



35th HummerBird Celebration

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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.

2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer". Departs from Fulton Harbor. See schedule.

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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SPEAKER PROGRAMS 10:20am –6pm in Auditorium & High School Commons Library. **Keynote speaker is Richard Crossley, award winning author**, at 5 pm in the Auditorium. 2:20 pm Keynote is **Sky King Falconry with “Wildlife Revealed”** - Birds in flight indoors - in the Library .

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.

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 |
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| 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: 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 |
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| 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 Crawdads 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 Crawdads Sing: The Spectacular Stopover of Whimbrel on the Gulf Coast | KEYNOTE: Richard Crossley The Power Of Birding | |
| SATURDAY High School Library | Dane Ferrell Hawk Watching Basics | Glenn Olsen The Hummingbird Family | Christine Anastas Monarchs, Migration, and Milkweed on the Texas Coast | KEYNOTE: Sky Kings Falconry Wildlife Revealed | Darrell Cochran Tips & Tricks for Backyard Hummingbird Photography | | |
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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 |
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| 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 | | | |
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| 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 - 11am 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 |



Event and Meeting Locations

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
4. Rockport Center for the Arts-204 S. Austin Street, Rockport
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.

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