

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

Protecting birds and their habitats around the Gulf of Mexico and beyond for 23 years.



A Different Normal

2020 started out normal enough... yet we all know what it looks like today! It's been a year of new challenges to rise above in order to help the birds and the environment they rely on. Much of our work had to stop for a while during stay at home orders, protocols changed, and field work modified. Our public events have all been cancelled for this year, but we have been able to create some virtual online events and programs instead.

Staff have still 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! Especially today with so much of our event income lost.

Many of you have supported our programs and projects for many years. Thank you! I send you this appeal 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!



Thank you!

GCBO at Work

Our research, conservation, and education projects still go on, even with more challenges than ever before! We are learning to change with the needs, our programs are evolving, and some even growing. This is all due to your help! Here are a few highlights of our many programs.

Land Conservation Projects

Our last **Tropical Forest Forever Fund** award helped fund ABC's Las Balsas preserve project for the Lilacine Amazons in Ecuador. The 201 important acres will be co-managed by Fundación Jocotoco and ABC.

Our **Land Acquisition Fund** has awarded funds to the Armand Bayou Nature Center for their Middle Armand Bayou project to add 976 acres near Pasadena, Texas in Harris County. Funds were also awarded to the Galveston Bay Foundation for the Flo Hanna Prairie project near Angleton, Texas in Brazoria County.

Education Programs

We are very excited to unveil a new three year education effort in partnership with the American Bird Conservancy, funded by the EPA. It will focus on the upper Texas coastline to reduce trash accumulating on coastal beaches.

We will launch a coordinated education and outreach campaign to engage the local communities, stakeholders, and natural resource managers whose coastal lands and areas are impacted by trash and plastic pollution.

Our online presence has really grown as we reinvent our ways to reach everyone. We have developed GCBO's Online Bird School where kids and adults can become birders, researchers, and wildlife advocates right from their living rooms. All of which is completely free of charge. Subjects include Birding, Avian Research, Coastal Clean-up and much more. For smaller bird lovers, there's the children's book Winnie the Wilson's Plover. For more experienced birders, there are birding flashcards. We are now also on YouTube! We're creating more and more online content to connect you with nature on our YouTube channel where you can watch relaxing birding videos, fun educational videos, and videos about GCBO. Plus, you can now buy GCBO apparel and merchandise on our website! Help us, help birds, and help yourself to some awesome merchandise like hats, shirts, patches, and American Oystercatcher adoptions. Check them out!



Martin Hagne

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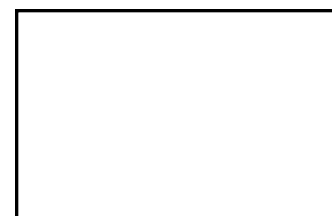
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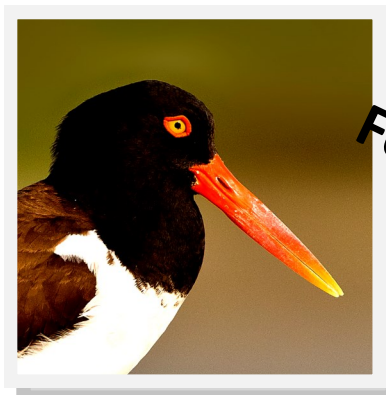
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