



**SOUTH TEXAS  
BOTANICAL  
GARDENS  
& NATURE CENTER**

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## Birdiest Festival in America has big advantages for residents of Birdiest City; New "Target Birds" matched to trips for visitors and locals' Life Lists!

"Wings-Up" for Corpus Christi's ninth BIRDIEST FESTIVAL in AMERICA, **Wednesday, April 22- Sunday, April 26**, plus two pre-trips (already full) and one post-trip! Experience spring migration on Gulf Coast at hub of busiest flyways. With birders from 30 states having experienced it, the biggest challenge has been to involve locals in this Festival! Festival leadership agrees we want more Coastal Bend participation, especially beginners. Locals forego air, hotel, restaurant expenses; but play key roles in welcoming visiting birders investing in Corpus Christi tourism!

Your **\$40 Festival registration includes** daily admission to Botanical Gardens Festival base, Raptor presentations, Exhibitor Tent, Saturday's artisan booths and Water-Smart Plant Sale; plus access to separately-priced trips, workshops, evening entertainment. **DON'T WAIT** to get first choice of experiences! Registration and complete five-day schedule is online at [www.birdiestfestival.org](http://www.birdiestfestival.org).



"Birders can attend one day, part of a day, or all five days of this activity-filled event," emphasizes Event Chair Denise Housler! "Take one trip or attend one presentation, check out the Exhibitor Tent and a Raptor Show! Even the *Welcome Texas BBQ* is a great way to meet birders from all over the country soaking in their enthusiasm! We have talks or workshops for beginners and veteran birders," she added.

World-famous **King Ranch** is a highlight of 13 exclusive Full-Day and 13 Half-Day field trips to private ranches and shoreline hot spots in large vans with seasoned guides, plus four U-Drive excursions and Guided Bird Walks. Nine trips have sold out. Draws for Corpus Christi are shore and water bird excursions!



New this year are **19 Target Birds!** Hovering over website photos shows a field trip matched to likely sightings! These selected species typically present late April both local birders and visitors want on their "life lists!"



Popular Jonathan Wood brings back his unique traveling raptors, amazingly adapted to people and cameras! Nine entertaining **Raptor Project** presentations in a tent with seating have been scheduled during the Festival, two per day, three Saturday.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER veteran birder, guide, author **David Sarkozi** presents "**Beyond the Birds of Texas--Interesting Things that Won't Fit into a Field Guide**" Friday evening, April 24. Sarkozi has birded since a teenager! The author of 614-page "Birds of Texas" has led countless birding trips in both Texas and Belize; achieving two 'Texas Big Years'—documented 500 species in a year, plus several other milestones. Birders and Sarkozi will cross paths frequently during the Festival on field trips, bird walks, and one of the pre-trips!



### HALF-DAY FIELD TRIPS

Joe Fulton Corridor & Hilltop Comm Center  
Chasing Warblers & Other Migrants  
Port Aransas Hot Spots  
Shorebirds of the Coastal Bend  
Hazel Bazemore Park, Pollywog Pond  
Texas Scramble  
Kleberg County Hot Spots  
Nueces Delta Preserve  
Port A Hot Spots  
Portland & Beyond  
Welder Wildlife Foundation  
**NEW TRIPLE TRIP including:**

White Cap Nature Preserve  
Packery Channel  
Held Moran Nature Sanctuary

### FULL-DAY FIELD TRIPS Still Open

King Ranch-Northern Areas  
BIG DAY (Goal 150 Club)

### WORKSHOPS

INTRO to Birding  
South Texas Shorebirding Made Easy  
Wildscaping for the Birds  
Hawk Watching 101  
Birds through the Lens

David Sikes