by Master Bander, Susan Heath. Tours are Friday and Saturday, 7:15 am, 9:30am, 1:30 pm, and 3:45 am. And Sunday at 9:30 am.

THURSDAY EVENTS:

HAWK WATCH TOUR HOSTED BY SWAROVSKI OPTIK- Thursday, September 17th, 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.

POPULAR BOAT BIRDING TRIP WITH CAPTAIN TOMMY-Depart Fulton Harbor with Captain Tommy Moore on the "Skimmer". 2-hour trips in protected bay waters. Locate and identify the wide array of birds and other animals that add to our beautiful shorelines and marshes. The "Skimmer" has both inside and outside exposures on two decks, and restrooms. Location 202 N. Fulton Beach Rd. behind Charlotte Plummer's restaurant. 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. See schedule.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS – Beginning at 2:20pm at the Martha Luigi Auditorium, 1803 Omohundro St, Rockport, TX 78382, See schedule to register.

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

3:40pm-Birding Panel -Special Bird Panel Presentation by Local Birders

WELCOME RECEPTION – 5-6:30pm – Event is FREE but you MUST REGISTER. 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 Kings Falconry 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 8:30-11 am.

Bountiful Birding: Habitat Gems of the Coastal Bend

Finding birds can sometime be challenging, but understand habitat can make a tremendous difference in our efforts to find and see birds. In this presentation we will discover the unique habitats (some of them hidden) of the Coastal Bend. We will learn, not only where the best habitat occurs, but how to "find and read" the various component of habitat and which birds are likely to be found in each section. Images will show what the habitat looks like and include birds that are found in various habitat components. Armed with this foundational knowledge, you will find and see more birds!

The lecture will be at the Rockport Center for the Arts. You will board a bus and be taken to the birding location. After the field trip, you will have a solid foundation to begin the ID of hummingbirds of Texas.

BUTTERFLIES OF THE COASTAL BEND WITH AUTHOR ELIZABETH WHITE OLSEN – 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. 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.

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 – 8:30-11:30 am -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.

POPULAR BOAT BIRDING TRIP WITH CAPTAIN TOMMY- Depart Fulton Harbor with Captain Tommy Moore on the "Skimmer". 2-hour trips in protected bay waters. Locate and identify the wide array of birds and other animals that add to our beautiful shorelines and marshes. The “Skimmer” has both inside and outside exposures on two decks, and restrooms. Location 202 N. Fulton Beach Rd. behind Charlotte Plummer's restaurant. 9am, 12 noon, 3pm, & 6pm. See Schedule.

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

10:20am -Christine Anastas-Monarch Butterflies: Biology, Innovative Tech Tracking, and New Fall Citizen Science

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

1:00pm -Glenn Olsen – 3 Secrets to Attract Birds

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

3:40pm -David Sarkozi-What’s in a name, the Eponymous Names of Birds

Bir5:00pm -Sky Kings Falconry with Wildlife Revealed – Birds in flight indoors.

Bird Photography 101- Part 1- 10:30-11:30 am -Join Master Photographer Angie Birminghamman.

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 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.

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.

BACKYARD BIRDING WITH SUSAN- – 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- 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 – 6:30 am -Enjoy a hayride tour of a working ranch in Goliad County 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 – 6:30 am-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

WINGS RESCUE PRESENTATION OF LIVE RAPTORS- 10:00-11:30 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 700-1,000 avian rescues each year due to the dedication of our 100% volunteer staff.

Lecture & Birding Field Trip w/Glenn Olsen 8:30-11 am.

Bountiful Birding: Habitat Gems of the Coastal Bend

Finding birds can sometime be challenging, but understand habitat can make a tremendous difference in our efforts to find and see birds. In this presentation we will discover the unique habitats (some of them hidden) of the Coastal Bend. We will learn, not only where the best habitat occurs, but how to “find and read” the various component of habitat and which birds are likely to be found in each section. Images will show what the habitat looks like and include birds that are found in various habitat components. Armed with this foundational knowledge, you will find and see more birds! The lecture will be at the Rockport Center for the Arts. You will board a bus and be taken to the birding location. After the field trip, you will have a solid foundation to begin the ID of hummingbirds of Texas.

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. 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.

HALF-DAY LOCAL BIRDING WITH SWAROVSKI OPTIK – 8:30-11:00 am 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 site. Meeting at the Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St. Rockport, TX 78382, at 8:30am, you will travel to sites via bus and return at 11am.

BIRDING TOUR AT TEXAS STATE PARK -GOOSE ISLAND – 8:30-11:30 am. Head to Goose Island State Park historic “CCC” building. Presentation followed by an onsite birding tour led by expert Ben Horstmann. 8:30 am to 11:00am Refreshments provided. Note: Ticket purchase allows park entry.

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

POPULAR BOAT BIRDING TRIP WITH CAPTAIN TOMMY- Depart Fulton Harbor with Captain Tommy Moore on the "Skimmer". 2-hour trips in protected bay waters. Locate and identify the wide array of birds and other animals that add to our beautiful shorelines and marshes. The “Skimmer” has both inside and outside exposures on two decks, and restrooms. Location 202 N. Fulton Beach Rd. behind Charlotte Plummer's restaurant. 9:00 am, 12 noon, 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. See schedule.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS – 10:20am – 6:00pm in Martha Luigi Auditorium, 1803 Omohundro St. Rockport, TX 78382. 5:00pm. Must Register.

10:20am- Jennifer Bristol-Wild Women for Good: Stories of Conservation in Texas

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 Kings Falconry-Wildlife Revealed-Birds in Flight Indoors

5:00 pm- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Carter Crouch-Whooping Cranes: A Conservation Story that is Still Being Written.

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS 101 Part 2 – 10:30-11:30 am -Join Master Photographer Angie Birminghamman.

Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St., Downtown Rockport (upstairs meeting room)

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. TakePart 1 for foundation-then Part 2 is where it all click

SUNDAY EVENTS:

BOAT BIRDING TRIP -SUNDAY BRUNCH - 9:00 am -This 4-hour Sunday Brunch trip offers intensive bay birding, great food and beverages which make this trip much more relaxing and fun! This trip typically produces 30-60 different species. The “Skimmer” has both inside and outside exposures on two decks, and restrooms.

9:00 am with Captain Tommy Moore on “The Skimmer”. Location 202 N. Fulton Beach Rd. behind Charlotte Plummer's restaurant. Must Register.

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

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

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

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

BACKYARD BIRDING WITH SUSAN- 8:00-11:00 am -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.

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

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	FREE Must register online. Limit 200 People
Hawk Watch Tour	Join your host Swarovski Optik as you travel to Corpus Christi to the Hazel Bazemore Park. Nestled along the Nueces River in Corpus	Thursday, September 17 th 8:00 am – 2:00 pm	\$40

	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.	Arrive 15 minutes early at the Fulton Convention Center, located at 402 N. Fulton Beach.	
Hummer Breakfast at the Aransas County History Center Seating outdoors under Live Oak Trees	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 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
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 –	Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:30-11:30 am	\$40

	Limited to 30 people. Ticket purchase includes park entry.		
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! Center averages 700-1000 avian rescues each year due to the dedication of our 100% volunteer staff.	Friday & Saturday 10-11:30 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. Part 1 foundation- Part 2 is where is all clicks!	Friday 10:30 am -Part 1 Saturday 10:30 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
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. 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 at the top of the hill. Jennifer has written two books: "Parking Lot & Cemetery Birding".	Saturday-8:30-9:30 am Sunday, 8:30-9:30 am Rockport Cemetery located at 2040 Tule Park Drive	\$10
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. 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.	Friday, 9:30-10:30 am Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin	\$25
How to Attract Butterflies to your Backyard	Author Elizabeth White Olsen (see above)	Saturday, 9:30-10:30 am Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin	\$25