

Sabine Woods



WAYNE NICHOLAS

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

Sabine Woods is a significant tract of chenier woods which consists mostly of live oaks, and a natural slough. Due to its location in extreme southeastern Texas just meters from the Gulf of Mexico, this refuge is one of the most important stopover oasis for neotropical migrants.

LOCATION: Along Highway 87, 4.1 miles west of Sabine Pass, Texas.

SIZE: 12.15 ha (30 acres)



HABITAT: This coastal chenier woodlot is composed primarily of large live oaks, and willows, and hackberrys near wetlands. The understory is fairly open in places, and dense in others. Boardwalks provide convenient access to most parts of the sanctuary, and there are benches and viewing platforms in several places. Over a hundred new oak saplings (which are now 15-foot high) have been planted by the Texas Ornithological Society, and they are thriving and add additional important bird habitat.

BIRDS: As with all coastal cheniers, Sabine Woods is critical stopover habitat for transgulf neotropical migrants. This large oak motte is very isolated on the Texas coast, and attracts large numbers of migrants.

CONSERVATION: Sabine Woods is owned by the Texas Ornithological Society, and therefore protected in perpetuity. TOS has taken active steps to maintain and enhance the facilities and habitat. These woods are now one of the premier birding spots in North America.



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