

Herman Brown Park

Herman Brown Park is a city park located on the northeastern edge of the city of Houston. The park offers most amenities of city parks, including tennis courts, playgrounds, and bike paths. Additionally, the center area of the park is an area of bottomland hardwood forest, with trails. This virtually undisturbed forest is an excellent oasis for wildlife, at the junction of Houston's two largest freeways.

LOCATION: The park is located in Harris County, Texas, just northeast of the I-10 and I-610 interchange.



WOOD THRUSH

SIZE: 303.75 ha (750 acres)

HABITAT: The park is part of the watershed for Buffalo Bayou, and is bisected by Hunting Bayou. The area is an isolated patch of forest amid extensive residential development. Typical trees are live oaks, black willow, and cypress. Common riparian understory plants like yaupon are abundant.

BIRDS: Herman Brown Park, as a wooded oasis in the city of Houston, is an important stopover point for neotropical migrants.

Migrants likely use the Buffalo Bayou corridor in their journey, and its tributaries like Greens Bayou and Hunting Bayou are utilized as well. Outside of the park, most of the riparian forest along these bayous is gone, but Herman Brown Park still has

these migrant corridors. Breeding species include Ruby-throated Hummingbird, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and Northern Parula Warbler.



CONSERVATION: Habitat degradation from overuse is the greatest threat to this park. Pressure to expand the facilities of the park will always be an issue. Another threat is potential highway expansion. It is imperative that the city of Houston continue to preserve these urban refuges for future generations.

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