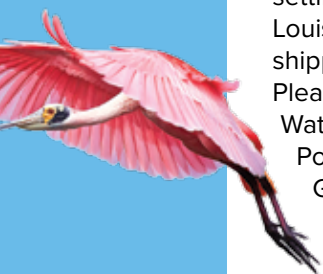


BIRDING

HOTSPOTS OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS



409.985.7822 // visitportarthurtx.com



Birders Welcome in Port Arthur

**We're the official Cajun
Capital of Texas**, so we have
to brag!

Sea Rim State Park, Sabine Woods
and Pleasure Island are some of Port
Arthur's birding hot spots, drawing
nature lovers from around the world.
Our shore birds and migrating
beauties are in the 600+ count of
species recorded in Texas.

Get your "life birds" along the Gulf
of Mexico and abundant marshes
in the path of both the Central and
Mississippi flyways. Look for shore
birds, water birds that include our
pink Roseate Spoonbill and colorful
warblers.

Our upper coastal Southeast Texas
setting on the Gulf of Mexico and
Louisiana border boasts an oil-rich
shipping and transit history tied to
Pleasure Island, the Intracoastal
Waterway, Sabine Lake and the
Port of Port Arthur. Museum of the
Gulf Coast will fill you in on our
maritime and oil history and
music and sports personalities
from Janis Joplin to Jimmy
Johnson. Look for more visitor
information in the back of this book
and at **visitportarthurtx.com**

[#birdportarthur](https://twitter.com/birdportarthur)



1 PLEASURE ISLAND, PORT ARTHUR

UTC 022

LATITUDE 29.84664 ★ **LONGITUDE** -93.94647

WHERE From Houston | East on I-10; East on Texas 73; South on Hwy 82 across MLK Bridge to Pleasure Island

From Orange | West on 73; South on Hwy 82 across MLK Bridge to Pleasure Island

From Beaumont | South on 69; West on 73; S on Hwy 82 across MLK Bridge to Pleasure Island

CONTACT visitportarthurtx.com/things-to-do/pleasure-island/

SITE SPECS: Pleasure Island's new bird blind is camera ready with benches allowing for a pondside view along a wooded area. Mulberries draw migrants in spring. Park at the base of the iconic golf ball water tower on Pleasure Island. Proceed through the opening in the woods and walk right, along the pathway to the blind. The island features a boardwalk near the Port Arthur Yacht Club, treasure ship playground, disc golf and Sabine Lake views. Drive over the soaring Martin Luther King Bridge to the island and spot Big Arthur, the massive port crane that unloads ships from around the world.

LOOK FOR: Extensive marshes and mudflats attract shorebirds, ducks, gulls and terns. Loons come in winter, usually near Levee Road on Sabine Lake side. Spot Bufflehead; Red-Breasted Mergansers; Northern Shoveler; Blue and Green-Winged Teal; Gadwall; Pintail, Wigeon; Ruddy Ducks; Neotropic Cormorants in any season; American Avocets in winter; Spotted Sandpiper on rocks of Sabine Lake side of both Levee Roads in winter; and American Pipits along roads.





PAT MALONE



GREAT EGRETS

CHRISTINE SOHLINGER VALENTINE

PAINTED BUNTING



RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD



GERALD DUHON

INDIGO BUNTING
BLUE GROSBEEK
NORTHERN PARULAS
HOODED WARBLER



DANIA SANCHEZ

2 SABINE WOODS

UTC 026

LATITUDE 29.69803 ★ **LONGITUDE** -93.94786

WHERE Texas 87. At the 4-way stop in Sabine Pass, turn right to continue on Texas 87. The woods are 4.2 miles from the stop signs.

CONTACT goldentriangleaudubon.org

SITE SPECS: This chenier ridge, or oak mott, is internationally famous for spring and fall migrations attracting thousands of migrant birds and their fans. Texas Ornithological Society owns the sanctuary and the Golden Triangle Audubon Society lovingly maintains it. Entrance fee/donation requested. Best migration times: Spring peak: April • Fall peak: September to mid October.

There is some parking, a covered picnic area, scattered benches and a seasonal portable restroom.

Sabine Woods is considered one of the most productive “first landing” migrant stop-overs along the entire Texas Coast for spring and fall migration. Hundreds of hummingbirds swarm lantana thickets in early fall. Large oaks, ponds, mulberry trees and thick growth provide a protected stopping point on the coast for neotropical migrants.

KEEP EYES OUT FOR: Warblers, Vireos, Grosbeaks, Flycatchers, Thrushes, Tanagers and Orioles are common visitors from late March through mid-May, and, in lesser numbers, from early September through late October. The grassy areas often produce Blue Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings. Swallows, often including Northern Rough-winged Swallows, may be common in April.

Yellow-crowned and Black-crowned Night-Herons and Green Herons are common migrants. White-tailed Kites, often noisily obvious, have fledged young in early September and Groove-billed Anis have been spotted in November-December.

Other visitors: Downy Woodpeckers, Stilts, Egrets, Ibis, Mottled Ducks.

BE PREPARED: The mosquito population can be high after mid-May, especially in wet years. By summer and fall, visitors should be prepared to encounter Deer Flies. Venomous Cottonmouth snakes live in the woods, too.



3 SEA RIM STATE PARK

UTC 027

LATITUDE 29.67672 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.04399

WHERE 19335 S. Gulfway Drive; Texas 87

CONTACT tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sea.rim
409.971.2559

SITE SPECS: Gulf meets marsh with 5 miles of natural beach, boardwalks, a marsh unit with three levels of paddling trails and camping areas. Get your shorebirds here!

Several gull and tern varieties dine along the shore line and the Gambusia Nature Trail leads explorers through tall grasses hosting birds, gators and other wildlife.

KEEP EYES OUT FOR: Piping and Snowy Plovers; Red Knots; Reddish Egrets in fall and early winter; migrant shorebirds such as Pectoral, Stilt and Spotted Sandpipers; Brown Pelicans; American Avocets and flocks of ducks.

THINGS TO DO: Stroll the Gambusia Nature Trail with an eye out for birds, crabs and alligators. This boardwalk offers grass and cane vistas as walkers hear the roar of the Gulf of Mexico. Comb the beach for shells, surf and marsh fish, swim, snap photos from the West Dune Boardwalk and rent a kayak (or bring your own) to paddle three levels of marshland trails. The “easy” trail is 1.79 miles and the advanced trail is 9.59 miles.



FACILITIES: Enjoy primitive camping along the beach; one of 15 campsites with utilities or in the park cabin that sleeps up to 6. Paddle 2 miles into the marsh to overnight on Sea Rim's floating raft. A license is not required to fish in the park.



Daily admission; primitive camping, floating tent raft, 6-person cabin and RV fees; kayak/canoe rental fees. Call 512.389.8900 for camping reservations. Picnic tables, RV hookups, kayak rental, binocular and tackle loaner programs, restrooms, boardwalk, rinse-off showers.



BROWN PELICAN

4 MCFADDIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND MCFADDIN BEACH

UTC 028

LATITUDE 29.66842 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.07183

DIRECTIONS Texas 87, about 12 miles from Sabine Pass, past Sabine Woods and Sea Rim State Park entrance.

CONTACT fws.gov/refuge/mcfaddin/

SITE SPECS: This refuge is part of the Texas Chenier Plain Refuge Complex, which includes Texas Point and Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. It is managed for duck hunters and offers 5 miles of interior roads to provide wildlife viewing and access to boat ramps, fishing piers and observation platforms. The road to Clam Lake guides birders to waterfowl in winter. Access seasonally limited. Restrooms.

LOOK FOR: Wading birds and shore birds are seen in the marsh. From September through March, ducks may be seen in Clam Lake or in ponds and ditches on either side of the road. Mottled Ducks breed in these marshes. Look for Clapper and King Rails, especially in the spring; Least Bitterns nesting in marshes and American Bitterns over wintering. Ibis, Herons; Eastern Kingbirds and Orchard Orioles in the summer; Savannah Sparrows in winter; Seaside Sparrows year round. Check Salt Cedars along Texas 87 for migrants in season; beach may produce gulls, terns and shorebirds; White-tailed Kites and Crested Caracara. The refuge has documented 285 bird species at various times in the year, including year-round residents such as Mottled Ducks.

CLAPPER RAIL





5 TEXAS POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

UTC 025

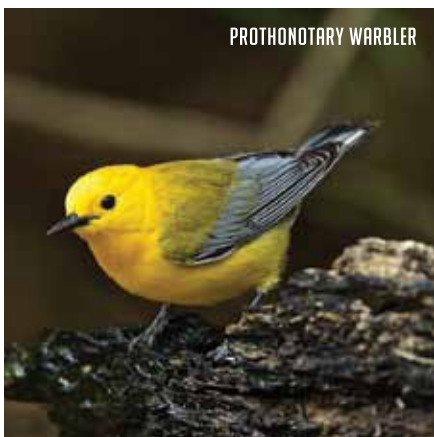
LATITUDE 29.70869 ★ **LONGITUDE** -93.92133

WHERE 7950 Gulfway Drive in Sabine Pass, on the left before hitting Sabine Woods on the right.

CONTACT tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wildlife/wildlife-trails/utc/sabine.loop

SITE SPECS:

A winding, tree-covered paved path draws migrants to this notable sit. Rails, wrens and sparrows gather in marsh bordering “stunted woods.” It’s a quick stop leading to Sabine Woods and McFaddin Wildlife Refuge.



PROTHONOTARY WARBLER



6 SABINE PASS BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE

UTC 024

LATITUDE 29.73361 ★ **LONGITUDE** -93.89447

WHERE 6100 Dowling Road in Sabine Pass.

CONTACT thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/sabine-pass-battleground-state-historic-site

SITE SPECS: Historic Civil War battlegrounds feature interpretive pavilion and Lt. Richard Dick Dowling monument. Restroom, benches, RV hookups. Boardwalks. Fishing. Fee.

LOOK FOR: Least Bitterns, White and White-faced Ibis, Roseate Spoonbills, Clapper Rails, Common Yellow-throats and Seaside Sparrows. Spring brings migratory land warblers. In winter through late spring, cordgrass marshes bordering roads support Nelson's Sharptailed and Seaside Sparrows.



TRI-COLORED HERON

7 J.D. MURPHREE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

UTC 029

LATITUDE 29.88914 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.03442

WHERE 2710 Texas 73, Port Arthur

CONTACT tpwd.state.tx.us/wma ★ 409.736.2551



SITE SPECS: This wetlands is part of the Texas Chenier Plain, the westernmost geologic delta of the Mississippi River. Open for day use. Follow a nature trail near headquarters to get an up-close look at this marsh area's residents. This tract along the Great Texas

Coastal Birding Trail hosts Brown Pelicans, sea turtles, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, rice rat, bobcat, river otters, swamp rabbits, alligators, etc.

LOOK FOR: Least Bitterns, Roseate Spoonbill, Purple Gallinule and various waterfowl.





8 LOWER NECHES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND BAILEY'S FISH CAMP

UTC 021

LATITUDE 30.0105 ★ **LONGITUDE** -93.84561

WHERE Travel south on FM 1442 to TX 73/87 (FM 1442 eventually will swing east before intersecting with TX 87). Continue south on TX 73/87 to Lake St. Travel south on Lake St. to the Lower Neches WMA observation platform and Bailey's Fish Camp. The TPWD observation platform is located approximately 1.5 miles from TX 73/87, and overlooks a broad expanse of coastal marsh. Continue south from the observation platform (the road surface will eventually become shell) to Bailey's Fish Camp and Sabine Lake.

SITE SPECS: Day use only; entrance fee/donation may be required. Shallow marsh and ponds; waterfowl and shore birds. Set your scope on herons, egrets, spoonbills, waterfowl and shorebirds massing in this area. The Bailey's area is shallow marsh and ponds and best in winter and early spring for waterfowl. If ponds, influenced by wind and tide, are low, Osprey, Cormorants and Anhinga may be present.

RUDDY TURNSTONE



9 TAYLOR BAYOU

UTC 030

LATITUDE 29.82894 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.22489

WHERE Go west on Texas 73 to Boondocks Road. Travel north on Boondocks Road to the South Fork of Taylor Bayou, in Jefferson County.

CONTACT tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wildlife/wildlife-trails/utc/sabine-loop

SITE SPECS: Bird along main right of way. Property bordering Taylor Bayou is private. Please do not trespass. Taylor Bayou, and the riparian woodlands that border the stream, represent an isolated sliver of the Big Thicket that has inched toward the coast. Many of the eastern woodland birds that inhabit the Pineywoods are present along the bayou.



DANA NELSON

SUMMER TANAGER

LOOK FOR: Thousands of shore birds in this riparian woodland each spring; keep an eye for fields that have been recently flooded. Eastern woodland birds of the Pineywoods are present. Northern Parulas and Yellow-throated, Prothonotary, Swainson's, Kentucky, and Hooded Warblers all breed in the general vicinity.



10

SHANGRI LA BOTANICAL GARDENS & NATURE CENTER

UTC 001A

LATITUDE 30.103122 ★ **LONGITUDE** -93.752099

WHERE 2111 West Park Ave., Orange

CONTACT starkculturalvenues.org/shangrilagardens/

SITE SPECS: This award-winning 252-acre center in Orange includes several gardens featuring more than 300 plant species, educational settings and a state-of-the-art Heronry Blind. Sneak a peek at some of the 17 species that migrate to 15-acre Ruby Lake, which sees 5,000 birds annually. There is no admission charge for access to these scenic, interactive gardens.

LOOK FOR: Herons, Great Egrets, Roseate Spoonbills, Anhingas, Cormorants, Wood Ducks, etc.



11 CATTAIL MARSH AT TYRRELL PARK AND WETLANDS EDUCATION CENTER

UTC 019

LATITUDE 30.02489 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.14867

WHERE Cattail Marsh and the educational center are at the rear of Tyrrell Park, 6088 Babe Zaharias Drive in Beaumont.

CONTACT beaumonttexas.gov/departments/parks-recreation/ ★ goldentriangleaudubon.org/focus-areas/cattail-marsh/

SITE SPECS: The Golden Triangle Audubon Society meets at the park's garden center. The marsh and Wetlands Educational Center are at the park's rear. The Wetlands Educational Center is elevated with a wrap-around view of bird-filled Cattail Marsh. A boardwalk and gazebo allow birders to get in the middle of a wetlands and a few feet from the birds. The area features diked cells, open shallow water and mudflats.

Tyrrell Park includes a nature center, botanical gardens, conservatory, golf course, stables and areas for picnicking. Tyrrell Park Nature Center is housed in the newly refurbished CCC building in the park that was originally built in the mid 1930s.



SUDELA

LOOK FOR: Purple Gallinule, Roseate Spoonbill, Ibis, waterfowl, pelicans, doves, blackbirds, etc.

Cattail Marsh’s 900 acres offers more than 8 miles of levee gravel roads for hiking and nature photography along the banks of Hildebrandt Bayou and Willow Marsh Bayou. Look for more than 250 species of birds annually. The education center features an upstairs classroom with roll-up doors, air conditioning, a restroom and a handicapped-accessible lift.



LONG-BILLED CURLEW

T.J. SENTERS



AMERICAN AVOCET

DANA NELSON



12 ANAHUAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

UTC 049

LATITUDE 29.610450 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.438480

WHERE 4017 F.M. 563, Anahuac

CONTACT fws.gov/refuge/Anahuac/visit/plan_your_visit.html

SITE SPECS: The Visitor Information Station features a walking trail and auto tour loop. Acres of freshwater and saltwater marshes provide you opportunities to see shorebirds, raptors, waterfowl, and all seven species of North American rail. Also stop at the Visitor Information Center, 4318 FM 1985 for an introductory tour and boardwalk. 409.267.3337

LOOK FOR: The Woodlot Trail provides a little-known secret to birders seeking migrating neotropical songbirds including the Prothonotary Warbler, and Shoveler's Pond will take you on a drive with alligators, rails, and waterfowl alike. Drive the loop, sit in a wildlife blind, or walk a trail to get beautiful views of local and visiting birds all with the backdrop of amazing sunrises and sunsets of the bay.



OSPREY

DARLYNE PECK HARTMAN





RED BELLIED WOODPECKER

RICHARD BALSAMO

13 BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRESERVE

UTC 015

LATITUDE 30.45711 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.3877

WHERE BTNP is divided into several widely separated units.

CONTACT www.nps.gov/bith

SITE SPECS: Get a list and map at the Visitor Center, about 7 miles north of Kountze at the intersection of U.S. 69/287 and FM 420. 409.951.6700

LOOK FOR: Birders enjoy Cook's Lake, Hickory Creek, Savannah, Kirby Nature trail, Lance Rosier Unit, McQueen's Landing, Pitcher Plant Trail, Turkey Creek Trail and Village Creek. Site Specs: Day use only; The more than 113,000 acres includes 9 land and 6 water areas and 9 eco systems. Bird the open grassland and long-leaf pine forest of the Wetland Pine Savannah, including the 1-mile Sundew Trail that attracts Bachman's Sparrows and several woodpecker species. The Kirby Nature Trail's dense beech-magnolia-loblolly pine forest, cypress slough and riparian zone provide habitat for thrushes, thrashers and Swainson's warblers.



Bird is the Word

Bird lovers, connect to these sites/social media outlets to keep flying high:

- ★ Golden Triangle Audubon Society
- ★ Texas Ornithological Society
- ★ Friends of Anahuac National Refuge
- ★ Sea Rim State Park, Texas Parks and Wildlife
- ★ Big Thicket National Preserve
- ★ Ben J. Rogers Regional Visitors Bureau
- ★ Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau



More coastal birding sites:

ANAHUAC

- ★ Wallisville Lake Project **UTC 042**
- ★ White Memorial Park **UTC 042**
- ★ Trinity River Recreationa/Visitor Center **UTC 043**
- ★ JJ Mayes Wildlife Trace **UTC 043A**
- ★ Trinity River Waterbird Rookery **UTC 0438**
- ★ Hugo Point Park **UTC 043C**
- ★ Anahuac Pumping Station **UTC 044**
- ★ Fort Anahuac Park **UTC 045**
- ★ Double Bayou Park **UTC 046**

LUMBERTON/KOUNTZE

- ★ Gore Store Road and Turkey Creek **UTC 016**
- ★ Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary **UTC 017**
- ★ Village Creek State Park **UTC 018**

VIDOR AND ORANGE

- ★ Claiborne West Park **UTC 020**
- ★ Blue Elbow Swamp-Tony Houseman
Wildlife Management Area **UTC 001**

Birding sites with a “**UTC**” designation are part of the Upper Texas Coastal section of the Great Texas Wildlife Trails, a Texas Parks and Wildlife program that highlights 920 of the best wildlife-viewing sites throughout Texas. www.tpwd.texas.gov/wildlifetrails



14 HOUSTON AUDUBON SOCIETY'S BOLIVAR FLATS SHOREBIRD SANCTUARY

UTC 058

LATITUDE 29.3920 ★ **LONGITUDE** -94.7308

WHERE From Texas 87 toward Galveston take Loop 108/ Rettilon Road, go south on road toward beach then turn west parallel to shoreline. Try to stay on wet, packed sand to sanctuary. Stop at vehicular barrier and don't stray into marsh so as to protect hidden nests and avoid venomous snakes.

SITE SPECS: Shorebird Reserve Network designates the flats as a Globally Important Bird Area. This Gulf of Mexico shoreline draws thousands of wintering American Avocets, Redknots, Long-billed curlew, Franklin's Gulls, breeding, Least Tern (in March-April), year-round Reddish Egret and Magnificent Frigatebird (summer).



Birding is just the beginning

Discover a world of adventure in Port Arthur,
the official Cajun Capital of Texas.



MUSEUMS

Explore the region's oil and maritime history and area notables in music, arts and sports



HISTORICAL HOMES

Step back in time at Pompeii Villa and Rose Hill Manor on Historic Lakeshore Drive



SHOPPING

Spend the day shopping on Boston Avenue, Port Neches Avenue or Lincoln Avenue



OUTDOOR TOURS

Choose from a slow moving pontoon or a speedy airboat, and hop aboard a river, swamp or bayou tour



CHARTER FISHING

Book a charter trip on Sabine Lake for redfish, flounder or trout. Or, fish from any one of the many boardwalks, fishing piers and levees on Pleasure Island



PADDLING

Kayak or paddle three rated trails at Sea Rim State Park or meander through the miles of rivers and bayous in and around Port Arthur



LIVE MUSIC

Hometown of Janis Joplin, ZZ Top, Mark Chesnutt, Tracy Byrd and Johnny & Edgar Winter, live music is a way of life in Southeast Texas



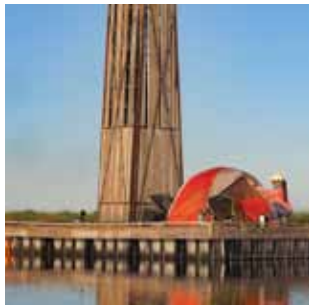
FAITH TRAIL

Get inspired on our cross community Faith Trail – churches, temples and religious centers full of mosaics, paintings, sculptures and architectural wonders



FOOD

Enjoy fresh Gulf seafood, gumbo or boudain with a spicy Cajun twist in the official Cajun Capital of Texas



CAMPING

Pitch a tent on the beach or paddle out to a floating campsite in the marsh

SABINE WOODS AREA BIRDING CHECK LIST

	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL		WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
<input type="radio"/> Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		U	R	VR	<input type="radio"/> Least Sandpiper	VR	VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Fulvous Whistling-Duck		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Peep Sandpiper		VR		
<input type="radio"/> Snow Goose	C	VR		U	<input type="radio"/> Pectoral Sandpiper		VR		
<input type="radio"/> Ross's Goose	U			R	<input type="radio"/> Short-billed Dowitcher		VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	U	VR		U	<input type="radio"/> Long-billed Dowitcher		VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Canada Goose/Cackling Goose		VR			<input type="radio"/> American Woodcock	U			VR
<input type="radio"/> Wood Duck		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Wilson's Snipe	U	VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Blue-winged Teal	VR	U		R	<input type="radio"/> Wilson's Phalarope		VR		
<input type="radio"/> Cinnamon Teal		VR			<input type="radio"/> Spotted Sandpiper		VR		
<input type="radio"/> Northern Shoveler	VR	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Solitary Sandpiper	VR	U	U	U
<input type="radio"/> Gadwall	VR	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Greater Yellowlegs	R	R	R	R
<input type="radio"/> American Wigeon		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Willet	R	U	U	R
<input type="radio"/> Mallard	R	VR			<input type="radio"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	VR	R		R
<input type="radio"/> Mottled Duck	U	U	R	R	<input type="radio"/> Bonaparte's Gull		VR		
<input type="radio"/> Northern Pintail	VR	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Laughing Gull	C	C	C	C
<input type="radio"/> Green-winged Teal	VR	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Franklin's Gull		VR		
<input type="radio"/> Canvasback		VR			<input type="radio"/> Ring-billed Gull	C	C	VR	VR
<input type="radio"/> Redhead	VR	VR			<input type="radio"/> Herring Gull		VR	VR	
<input type="radio"/> Lesser Scaup		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Least Tern		VR	R	VR
<input type="radio"/> Hooded Merganser		VR			<input type="radio"/> Gull-billed Tern		VR	VR	VR
<input type="radio"/> Northern Bobwhite	R	R	R	R	<input type="radio"/> Caspian Tern	VR	VR	R	VR
<input type="radio"/> Common Loon	VR	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Black Tern		VR	R	VR
<input type="radio"/> Pied-billed Grebe	R	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Forster's Tern	VR	R	R	R
<input type="radio"/> Wood Stork			R	VR	<input type="radio"/> Royal Tern		R	R	R
<input type="radio"/> Magnificent Frigatebird		VR	VR	VR	<input type="radio"/> Black Skimmer		VR	VR	
<input type="radio"/> Neotropic Cormorant	R	U	R	U	<input type="radio"/> Rock Pigeon	VR	R	R	R
<input type="radio"/> Double-crested Cormorant	U	R		R	<input type="radio"/> Eurasian Collared-Dove	VR	R	R	R
<input type="radio"/> Anhinga	VR	R	R	R	<input type="radio"/> Inca Dove	R	U	R	R
<input type="radio"/> American White Pelican	U	R		R	<input type="radio"/> Common Ground-Dove		VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Brown Pelican	R	R	R	R	<input type="radio"/> White-winged Dove	U	C	C	C
<input type="radio"/> American Bittern		VR			<input type="radio"/> Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A
<input type="radio"/> Least Bittern		VR	U	VR	<input type="radio"/> Groove-billed Ani	VR	VR		R
<input type="radio"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	R	U	<input type="radio"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C	C
<input type="radio"/> Great Egret	U	C	U	C	<input type="radio"/> Black-billed Cuckoo		R		R
<input type="radio"/> Snowy Egret	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Barn Owl	C	U	U	C
<input type="radio"/> Little Blue Heron	R	U	U	R	<input type="radio"/> Great Horned Owl	C	U	U	U
<input type="radio"/> Tricolored Heron	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Long-eared Owl				X
<input type="radio"/> Reddish Egret		VR			<input type="radio"/> Short-eared Owl	VR			VR
<input type="radio"/> Cattle Egret	VR	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Lesser Nighthawk		R		
<input type="radio"/> Green Heron		C	C	C	<input type="radio"/> Common Nighthawk		C	C	U
<input type="radio"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron		R	VR	VR	<input type="radio"/> Chuck-will's-widow	R	U	R	C
<input type="radio"/> Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	VR	C	U	R	<input type="radio"/> Eastern Whip-poor-will	VR	VR	R	R
<input type="radio"/> White Ibis	U	C	U	C	<input type="radio"/> Chimney Swift		U	U	U
<input type="radio"/> Glossy Ibis		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Green-breasted Mango		X		
<input type="radio"/> White-faced Ibis	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	VR	C	C	C
<input type="radio"/> Roseate Spoonbill	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Black-chinned Hummingbird	VR	VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Black Vulture	U	U	U	C	<input type="radio"/> Broad-tailed Hummingbird		VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Turkey Vulture	A	A	A	A	<input type="radio"/> Rufous Hummingbird	VR	VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Osprey	U	U	VR	U	<input type="radio"/> Buff-bellied Hummingbird		VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> White-tailed Kite	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Belted Kingfisher	U	U	R	U
<input type="radio"/> Swallow-tailed Kite		R		VR	<input type="radio"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	VR	VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> Mississippi Kite		R	R	U	<input type="radio"/> Golden-fronted Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/> Northern Harrier	C	U		C	<input type="radio"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="radio"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U		U	<input type="radio"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	U		U
<input type="radio"/> Cooper's Hawk	U	U	VR	U	<input type="radio"/> Downy Woodpecker	A	A	A	A
<input type="radio"/> Bald Eagle	VR	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Hairy Woodpecker		X		X
<input type="radio"/> White-tailed Hawk		VR		R	<input type="radio"/> Northern Flicker	C	R	VR	U
<input type="radio"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	R	U	<input type="radio"/> Pileated Woodpecke		VR		
<input type="radio"/> Broad-winged Hawk		U	R	C	<input type="radio"/> Crested Caracara	U	U	U	U
<input type="radio"/> Swainson's Hawk		R		R	<input type="radio"/> American Kestrel	U	R		U
<input type="radio"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	U	VR	U	<input type="radio"/> Merlin	R	U		U
<input type="radio"/> Black Rail		VR	VR	R	<input type="radio"/> Peregrine Falcon	R	R		U
<input type="radio"/> King Rail	VR	VR		R	<input type="radio"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher		U	R	C
<input type="radio"/> Clapper Rail	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Western Wood.Pewee				VR
<input type="radio"/> Virginia Rail	VR	R		VR	<input type="radio"/> Eastern Wood.Pewee		C	R	C
<input type="radio"/> Sora	VR	U		VR	<input type="radio"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		R	C	U
<input type="radio"/> Purple Gallinule		R			<input type="radio"/> Acadian Flycatcher		C	U	U
<input type="radio"/> Common Gallinule	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Willow/Alder (Trails) Flycatcher		R	R	U
<input type="radio"/> American Coot	R	R		VR	<input type="radio"/> Least Flycatcher	VR	U	C	C
<input type="radio"/> Sandhill Crane	VR			VR	<input type="radio"/> Eastern Phoebe	A	U		C
<input type="radio"/> Black-necked Stilt	VR	U	U	R	<input type="radio"/> Vermilion Flycatcher	VR	VR		VR
<input type="radio"/> American Avocet		VR	VR	VR	<input type="radio"/> Ash-throated Flycatcher		VR		R
<input type="radio"/> Black-bellied Plover		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Great Crested Flycatcher		C	C	C
<input type="radio"/> Semipalmated Plover	VR	VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Great Kiskadee	R	R	R	R
<input type="radio"/> Killdeer	U	U	U	U	<input type="radio"/> Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher		X		X
<input type="radio"/> Upland Sandpiper		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Couch's Kingbird		VR	VR	
<input type="radio"/> Whimbrel		R			<input type="radio"/> Western Kingbird	VR	R	VR	VR
<input type="radio"/> Long-billed Curlew		VR		VR	<input type="radio"/> Eastern Kingbird		A	C	U
<input type="radio"/> Stilt Sandpiper		VR			<input type="radio"/> Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	R	U	U	U
<input type="radio"/> Dunlin		VR			<input type="radio"/> Fork-tailed Flycatcher		X		X

A ABUNDANT: Should see, a common species which is very numerous
B COMMON: Should see, almost certain to be seen in correct habitat
U UNCOMMON: May be seen, present but not certain to be seen

R RARE: May see, seen only a few times during season
VR VERY RARE: Not to be expected, seen at irregular intervals, not every year
X VAGRANT: Not to be expected, less than 5 records

	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
○ Loggerhead Shrike	C	C	C	C
○ Black-capped Vireo		X		
○ White-eyed Vireo	U	C	U	C
○ Bell's Vireo		VR		R
○ Yellow-throated Vireo		C	R	U
○ Cassin's Vireo				X
○ Blue-headed Vireo	C	C		C
○ Philadelphia Vireo		U	VR	U
○ Warbling Vireo		U	VR	U
○ Red-eyed Vireo		C	U	C
○ Yellow-green Vireo		VR	VR	
○ Black-whiskered Vireo		R		
○ Blue Jay	A	A	A	A
○ American Crow	VR			VR
○ Fish Crow	VR	U	R	VR
○ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	VR	U	R	U
○ Purple Martin	R	C	U	R
○ Tree Swallow	A	A	R	U
○ Bank Swallow		U		R
○ Barn Swallow	R	A	C	U
○ Cliff Swallow		R	R	R
○ Cave Swallow	VR	VR		VR
○ Carolina Chickadee	R	R	R	R
○ Tufted Titmouse	VR	VR	VR	VR
○ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R	R		U
○ Brown Creeper	U	R		U
○ House Wren	C	U		C
○ Winter Wren	R	VR		R
○ Sedge Wren	U	U		U
○ Marsh Wren	R	R	R	R
○ Carolina Wren	R	R	R	R
○ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	A	C	C	A
○ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	R		U
○ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	A	C		C
○ Eastern Bluebird	R	VR	VR	R
○ Veery		C		R
○ Gray-cheeked Thrush		C		R
○ Swainson's Thrush		C	VR	U
○ Hermit Thrush	C	U		U
○ Wood Thrush	VR	C		U
○ American Robin	C	U	R	U
○ Gray Catbird	C	C	U	C
○ Brown Thrasher	C	A	C	A
○ Tropical Mockingbird		X	X	
○ Northern Mockingbird	A	A	A	A
○ European Starling	U	U	U	U
○ American Pipit	R	VR		VR
○ Cedar Waxwing	U	U	VR	R
○ Ovenbird		C	U	U
○ Worm-eating Warbler		C	U	U
○ Louisiana Waterthrush	VR	C	U	R
○ Northern Waterthrush	R	C	U	U
○ Golden-winged Warbler		U		R
○ Blue-winged Warbler		C	U	U
○ Black-and-white Warbler	U	C	C	C
○ Prothonotary Warbler		C	U	R
○ Swainson's Warbler		C	U	R
○ Tennessee Warbler		C		C
○ Orange-crowned Warbler	A	U		C
○ Nashville Warbler	VR	R	R	C
○ MacGillivray's Warbler	X	X		
○ Mourning Warbler		R	U	U
○ Kentucky Warbler		C	U	U
○ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C
○ Hooded Warbler	VR	C	C	C
○ American Redstart		C	U	C
○ Cape May Warbler		R		R
○ Cerulean Warbler		U	VR	VR
○ Northern Parula	R	C	U	C
○ Magnolia Warbler	VR	C		C
○ Bay-breasted Warbler		U		R
○ Blackburnian Warbler		C	R	U
○ Yellow Warbler		C	C	C
○ Chestnut-sided Warbler		C		U
○ Blackpoll Warbler		U	VR	VR
○ Black-throated Blue Warbler		R		U
○ Palm Warbler	U	U		U
○ Pine Warbler	C	VR		U
○ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C		U
○ Yellow-throated Warbler	VR	U	U	U

	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
○ Prairie Warbler	VR	R	R	U
○ Black-throated Gray Warbler		VR		R
○ Townsend's Warbler				X
○ Hermit Warbler		X		
○ Black-throated Green Warbler	VR	C	R	C
○ Canada Warbler		U	C	C
○ Wilson's Warbler	R	R	VR	C
○ Grasshopper Sparrow	VR	VR		VR
○ LeConte's Sparrow		VR		VR
○ Seaside Sparrow	VR	VR	VR	VR
○ Chipping Sparrow	U	R	VR	RU
○ Clay-colored Sparrow		VR		VR
○ Field Sparrow	U	VR		R
○ Lark Sparrow	VR	R	R	VR
○ Fox Sparrow	VR	VR		
○ Dark-eyed Junco	R	VR		R
○ White-crowned Sparrow	U	U		R
○ Harris's Sparrow	VR	VR		
○ White-throated Sparrow	C	C		U
○ Vesper Sparrow		VR		VR
○ Savannah Sparrow	U	R		R
○ Song Sparrow	C	U		R
○ Lincoln's Sparrow	U	U		U
○ Swamp Sparrow	C	C		U
○ Green-tailed Towhee	VR	VR		VR
○ Spotted Towhee	R	R		VR
○ Eastern Towhee	R	R		R
○ Yellow-breasted Chat	R	C	U	C
○ Summer Tanager	VR	C	R	C
○ Scarlet Tanager		C		U
○ Western Tanager	R	R		R
○ Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A
○ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		C		U
○ Black-headed Grosbeak		X		X
○ Blue Grosbeak	VR	C	U	U
○ Lazuli Bunting		X		
○ Indigo Bunting	R	C	U	C
○ Painted Bunting	R	C	C	C
○ Dickcissel		U	R	R
○ Yellow-headed Blackbird		VR		
○ Bobolink		R		
○ Eastern Meadowlark	U	U	R	R
○ Orchard Oriole		C	C	U
○ Hooded Oriole		X		
○ Bullock's Oriole		X		X
○ Baltimore Oriole	R	C	U	C
○ Red-winged Blackbird	A	A	A	A
○ Bronzed Cowbird	VR	R	VR	
○ Brown-headed Cowbird	R	C	U	R
○ Rusty Blackbird	X	X		X
○ Common Grackle	U	A	C	C
○ Boat-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	C
○ Great-tailed Grackle	A	A	A	A
○ Evening Grosbeak		X		
○ House Finch		VR		VR
○ Pine Siskin		VR		VR
○ American Goldfinch	C	R		R
○ House Sparrow	VR	VR	VR	VR



LODGING *The early bird gets the spot.*



Home 2 Suites

www.home2suites3.hilton.com
2750 Home Two Plaza
Port Arthur | 409.999.3464

Holiday Homes

2929 Jimmy Johnson Blvd
Port Arthur | 409.724.5000

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

www.hiexpress.com
3115 Central Mall | Port Arthur
409.853.4114

Hampton Inn & Suites

www.portarthursuites.hamptoninn.com
7660 Memorial Blvd | Port Arthur
409.722.6999

Comfort Inn & Suites

www.choicehotels.com
7800 Memorial Blvd | Port Arthur
409.729.0500

La Quinta

www.laquinta.com
7540 Memorial Blvd | Port Arthur
409.722.8383 | 409.722.8385

TownePlace Suites by Marriott

www.marriott.com
2700 Port Plaza Drive | Port Arthur
409.722.2700

Days Inn & Suites

www.wyndhamhotels.com
7340 Memorial Blvd | Port Arthur
409.999.3430

Baymont Inn and Suites

www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont
3801 Hwy 73 | Port Arthur
409.962.9858

Cajun Cabins

1900 T.B. Ellison Parkway
Pleasure Island | Port Arthur
409.982.6050

Super 8 Motel & Suites

www.super8.com
7700 Memorial Blvd | Port Arthur
409.722.1012

Studio 6 Suites

www.staystudio6.com
3000 Jimmy Johnson Blvd
Port Arthur | 409.729.6611

Motel 6

www.motel6.com
3838 Hwy 73 | Port Arthur
409.983.7255

Quality Inn & Suites

www.qualityinn.com
8040 Memorial Hwy, Hwy 69
Port Arthur | 409.729.3434

Econolodge

www.choicehotels.com
4500 Hwy 73 | Port Arthur
409.962.4500

Mainstay Inn & Suites

www.choicehotels.com
7648 Memorial Blvd | Port Arthur
409.729.8880

Crystal Inn

2015 Hwy 73 | Port Arthur
409.983.8000

Sabine Pass Motel

5623 Greenwich St | Sabine Pass
409.213.5020

Sea Rim State Park Cabin

tpwd.texas.gov/state.parks/sea.rim/fees.facilities/cabin
19335 S Gulfway Drive | Sabine Pass
409.971.2559

America's Best Value Inn

www.hotelsone.com
7440 Memorial Blvd
Port Arthur | 409.722.1034

Suburban Extended Stay Hotel

www.suburbanhotels.com
6900 Memorial Blvd/Hwy 69
409.722.9120

Best Western Plus Mid County

www.bestwestern.com
7550 Anchor Drive | 409.237.5749

Residence Inn by Marriott Port Arthur

www.marriott.com
2740 Jimmy Johnson Blvd |
409.293.4021

Clarion Pointe

www.choicehotels.com
2600 Port Plaza Drive
409.344.9786

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham

www.wyndhamhotels.com
7440 Memorial Blvd | Port Arthur
409.217.5051

Rodeway Inn

3838 Hwy 73 | Port Arthur
409.983.7255

RV PARKS

A.O.K. RV Park

2135 61st St/Spur 93
W. Port Arthur Road
409.781.3591 | 409.988.9274

Access RV Park/Cozy Cabins

2565 95th St. | Port Arthur
409.729.8000

Cajun Cabins RV Park

1900 MLK Blvd. | Port Arthur
409.983.3822

Pleasure Island RV Park

540 South Spoil Levee Rd.
Port Arthur | 409.651.4171
409.982.4675
2950 W. Hwy 365
409.736.3010

Driftwood RV Park

3700 Memorial Blvd./Hwy. 69
Port Arthur | 409.985.8411

Drop On In RV Park

5241 Greenwich St. (off 87 S)
Port Arthur | 409.728.0227
409.728.1262

Sea Rim State Park

19335 State Hwy. 87 | Sabine Pass
409.971.2559

Walter Umphrey State Park

3900 Martin Luther King Dr.,
Pleasure Island | Port Arthur
409.802.4320 | 409.736.2851

Waterview RV Resort on Pleasure Island

150 Pleasure Pier Blvd. | Port Arthur
409.543.7161

Groves RV Park & Mobile Village

6345 Gulfway Drive | Groves
409.962.2244

New Lloyd's RV Park

350 Twin City Hwy./Hwy. 347
Port Neches | 409.727.1666

LaBelle RV

8351 FM 365 | LaBelle
409.796.2910 | 409.626.1586

Port Arthur RV Resort

2950 W. Hwy. 365 | Port Arthur
409.736.3010



**VISIT PORT ARTHUR THANKS
GOLDEN TRIANGLE AUDUBON SOCIETY
FOR KEEPING SABINE WOODS THRIVING.**





BIRD THE UPPER TEXAS GULF COAST

Download or request a free birding guide by mail at

visitportarthurtx.com

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

3401 Cultural Center Dr // Port Arthur, TX 77642

409.985.7822 // visitportarthurtx.com

