

## Special Birds in the Galveston Area

Common Loons: TCD, Offats Bayou  
 Pacific Loons: TCD, Offats Bayou  
 Northern Gannet: Offshore, scope needed  
 Neotropical Cormorant: Wide Distribution  
 Anhinga: BBSP, SPHW  
 Magnificent Frigate Bird: North SLP, SPHW  
 Reddish Egret: Sand flats EB, SLP,BF  
 White-Faced Ibis: ANWR, BBSP  
 Glossy Ibis: With White-Face Ibis  
 Roseate Spoonbill: Ponds in Coastal areas  
 Fulvous Whistling Duck: Ponds ANWR, BBSP  
 Mottled Duck: Ponds and lakes in area  
 Cinnamon Teal: BBSP, SPHW  
 Am Swallow-Tail Kite: Flying, Coastal area, March & Early April, SPHW  
 White-Tail Kite: Open areas near Coast  
 Mississippi Kite: BBSP, SPHW  
 Crested Caracara: BBSP, BNWR  
 Yellow Rail: Very elusive ANWR, BNWR  
 Black Rail: Nest ANWR & BNWR, Elusive  
 Purple Gallinule: ANWR & BBSP  
 Sandhill Crane: West Galveston, BNWR, BBSP  
 Am Golden Plover: Rice and cut grass fields  
 Plovers, Snowy, Wilson, Piping: SLP, EB, BF  
 Hudson Godit: Freshwater, Rice Fields  
 Pomarine Jaeger: Off Coast w/feeding Gulls  
 Rare Gulls-California, Glaucous & Less Black-Back:EB & BF  
 Franklin's Gull: End of Oct. and first of Nov. EB, BF, SLP  
 Common Tern: Not present in January  
 Black Tern: Spectacular! Est up to 25,000 roosting at SLP Aug. to early Sept.  
 Eurasian-Collared Dove: HD 26th to 61st Sts. and Moody Mansion on Broadway  
 White-Wing Dove: Galveston East of 61st St.  
 Inca Doves: Urbanized Galveston lawns  
 Monk Parakeet: Hwy 146 Near Kemah, San Leon  
 Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher: Open Areas  
 Sprague's Pipit: Grass habitats at TCD  
 Leconte's Sparrow: Grassy area SLP & BBSP  
 Bobolinks: Open fields on Island & Bolivar  
 Yellow-Headed Blackbird: Open Areas  
 Great-Tailed Grackle: Everywhere  
 Boat-Tailed Grackle: High Island and ANWR  
 Bronzed Cowbirds: HD 25th to 51st St.

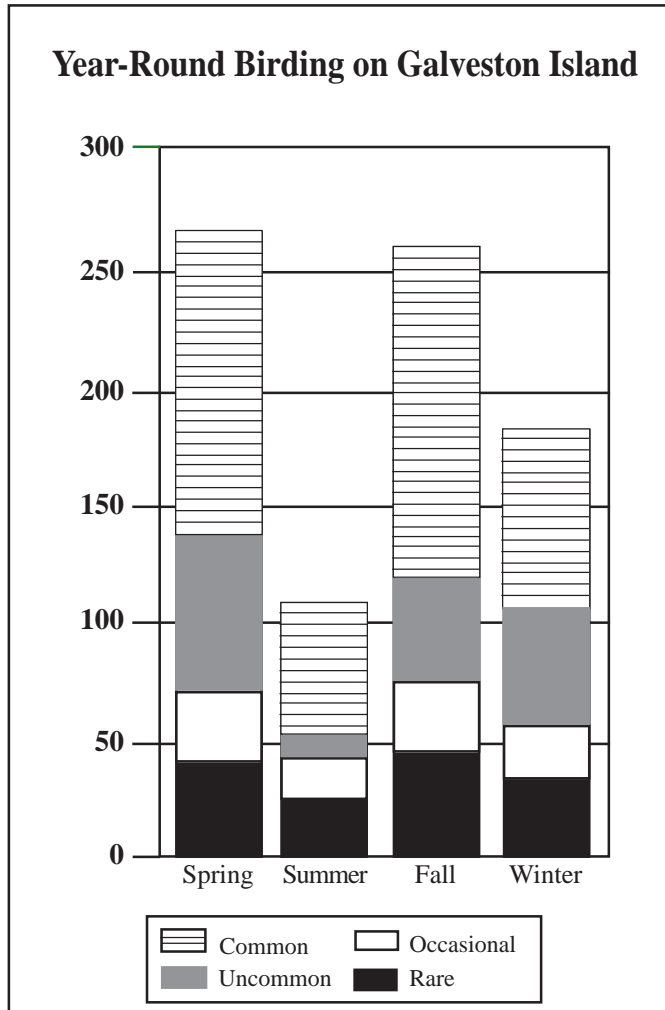
Map Index
TCD - Texas City Dike
BBSP - Brazos Bend State Park
SPHW - Smith Point Hawk Watch
SLP - San Luis Pass
BF - Bolivar Flat
ANWR - Anuhauc NWR
BNWR - Brazorial NWR
HD - Harborside Drive, Galveston

Special Note:
Refer to Bird Check List for time and occurrence of birds on this list. Location initial used defined in Map Index.

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# A Guide to Birding on Galveston Island



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## Trip One: Bolivar Flats, High Island, Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

### Bolivar Flats

**Description:** One of the 20 most important shorebird wintering sites in North America, this sanctuary is a large tidal sand/mud flat adjacent to a large marsh area. Over 100,000 birds have been seen on the flats in a single day.

**Directions:** From Galveston, take the ferry to Bolivar Peninsula. Proceed east on Hwy 87 from the ferry landing. First, check Bolivar Flats from the North Jetty at the end of North Jetty Road (17<sup>th</sup> Street), which will be on the right. After checking the North Jetty, turn right and proceed east on Hwy 87, turn right (south) at Rettillon Road, turn right (west) at the beach and proceed to the piling barricade where the flats may be viewed from the nearby observation tower or on foot. Please remember to stay a reasonable distance from the bird concentrations.

**Tips:** There are other good birding areas for wading birds, shore birds and ducks along Loop 108, which crosses Hwy 87 twice. Also, follow the signs on Hwy 87 to Fort Travis Seashore Park; during migration check for songbirds in the trees and shrubs.

### High Island

**Description:** This area is known worldwide to the birding community for its spectacular spring migration songbirds from late March to mid-May. The southbound fall migration is less concentrated but birding is often very good.

**Directions:** Continue east on Hwy 87, then north on Hwy 124 to High Island. The Houston Audubon Society has two major refuges in the area - Boy Scout Woods and Smith Woods - both to the east of Hwy 124 and both marked by signs on highway. During Spring Migration, the HAS field headquarters in Boy Scout Woods is manned by knowledgeable volunteers. The charge is \$5/day per person to bird both woods. There are other small HAS tracks in the area, all are marked.

**Tips:** En route to High Island from Galveston, there are other areas to check for shorebirds in the ponds and pastures along Hwy 87 and Hwy 124.

### Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

**Description:** Located along East Galveston Bay this refuge has approximately 25,000 acres of brackish and freshwater marsh. It offers good viewing of alligators, several varieties of herons, egrets and ducks, as well as the Peregrine Falcon, Mottled Duck, Wood Stork. Yellow Rails are regular in winter and spring.

**Directions:** From Galveston, take the ferry to Bolivar Peninsula. Proceed east on Hwy 87 to High Island, then north on Hwy 124 for 5 miles, west on Hwy 1985 for 7 miles to the entrance sign for Anahuac NWR. Maps and other information are available at the entrance gate.

**Tips:** Continue west on Hwy 1985, south on Hwy 562, to Smith Point to check out the Hawk Watch Tower at the Candy Abshier Wildlife Management Area.

## Trip Two: Galveston Island

### Galveston East Beach/Big Reef Nature Park

**Description:** This area is a must see for all birders, and when conditions are just right one can enjoy the vast number, variety and beauty of the resting birds without leaving their car.

**Directions:** Go east on Seawall Blvd., turn right when it ends onto Boddeker Drive, and park opposite the bridge which crosses to Big Reef Nature Park. After birding this area, go south on Boddeker Drive to R.A. Apffel Park (East Beach). There is a \$5 per car charge to enter the park during the summer months.

**Tips:** When you reach the large wetland area just south of the Seawall there are cormorants, egrets, herons, ibis, ducks, etc. This beach area is a favorite resting area for Black Skimmers, gulls, terns, etc. Check the tidal ponds for a variety of other species.

### 8 Mile Road/Stewart Road/Lafitte's Nature Preserve

**Description:** This area includes shallow inter-tidal marsh, tidal creek, oyster reef, mud flats, brackish fresh water pond and pasture. Lafitte's Cove is a 20 acre oak moat preserve and is an excellent place to find migrating songbirds in spring and fall. At least 137 species were recorded in the preserve during the spring migration of 1997.

**Directions:** Proceed west on Seawall Blvd. (also FM 3005), and turn right (north) onto 8 Mile Road and go to the intersection with Stewart Road. To reach Lafitte's Cove go west from 8 Mile Road on Stewart Road, past 11 Mile Road and turn right into the Lafitte's Cove Subdivision and follow the signs to the parking area.

**Tips:** Best areas for viewing are:

1. 8 Mi Rd north to the bay.
2. Sportsman's Road, last left turn on 8 Mile Road.
3. West from the intersection one mile.

Note: Check the many ponds and marsh areas north and west of the intersection.

### Galveston Island State Park

**Description:** This park stretches from the Gulf to West Bay and is about 2000 acres in composition. West Bay has several miles of improved trails with observation platforms, birding blinds and raised walks through the wetlands.

**Directions:** Follow the signs to the entrance of the park which is approximately 6 miles west at the end of Seawall on both sides of FM 3005.

**Tips:** Information about the park, including maps and a bird checklist, is available at the park headquarters, located directly south of the main entrance off FM 3005. South of FM 3005, there is easy access to the Gulf Beaches and large open grassy areas in the three well-developed camping sights.

### San Luis Pass/The West End

**Description:** This area consists of large tidal flats that cover many acres of open sand bars, grass-covered wetlands and

several miles of beaches. The grass-covered wetlands are summer nesting areas for many skimmers.

**Directions:** Turn left off FM 3005 on the road right before you cross the east side of the San Luis Pass Bridge. In case it is impossible to access the beach due to high water enter the beach just south of the water tower and ride on the beach two miles to the Pass.

**Tips:** Most beaches are closed to vehicles, but San Luis Pass is the exception so this makes birding even all the more enjoyable. Check the many miles of open pasture land for feeding shorebirds and waders on west FM 3005.

## Trip Three: Brazos Bend, Brazoria, Texas City

### Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

**Description:** During December and February this 40,000 acre refuge has spectacular birding, with thousands of migrating ducks and geese present, tucked into a beautiful marsh setting.

**Directions:** From Galveston, go west on FM 3005 over the San Luis Pass Bridge to Surfside. At surfside, turn right onto Hwy 332, turn right on FM 523 for 5 miles and turn right on 227 to the gate of the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge.

**Tips:** Spring and fall migration includes many species of warblers and shorebirds. A number of sparrow species are present here during the winter months. Alligators and many marsh animals are also often viewed in the marsh. The park at QUINTANA, SE of Freeport, should be checked while in the area as a number of rare birding sightings have been reported from this small park; mostly during the Spring migration.

### Brazos Bend State Park

**Description:** This park is a classic example of a Southern "river bottom hardwood forest" that contains oxbow lakes, a large swamp and hardwood forests. The semitropical weather, varied habitats and location on the Upper Texas Coast makes this a unique birding area with 274 species on the checklist.

**Directions:** From Galveston, take I-45 and take Hwy 6 west to Alvin. Proceed around Alvin on the Hwy 35 South Bypass, then west on Hwy 1462, then north on Hwy 762 to the park entrance.

**Tips:** The many lakes, ponds, and shallow water areas support a variety of wading birds, and the hardwood forest supports many songbirds as well. Depending upon the season, the wetlands are wintering grounds for a number of duck species.

### Texas City Dike

**Description:** The Dike extends 5 miles straight into Galveston Bay affording good birding along its entire length.

**Directions:** From Galveston, go north on I-45 across the Causeway and turn right on Hwy 146. Next turn right on Loop 197 into Texas City, turn right on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., turn left on Bay Street, turn right on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. and proceed straight into the Dike.

**Tips:** This is a good area to check for gulls, terns and shorebirds. The JOHN O'QUINN SCENIC WETLANDS, currently being developed with trails and viewing areas, can be birded along each side of I-45 by taking Exit 6 southbound or Exit 5 northbound.

# Galveston Area Birding Checklist

(Birds that can be seen)

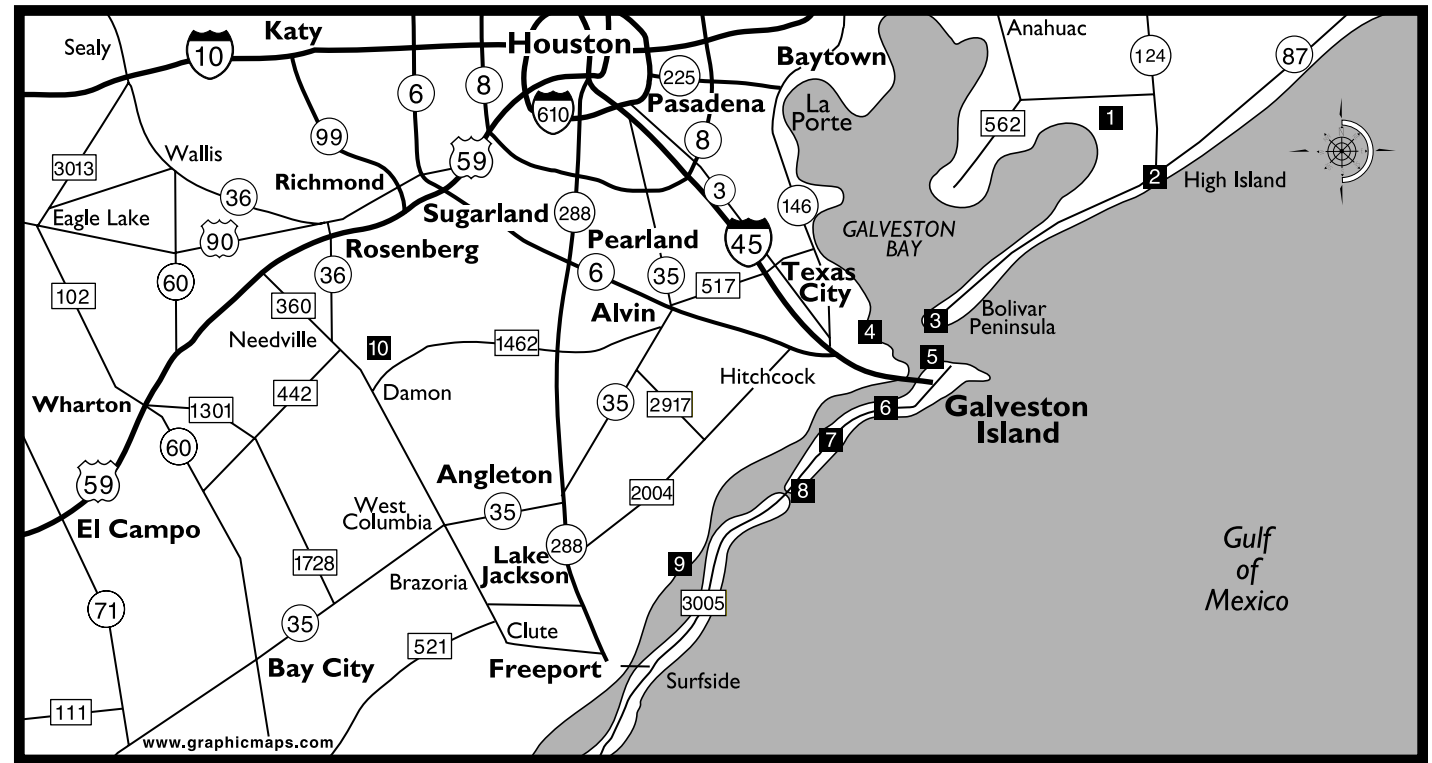
C = Common • F = Fairly Common • U = Uncommon • R = Rare • O = Occasional

Bird	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Loon, Common	F	O	U	F
Loon, Pacific	R	O		R
Grebe, Pied-billed	C	U	C	R
Grebe, Horned	R		R	R
Grebe, Eared	F		F	F
Booby, Masked	O	O	O	
Gannet, Northern	U	O	R	U
Pelican, American White	C	R	C	C
Pelican, Brown	C	C	C	C
Cormorant, Double-crested	C	C	C	C
Cormorant, Neotropic	C	C	C	F
Anhinga	C	C	C	F
Frigatebird, Magnificent	R	F	F	
Bittern, American	U		U	U
Bittern, Least	U	U	R	
Heron, Great Blue	C	C	C	C
Egret, Great	C	C	C	C
Egret, Snowy	C	C	C	C
Heron, Little Blue	C	C	C	C
Heron, Tricolored	C	C	C	C
Egret, Reddish	C	C	C	F
Egret, Cattle	C	C	C	U
Heron, Green	C	C	C	R
Night-Heron, Blk-Crowned	C	C	C	U
Night-Heron, Ylw-Crowned	F	F	F	U
Ibis, White	C	C	C	U
Ibis, White-faced	F	F	U	U
Ibis, Glossy	R	R	C	U
Spoonbill, Roseate	C	U	C	U
Stork, Wood		U	R	
Whistling-Duck, Fulvous	C		F	R
Whistling Duck, Blk-bellied	F	C	C	C
Goose, Gr. White-fronted	U		F	C
Goose, Snow	U		F	C
Goose, Ross'			R	C
Goose, Canada	U		R	C
Duck, Wood	F	C	C	C
Teal, Green-winged	F	C	F	C
Duck, Mottled	C	C	C	C
Mallard	U	R	F	C
Pintail, Northern	U		F	C
Teal, Blue-winged	C	R	C	C
Teal, Cinnamon	R		R	U
Shoveler, Northern	C		C	C
Gadwall	C		C	C
Wigeon, American	C		C	C
Canvasback	U		U	U
Redhead	U		U	U
Duck, Ring-necked	F		F	U
Scaup, Greater	R		R	U
Scaup, Lesser	C	R	C	C
Scoter, Black	R		R	R
Scoter, Surf	R		R	R
Scoter, White-winged	R		R	R
Goldeneye, Common	R		R	U
Bufflehead	U		U	C
Oldsquaw	O		O	C
Merganser, Hooded	R		R	U
Merganser, Red-breasted	C		C	C
Duck, Ruddy	U		U	C
Duck, Masked	O		O	O
Vulture, Black	C	C	C	F
Vulture, Turkey	C	C	C	C
Osprey	U	R	U	R
Kite, Am. Swallow-tailed	R	O	U	
Kite, White-tailed	C	C	C	C
Kite, Mississippi	R	R	C	
Eagle, Bald	R		R	R
Harrier, Northern	C	R	C	C
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	U		U	U
Hawk, Cooper's	U		U	U
Hawk, Red-shouldered	C	C	C	C
Hawk, Broad-winged	U	C	C	C
Hawk, Swainson's	U	R	U	
Hawk, White-tailed	R	R	R	R
Hawk, Red-tailed	U	R	F	C
Hawk, Ferruginous				O

Bird	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Caracara, Crested	U	U	U	U
Kestrel, American	C		C	C
Merlin	U		U	U
Falcon, Peregrine	U		U	U
Bobwhite, Northern	F	F	F	F
Rail, Yellow	R		R	R
Rail, Black	R	R	R	R
Rail, Clapper	C	C	C	C
Rail, King	F	C	F	F
Rail, Virginia	R	U	R	R
Sora	C		U	U
Gallinule, Purple	C	C	U	U
Moorhen, Common	C	C	F	F
Coot, American	C	R	C	C
Crane, Sandhill	U		C	C
Plover, Black-bellied	C	F	C	C
Golden Plover, Lesser	C		C	C
Plover, Snowy	C	R	U	U
Plover, Wilson's	C	C	C	R
Plover, Semipalmated	C	R	F	F
Plover, Piping	C	R	C	U
Killdeer	C	C	C	U
Oystercatcher, American	U		U	U
Stilt, Black-necked	C	C	C	U
Avocet, American	C	U	C	U
Yellowlegs, Greater	C	R	C	C
Yellowlegs, Lesser	C		C	F
Sandpiper, Solitary	U		U	U
Willet	C	C	C	C
Sandpiper, Spotted	U	C	U	U
Sandpiper, Upland	U		U	U
Whimbrel	C	R	U	R
Curlew, Long-billed	C	R	C	C
Godwit, Hudsonian	U		U	C
Godwit, Marbled	C	U	C	C
Turnstone, Ruddy	C	R	C	U
Knot, Red	C	R	C	C
Sanderling	C	R	C	C
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	C		U	C
Sandpiper, Western	C	U	C	C
Sandpiper, Least	C	U	C	C
Sandpiper, White-rumped	C		U	C
Sandpiper, Baird's	U			
Sandpiper, Pectoral	C		R	
Dunlin	C		C	C
Sandpiper, Stilt	F		F	R
Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	U		R	
Dowitcher, Short-billed	C	U	C	C
Dowitcher, Long-billed	C		C	C
Snipe, Common	C		C	C
Woodcock, American			R	R
Phalarope, Wilson's	U		U	
Jaeger, Pomarine	U		R	U
Jaeger, Parasitic	R		R	R
Gull, Laughing	C	C	U	C
Gull, Franklin's	R		C	C
Gull, Bonaparte's	C		C	C
Gull, Ring-billed	C	R	C	C
Gull, Herring	C	O	C	C
Gull, Lesser black-backed	R		R	R
Gull, Glaucous	R		R	R
Tern, Gull-billed	U	U	U	R
Tern, Caspian	C	C	C	C
Tern, Royal	C	C	C	C
Tern, Sandwich	C	C	C	R
Tern, Common	C	U	C	R
Tern, Forster's	C	C	C	C
Tern, Least	C	C	C	C
Tern, Black	C	C	C	C
Skimmer, Black	C	C	C	C
Dove, Rock	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Collared Dove	C	C	C	C
Dove, White-winged	C	C	C	C
Dove, Mourning	C	C	C	C
Dove, Inca	F	F	F	F
Ground-Dove, Common	R		R	R
Parakeet, Monk	F	F	F	F
Cuckoo, Black-billed	U		R	
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	C	R	C	
Ani, Groove-billed	R	U	R	
Barn-Owl, Common	C	C	C	C

Bird	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Screech-Owl, Eastern	R	R	F	F
Owl, Great Horned	F	F	F	F
Owl, Barred	F	F	F	F
Owl, Short-eared	R		R	R
Nighthawk, Common	C	C	C	C
Chuck-will's-widow	U		U	U
Whip-poor-will	R		R	
Swift, Chimney	C		C	
Hummingbird, Buff-bellied				O
Hummingbird, Rufus	R	O	R	R
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	C	R	C	
Hummingbird, Black-chinned	R		R	R
Kingfisher, Belted	C	R	C	C
Woodpecker, Red-headed	R		R	
Woodpecker, Red-bellied	C	C	C	C
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	F		F	F
Woodpecker, Downy	C	C	C	C
Woodpecker, Hairy	O	O	O	O
Flicker, Northern	U		U	U
Woodpecker, Pileated	F	F	F	F
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	R		R	
Wood-Pewee, Eastern	C		C	C
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	O		U	U
Flycatcher, Acadian	C	C	F	C
Flycatcher, Traill's	R		C	
Flycatcher, Least	U		C	
Phoebe, Eastern	C		C	R
Flycatcher, Vermillion	R		R	R
Flycatcher, Ash-throated	R		R	O
Flycatcher, Gr. Crested	C	R	C	
Kingbird, Western	U		U	
Kingbird, Eastern	C	C	C	
Kingbird, Couch's				R
Flycatcher, Scis-tailed	C	C	C	U
Lark, Horned	U	U	U	U
Martin, Purple	C	C	C	C
Swallow, Tree	U		U	R
Swallow, No. Rough-winged	C		C	
Swallow, Bank	C		C	
Swallow, Cliff	C		C	
Swallow, Barn	C	C	C	C
Jay, Blue	C		C	C
Crow, American	C		C	C
Chickadee, Carolina	C		C	C
Titmouse, Tufted	C		C	C
Nuthatch, Redbreasted	R		R	R
Creepers, Brown	R		R	R
Wren, Carolina	C	C	C	C
Wren, Bewick's				R
Wren, House	C		C	R
Wren, Winter			R	R
Wren, Sedge	C	R	C	C
Wren, Marsh	F	R	F	F
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	R		R	R
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	C		C	C
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	C		C	C
Bluebird, Eastern	F	F	F	F
Veery	U		U	U
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	U		U	U
Thrush, Swainson's	C		C	C
Thrush, Hermit	U		U	C
Thrush, Wood	C		C	C
Robin, American	C	R	C	C
Catbird, Gray	C		C	C
Mockingbird, Northern	C	C	C	C
Thrasher, Brown	F		F	F
Pipit, Water	C		C	C
Pipit, Sprague's	R		R	R
Waxwing, Cedar	C		C	C
Shrike, Loggerhead	C		C	C
Starling, European	C	C	C	C
Vireo, White-eyed	C		C	C
Vireo, Blue-headed	C		C	C
Vireo, Yellow-throated	C		C	C
Vireo, Warbling	U		U	U
Vireo, Philadelphia	C		C	C
Vireo, Red-eyed	C	U	C	C
Warbler, Blue-winged	C		C	C
Warbler, Golden-winged	U		U	U
Warbler, Tennessee	C		C	C
Warbler, Orange-crowned	C		C	A

Bird	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Parula, Northern	C	C	C	R
Warbler, Yellow	C		C	
Warbler, Chestnut-sided	C		C	
Warbler, Magnolia	C		C	
Warbler, Cape May	R			
Warbler, Black-th. Blue	R		R	
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	C		C	C
Warbler, Black-th. Green	C		C	
Warbler, Blackburnian	C		C	
Warbler, Yellow-throated	U		U	
Warbler, Pine	R		R	F
Warbler, Prairie	R		R	U
Warbler, Palm	U		U	
Warbler, Bay-breasted	U		U	
Warbler, Blackpoll	U		R	
Warbler, Cerulean	U		R	
Warbler, Black and White	C		C	R
Redstart, American	C	R	C	
Warbler, Prothonotary	C	R	C	
Warbler, Worm-eating	C		C	
Warbler, Swainson's	U	R	C	
Ovenbird	C		C	
Waterthrush, Northern	C		C	R
Waterthrush, Louisiana	C		C	
Warbler, Kentucky	C		C	
Warbler, Mourning	R		C	
Yellowthroat, Common	C		C	C
Warbler, Hooded	C	U	C	R
Warbler, Wilson's	U		U	
Warbler, Canada	U		U	
Chat, Yellow-breasted	F		C	
Tanager, Summer	C	U	R	
Tanager, Scarlet	C		C	
Tanager, Western	R		C	C
Cardinal, Northern	C	C	C	
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	C		C	
Grosbeak, Blue	C		C	R
Bunting, Indigo	C	U	C	
Bunting, Painted	C	U	C	
Dickcissel	C	U	C	
Towhee, Eastern	R		C	R
Towhee, Spotted	O		R	O
Sparrow, Chipping	F		C	C
Sparrow, Clay-colored	R		U	
Sparrow, Field	U		R	U
Sparrow, Vesper	U		U	F
Sparrow, Lark	R		C	R
Sparrow, Savannah	R		C	R
Sparrow, Grasshopper	R		F	R
Sparrow, Le Conte's	F		C	F
Sparrow, Sharp-tailed	C		C	C
Sparrow, Seaside	C	C	C	C
Sparrow, Fox	C		C	R
Sparrow, Song	U		U	U
Sparrow, Lincoln's	C		C	C
Sparrow, Swamp	C		C	C
Sparrow, White-throated	C		C	C
Sparrow, White-crowned	U		U	U
Sparrow, Harris'	R			
Junco, Dark-eyed				R
Longspur, Lapland				O
Bobolink	R			
Blackbird, Red-winged	C		C	C
Meadowlark, Eastern	C	C	C	C
Meadowlark, Western	R		R	R
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	R			
Blackbird, Rusty				R
Blackbird, Brewer's			U	U
Grackle, Great-tailed	C	C	C	C
Grackle, Boat-tailed	F	F	F	F
Grackle, Common	C	C	C	C
Cowbird, Bronzed	R	O	O	U
Cowbird, Brown-headed	C	O	C	C
Oriole, Orchard	C	C	C	
Oriole, Baltimore	C		C	
Finch, Purple	R		R	R
Siskin, Pine	R		R	R
Goldfinch, American	C		C	C
Sparrow, House	C	C	C	C



### Top Ten Birding Areas from Galveston Island

- 1** Anahuac
- 2** High Island
- 3** Bolivar Flats
- 4** Texas City Dike
- 5** Galveston East Beach & Big Reef
- 6** 8 Mile Road & Lafitte's Cove NP
- 7** Galveston Island State Park
- 8** San Luis Pass (West End)
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