



35th HummerBird Celebration

319 Broadway, Rockport, TX 78382

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Join us for the **35th Annual HummerBird Celebration** in the coastal Texas towns of Rockport and Fulton, Texas. 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! - Starting Sept. 9th, visit *select Hummer Homes*. This list of homes can only be obtained at the Rockport-Fulton Chamber Visitor Center upon arrival. Home **Owners welcome you from dawn to dusk Thursday through Sunday**. Some *select Hummer Homes* open one week after the event.

The 2023 T-SHIRT ARTIST WINNER, Sue Bonnar will sign T-shirts during the event.

ARANSAS PATHWAYS CENTER AND BRIDGE - Free All day. Interpretative signage maps of the entire venue project. Located just north of Walmart on Business 35 at Tule Creek West.

HUMMER MALL Shop for bird and nature related items including bird feeders and birding supplies, art, jewelry, and more. Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm, 10-3pm on Sunday. Vendors listed in event program. Food available for purchase in High School Common area.

OUTDOOR EXHIBITS 10am—5pm on Friday and Saturday 10-3pm on Sunday. Exhibits displayed along the green-space in front of the auditorium. See booklet and map for directions.

BANDING DEMONSTRATION Master Bander, Kelly Bryan, demonstrates the importance of banding. See schedule for times. Locations provided in booklet. Free and open to the public.

SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOMES - List available in the booklet. Booklet at the event or Chamber office.

BAY EDUCATION CENTER - Free all day. The Bay Education Center will be open from 10am to 4pm Thursday through Saturday with free public programs offered from 10:30-11am. Thursday - Great Migration Challenge, Friday - Make A Bird Feeder, Saturday - Seed Balls. These programs are on a first come, first serve basis for the first 12 adults or kids. Email sarah.melendez@austin.utexas.edu to register

THURSDAY EVENTS:

ARANSAS PATHWAYS EVENT *Free Event* Join the fun as a card playing nature lover at 9:30am, Thursday, Sept. 14th at the Pavilion Center located north of Walmart on Business 35 at Tule Creek West. Prizes and fun for all.

2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS with Captain Tommy Moore on “The Skimmer”. Departs from Fulton Harbor. See Schedule.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS - Beginning at 2:20pm at the Rockport Aquarium Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle. See schedule. Enjoy a special presentation by a local birding panel at 3:40 p.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION - 5 pm – 6 pm - *Free Event* Enjoy Wine and Cheese along with special announcements and introductions at Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St., Downtown Rockport. Feature artists are Quinn Antonio Bricefio, Jaki Negreiros and Debra Chronister.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION & DINNER – 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm – Enjoy a presentation by native **South Texan and nationally recognized photographer and videographer, Cissy Beasley**. Her lively presentation “Rockport’s Blessing: The Beauty That Surrounds Us” will showcase the natural world, where order and beauty prevail -vs- the stressful human world. Dinner includes Texas BBQ, Smoked Chicken and all the trimmings plus dessert. Location: Rockport Center for the Arts Conference Center, 106 S. Austin St., Downtown Rockport.

FRIDAY 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 6:30 am from bus stop behind Martha Luigi Auditorium, will return before lunch.

BIRDING LECTURE/ BUS FIELD TRIP 8:30 a.m.. "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 Aquarium Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION by **Keynote speaker, Richard Crossley**, A unique opportunity for an intimate setting connecting with Crossley as he presents "Learning to Look". As you shift your focus to look at birds longer, closer, and from a broader perspective than is typical, a new world of discovery opens up. 7 am. Limit 20 attendees. Bus departs 7:00 am from bus stop behind Martha Luigi Auditorium.

PRIVATE EXCLUSIVE BOAT ECO/BIRD TRIP AND SUNSET CRUISE - Private Bird and Eco Nature Boat Trip with Aransas Bay Adventures. This exclusive trip specializes in birding and nature. Bring any equipment you deem necessary. No restrooms on board. See schedule.

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

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HUMMER HOME GUIDED BUS TRIPS Visit 3 homes guided by experienced birders, and see exclusive hummingbird banding by Master Bander, Susan Heath.

SPEAKER PROGRAMS 10:20am - 6pm in Auditorium & High School Commons Library. 5pm Keynote is **Sky King Falconry with "Wildlife Revealed"** - Birds in flight indoors - in the Auditorium.

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES - Join expert photographers John Martell, or Debra Strothman. See schedule for times. Location: Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin Street. Downtown Rockport.

HUMMER MALL INCLUDES FOOD VENDORS - Shop for bird and nature related products. 9am-5pm in High School commons. See list in booklet and map for directions.

SATURDAY 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 6:30 am from Bus Stop behind Martha Luigi Auditorium, will return before lunch. Snack provided.

NEW: 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 experienced birder. Bus departs at 6:30 a.m. from Bus Stop behind Martha Luigi Auditorium, will return before lunch, Snack provided.

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NEW: BIRDING FIELD TRIP-Looking to do a little local Rockport birding? Join Bob Showler, retired Park Ranger, to look for birds at Aransas Pathways sites and other local birding sites. Meet at RCA at 8:30 a.m. and you will travel to sites via bus and return to RCA at 11am.

HUMMER BREAKFAST AT THE HISTORY CENTER 8 am to 10 am. Join us for the Hummer Breakfast at the History Center for Aransas County. Breakfast, features herbs harvested from the onsite garden of the History. Admire the birds and garden while enjoying a fine breakfast. Be sure to check out the exhibits inside. Come and go style.

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HUMMER MALL INCLUDES FOOD VENDORS - Shop for bird and nature related products. 9am-5pm in High School commons. See list in booklet and map for directions.

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 his decadent birding tour.

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

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SUNDAY SPEAKER PROGRAMS-10:20-2pm in High School Commons Library. See schedule.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

Item	Description	Times - Arrive 15 minutes early	Price Per Person
All Speaker Program Pass - High School Commons & Auditorium	Includes <u>all</u> one hour lectures. (All in person programs are \$5 in advance and at the door) Children 12 & under with an adult attend free.	Speaker pass includes all speaker programs during event at High School Commons & Auditorium <i>(Does not include Thursday dinner)</i>	<u>\$30 All Program Pass</u> \$5 Per Lecture
Welcome and Opening Reception	<i>Free Event</i> Enjoy Wine and Cheese along with special announcements and introductions at Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin, Downtown Rockport. Feature artists are Quinn Antonio Bricefio, Jaki Negreros and Debra Chronister.	Thursday 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Free
Keynote Presentation & Texas BBQ Dinner 35th Anniversary	"Rockport's Blessings: The Beauty That Surrounds Us" presented by keynote speaker Cissy Beasley. Dinner: Texas BBQ & all the fixings plus dessert. Beer and/or Wine Included. ROCC-106 S. Austin, Rockport TX	Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	\$50
Hummer Breakfast at the History Center Seating outdoors under Live Oak Trees	Gourmet breakfast by local chef: Historians in costume speaking about the life of legendary birdwatcher Connie Hagar. History Center for Aransas County, 801 E. Cedar, Rockport	Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Come & Go, Coastal Casual.	\$40
Hummer Home Bus Trips	Guided by experienced birders, visit two sites and see private hummingbird banding demonstration by Master Bander Sue Heath. Bus Stop behind Auditorium.	Departs promptly Friday & Saturday 7:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., & 3:45 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.	\$15
Boat Birding Trips Capt. Tommy Moore's "Skimmer"	Two 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 includes decadent food and beverage. View 30-60 species	Thursday 3 p.m., 6 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday Brunch 9 a.m.	\$75 \$125
Local Birding Lecture and Field Trip	Led by expert birder, Glenn Olsen, this program is intended for anyone that wants to improve their hummingbird identification skills. Lecture at Aquarium followed by field trip. Limited to 20 people	Friday— Lecture 8:30-9:30 Bus Departs after lecture 9:30 a.m.–11a.m.	\$35
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	Saturday Bus departs promptly at 6:30 a.m. (1/2 day)	\$60

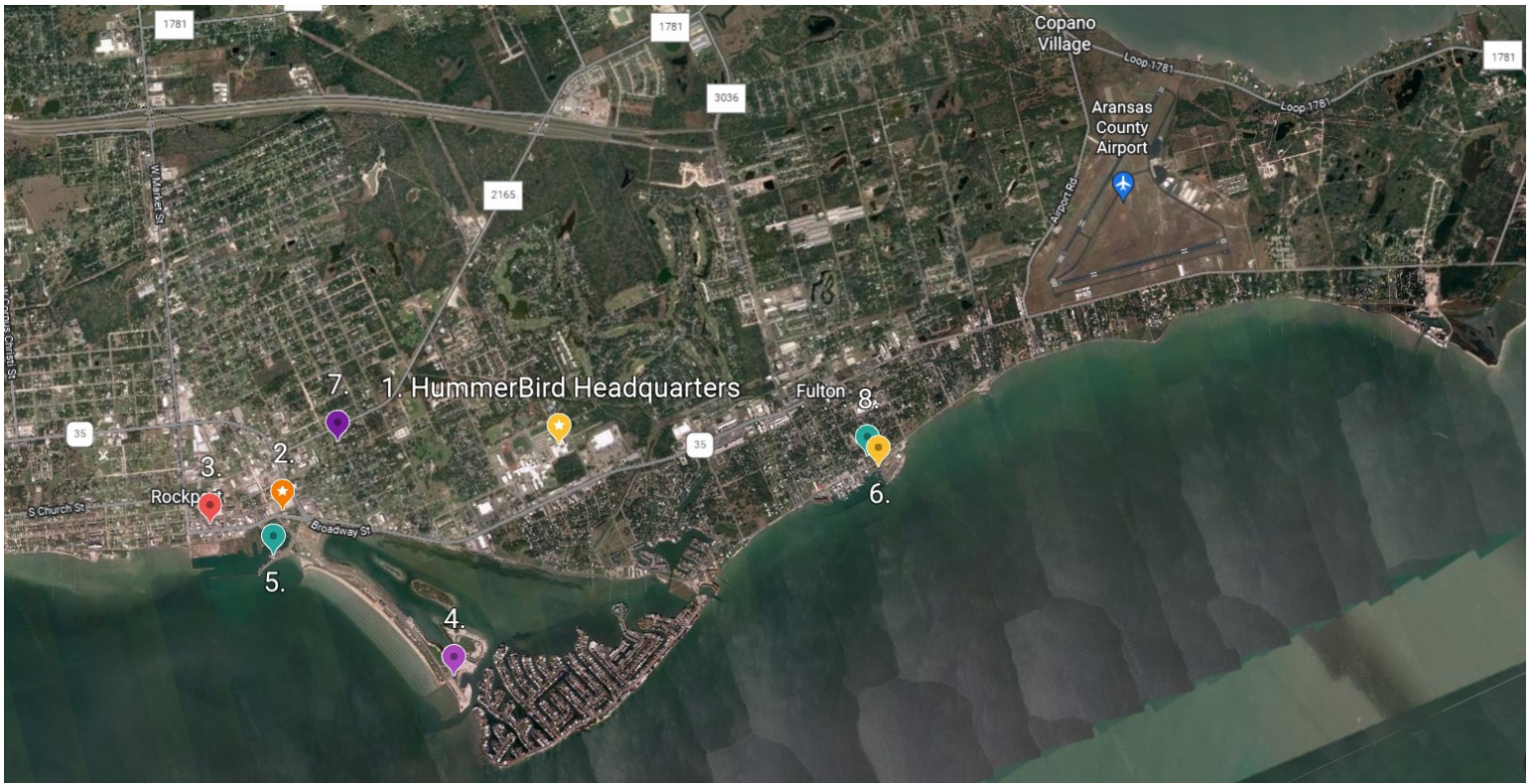
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Special Presentation by Keynote Speaker Richard Crossley	Richard Crossley, award winning author of "The Crossley ID Guide" acclaimed birder, public-speaker and photographer presents, "Learning to Look". LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE	Friday 7 a.m. –8:30 a.m. Saturday 7 a.m. –8:30 a.m.	\$40
Private Eco/Birding Boat trip Captain Kevin Sims "The Jack Flash"	Private Bird and Eco Nature Boat Trip with Aransas Bay Adventures. This exclusive trip specializes in birding and nature. Bring any equipment you deem necessary, Camera, binoculars, insect repellent, birding books, cabin gear etc. No restrooms on board. Restrooms available at the dock. LIMITED TO 6 PEOPLE	Friday 7 a.m., 3:30 p.m. Sunset Trip Saturday 7 a.m., 3:30 p.m. Sunset Trip Sunday 7 a.m. Trip	\$125
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.	Friday Bus departs promptly at 6:30 a.m. (1/2 day)	\$50
Goose Island State Park Birding Talk & 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 & Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	\$30
Photography Class—"How to Photograph Songbirds and Hummingbirds"	John Martell, Wildlife Photographer	Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.	\$12
Photography Class – Bird Photography Tips: "Birding local, U.S. and Down Under!"	Debra Strothman, Nature and Wildlife Photographer	Friday 10:20 a.m. Saturday 10:20 a.m.	\$12
Welder Wildlife Refuge	Enjoy a guided birding trip to a special conservation ranch	Saturday Bus Departs Promptly at 6:30 a.m. (1/2 day)	\$60
Guided Birding Field Trip	Local bus trip guided by Bob Showler. Meet at the RCA and travel to great local birding sites. Limited to 20 people.	Saturday 8:30 a.m.	\$30

35th Annual HummerBird Celebration Speaker Programs

	10:20 AM	11:40 AM	1:00 PM	2:20 PM	3:40 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM Dinner
THURSDAY				Aquarium Ed Center	Aquarium Ed Center	Rockport Center for the Arts (RCA)	Rockport Conference Center (ROCC)
				Ben Horstmann Birding in Texas State Parks, Your Other Backyard	Birding Panel Discussion Special Presentation by Local Birders	Opening Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception at Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin St.	KEYNOTE: Cissy Beasley presents Rockport's Blessings: The Beauty That Surrounds Us
FRIDAY Auditorium	Christine Anastas Monarchs, Migration, and Milkweed on the Texas Coast	Joan Garland Whooping Cranes	Neli Spurrell EASY! Ways to Attract Butterflies and Other Pollinators to Your Garden	Brent Ortego Hummingbirds 101 - The Basics	Dane Ferrell Hawk Watching Basics	KEYNOTE: Sky Kings Falconry Wildlife Revealed	
FRIDAY High School Library	Samantha Wolfe Where the Crows Sing: The Spectacular Stopover of Whimbrel on the Gulf Coast	Darrell Cochran Tips & Tricks for Backyard Hummingbird Photography	Paityn Bower Gulf Coast Whooping Cranes	Ginger Easton-Smith Host a Hummer Fiesta In Your Yard	KEYNOTE: Richard Crossley Past, Present and Future		
SATURDAY Auditorium	KEYNOTE: Cissy Beasley Rockport's Blessings: The Beauty That Surrounds Us	Ginger Easton-Smith Host a Hummer Fiesta In Your Yard	Kelsey Low Birding By Ear	Ben Horstmann Birding in Texas State Parks, Your Other Backyard	Samantha Wolfe Where the Crows Sing: The Spectacular Stopover of Whimbrel on the Gulf Coast	KEYNOTE: Richard Crossley There & Back	
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Events, Field, Bus & Boat Trips, Exhibits Hours & Locations

	REGISTRATION & TICKET PICK UP	OUTDOOR EXHIBITS	BIRDING PANEL DISCUSSION	WELCOME OPENING RECEPTION	OPENING TEXAS BBQ DINNER	HUMMER MALL	EXHIBITS: "Connie Hagar's Corner" & "Voices from the Past"	EXHIBITS: "Science on A Sphere" & Program Activities *NEW*	BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES
Location:	Auditorium Box Office	Between HS Commons and Auditorium	Aquarium Ed Center 706 Navigation Circle	Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin St.	Rockport Conference Center 106 S. Austin St.	Rockport-Fulton High School Commons	History Center 801 E Cedar St	Bay Education Center 121 Seabreeze Dr.	Rockport Center for the Arts 204 S. Austin St.
Thursday	5 pm - 7 pm		3:40 pm - 4:40pm	5 pm - 6 pm	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm			10 am - 4 pm, Program at 10:30	
Friday	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 5 pm				9 am - 5 pm	Exhibit 10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm, Program at 10:30	9 am, 10:20 am
Saturday	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 5 pm				9 am - 5 pm	Breakfast 8 am - 10 am Exhibit 10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4 pm, Program at 10:30	9 am, 10:20 am
Sunday		10 am - 3 pm				10 am - 3 pm			
	SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOMES	HUMMER HOME BUS TRIPS	HUMMINGBIRD BANDING Master Bander Kelly Bryan	"SKIMMER" BOAT BIRDING TRIPS, 2-Hour and 4-Hour	HALF-DAY LOCAL BUS BIRDING TRIPS	HALF-DAY BUS BIRDING TRIPS *NEW*	"JACK FLASH" HALF-DAY BOAT BIRDING TRIPS WITH ARANSAS BAY ADVENTURES	"LEARNING TO LOOK" WITH RICHARD CROSSLEY	BIRD WITH THE EXPERT Goose Island State Park with Ben Horstmann
Location:	Map provided at info tables	Bus Stop	Selected Hummer Home	Fulton Harbor	See Below	Bus Stop	Sea-Gun Marina (specific directions to be provided)	Bus Stop	Goose Island State Park Park Rd 13, Lamar
Thursday	Dawn to dusk			3 pm & 6 pm					
Friday	Dawn to dusk	7:15 & 9:30 am, 1:30 & 3:45 pm	7: 30 - 11 am, 1:30 - 4:30 pm	9 am, Noon, 3 pm, 6 pm	8:30 am-9:30 am (lecture) followed by bus field trip until 11 am Meet at Aquarium Ed Ctr	6:30 am to Barnhart Q5 Ranch	7 am, 3:30 pm Sunset Trip	7 am - 9 am	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Saturday	Dawn to dusk	7:15 & 9:30 am, 1:30 & 3:45 pm	7: 30 - 11 am, 1:30 - 4:30 pm	9 am, Noon, 3 pm, 6 pm	8:30 am - 11 am local birding trip by bus Meet at Rockport Center for the Arts	6:30 am to Fennessey Ranch or *Welder Wildlife Refuge*	7 am, 3:30 pm Sunset Trip	7 am - 9 am	
Sunday	Dawn to dusk	9:30 am	8 - 11 am	Brunch 9 am			7 am		8:30 am - 11:30 am



1. Rockport-Fulton High School Complex-1802 Omohundro, Rockport
2. Rockport– Fulton Chamber of Commerce-319 Broadway, Rockport
3. Rockport Center for the Arts Conference Center–106 S. Austin Street, Rockport
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5. Rockport Aquarium Educational center -706 Navigation Circle, Rockport
6. Rockport Birding and Kayak Adventures: The Skimmer boat/Birding trips, Fulton Harbor -N.Casterline Drive.
7. History Center – 801 E. Cedar St., Rockport



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