

Magic Ridge Sanctuary

Magic Ridge is an ancient beach ridge made up mostly of shell deposits that lies between a broad tidal slough and the tidal flat just inland from Lavaca Bay between Indianola and Magnolia Beach in Calhoun County, Texas. The location of the vegetated ridge along Lavaca Bay near the Gulf makes this area an important stopover point for neotropical migrants.

LOCATION: Just off Zimmerman Rd and Texas Hwy 316E, Calhoun County, Texas.



BAY-BREADED WARBLER

WAYNE NICHOLAS

SIZE: 31.99 ha (79 acres)

HABITAT: Magic Ridge contains about 45% Tamaulipan scrub growing on top of the shell ridge, and the remainder is a broad tidal slough on the east which adjoins the beach ridge of Lavaca Bay. To the west, is a broad tidal flat used daily by hundreds of shorebirds, gulls and terns and is within view of birders on the Magic Ridge.

BIRDS: The area is a well known site for observing neotropical migratory songbirds, shorebirds, as well as some south Texas species on the northern edge of their range.

The Golden Crescent Nature Club ranks this site and the adjoining land within the top five birding destinations near Victoria. This site is one of the main reasons Calhoun County was able to amass 243 species during the spring migration count in 2004.

CONSERVATION: TOS plans to expand the size of the sanctuary by acquiring adjoining land important to birds and preventing it from being developed.



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