

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

Protecting birds and their habitats around the Gulf Coast of Mexico and beyond for 21 years.



A Great GCBO Year

After a stormy year with Harvey last year, we finished rebuilding this spring and haven't looked back! Staff have made great strides in the field, and continued the quality avian research GCBO has become so well known for. All this success depends so much on your support, and we are forever grateful!

Many of you have supported our programs and projects for many years. Thank you! I send you this appeal at year's end in hopes that you can support us once more. You truly make a huge difference! We are humbled by your support and belief in GCBO's mission!

GCBO at Work

Our research, conservation, and education projects are always evolving and growing, and thanks to your help, great successes. Here is a yearly review of a few of our many programs.

Land Conservation Projects

Our Tropical Forest Forever Fund awarded funds to expand the Las Galarias Reserve in Ecuador for neo-tropic migrants in a very important area. Our Land Acquisition Fund awarded funds to The Nature Conservancy to expand the Brazos Woods Preserve in Brazoria County, Texas this year.

Motus Tracking

GCBO and FWS have deployed 15 Motus towers from Texas City to Rockport. They are actively tracking birds as you read this!

Eastern Willet Tracking

In collaboration with FWS, we are anxiously awaiting the return of two Willets with VHF transmitters which will provide new information on where they spend the winter.

American Oystercatcher Project

In its 9th season next spring, the focus is shifting more towards what we can do to help this species. We are working with the Galveston Bay Foundation to restore habitat.

Smith Point Hawk Watch

In its 22nd season, the hawk watchers on the tower continue to turn in important data on migrating raptors. It is also a favorite of birders and photographers!

Black Skimmer Conservation

We are banding skimmer chicks to help track their survival and movements.

Beach Nesting and Wintering Shorebird Projects

We continue building critical data for plovers, terns and skimmers and we monitor beach dunes and educate the public to stay out of these areas. Two bollard projects are in the works to protect dunes in two nesting and wintering locations.

Quintana Bird Sanctuaries

These three small preserves provide critical habitats for neo-tropical migrants. They are cared for by a partnership with the Town of Quintana.

Education Programs

The Brazosport College continues to feature the Adult Lifelong Learning course taught by GCBO's Outreach and Education Manager, Emma Shelly. "Birds and Art," uses wildlife illustration and nature sketching to educate about birds in Texas.

Our Project Soar is expanding onto more campuses, giving STEM resources for teachers interested in using birds to teach science. The program teaches kids 50% in the classroom and the rest of the time outdoors on their campus.



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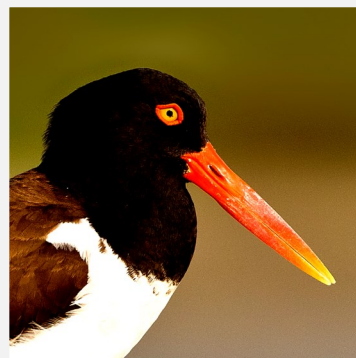
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