

Sabal Palm Audubon Sanctuary



Groove-billed Ani

about 80 miles upstream from the Gulf of Mexico. Today, only a small portion of that forest remains, protected on a 557 acres of this Audubon sanctuary.

Sabal Palm Audubon Center is home to many native species of plants and animals that reach the northernmost limit of their Mexican range here and do not occur elsewhere in the U.S. No visit to south Texas is complete without a stop at Sabal Palm.

LOCATION: Southwest of Brownsville along the U.S. Mexican border in Cameron County, Texas.

SIZE: 225 ha (557 acres)

HABITAT: Cradled in a bend of the U.S./Mexico border the Sabal Palm Audubon Center harbors one of the most beautiful and critical ecosystems of South Texas and northern Mexico. Sabal Palms once grew profusely along the edge of the edge of the Rio Grande in small stands or groves extending



BIRDS: Sabal Palm is home to nesting Gray-crowned Yellowthroats and many other South Texas specialties including Plain Chachalaca, White-tipped Dove, Common Pauraque, Groove-billed Ani, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Ringed Kingfisher, Green Kingfisher, Great Kiskadee, Tropical Kingbird, Couch's Kingbird, Long-billed Thrasher, Tropical Parula, Olive Sparrow, and Altamire Oriole.

CONSERVATION: As South Texas has grown more developed and fragmented, Sabal Palm's natural habitat has become critical to numerous species of birds, mammals, reptiles, and other wildlife. The Sanctuary is

an important link in the corridor of wildlife habitat that still exists in this region. In 2003, Audubon began a long-term project to restore 150 acres of fallow agricultural field at the Sabal Palm Sanctuary. In previously restored sections, once bare fields are now home to dense shrubs and 20 foot trees.

Site Partner:

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