



WINTER 2023/2024 NEWS MAGAZINE



## WE KNEW IT WOULD BE A GOOD YEAR WHEN THE 'CATTLE TYRANT' CAME TO TOWN!

**SCOPE OUT** our birding April 24-28, in the **BIRDIEST CITY**, at the seventh **BIRDIEST FESTIVAL** in AMERICA, right here in Corpus Christi!

In November, a *Cattle Tyrant*, never sighted north of Panama, arrived in downtown Corpus Christi. Seeing the news on social media, birders from all over booked last-minute flights to get this rarity in the book. Did he get caught up in a storm, or stowaway on a ship to our port? We have no clue, but he's a rarity indeed, and *our Festival good luck charm!*

To insure your choice of 21 different field trips; presentations, workshops, bird walks, pre-trip to the Rio Grande Valley, post trip to our beautiful Texas Hill Country; and get a seat at the Keynote,

**Explore the 2024 Festival, register NOW, at [BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG](http://BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG)!**



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### We have records to break this year!

- Last year 233 birders sighted 268 species bringing our six-year total to 341 species.
- Festival host South Texas Botanical Gardens bird walk saw 92 species in three hours.
- The ten-hour BIG DAY set a record of 156 species.

WINGS UP for many layers of festival enjoyment—Texas BBQ Welcome Dinner, Vendor Trade Show, thrilling Jonathan Wood Raptor Project presentations, artisan booths, Saturday Family Fun Day, plus more field trip options to King Ranch, and several half-day trips with multiple timing options for flexibility to attend a variety of presentations, workshops or bird walks!



APRIL 26, 5:30 PM  
**KEYNOTE**

**CAMERON COX**, nationally-known birding and nature photography guide, author and owner of Avocet Birding Courses, has been an avid birder 30 years, with a passion for teaching others about birds and nuances of birding identification. He also is co-author of *The Peterson Reference Guide to Seawatching*, and forthcoming *North American Terns, a Photographic Guide*, plus articles on shorebird and waterfowl identification. He, his wife, several dogs and cats split time between coastal Oregon and South Texas' Rio Grande Valley.





PHOTO: Debbie Noble

### HALF-DAY FIELD TRIPS-Vans

Chasing Warblers, & Other Migrants  
 Port Aransas Hot Spots  
 Shorebirds of the Coastal Bend  
 Knolle Jersey Farms-River Pasture  
 Joe Fulton Corridor & Hilltop  
 Welder Wildlife Foundation  
 Hazel Bazemore Park, Pollywog Pond  
 Texas Scramble

### HALF-DAY FIELD TRIPS-Udrive

Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve  
 Fennessey Ranch  
 Skimmer Boat Trip

### FULL-DAY FIELD TRIPS-Vans

King Ranch-Norias Division  
 King Ranch-North Division  
 BIG DAY  
 Barnhart Q5 Ranch & Nature Retreat  
 Guadalupe Delta Wildlife Mgmt Area  
 Lake Choke Canyon State Park  
 Aransas National Wildlife Refuge  
 Rockport Birding Hot Spots



### WORKSHOPS

Shorebird Identification  
 Intro to Birding  
 Macro-photography on the Cheap  
 Hawk Watching 101  
 Photography & Field Trip  
 Birding 201

### PRESENTATIONS

Quirky Bird Facts  
 iNaturalist-Enjoy Nature More  
 Hummingbirds, Their Amazing Lives  
 Birding Texas EcoRegions  
 Finding Birds 101

## Notes

- 1) Descriptions of all field trips, pre-trip, post-trip, presentations, workshops, walks, target birds, schedule & REGISTRATION at: **BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG**.
- 2) BASIC REGISTRATION is \$40, and includes all presentations, Raptor Projects.
- 3) SALES TAX is added to each priced item.

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# 'Land & Sea' five attractions offer half-price admission to their members in February!

## Art Center of Corpus Christi added with special perks . . .

Long-standing 'LAND & SEA PARTNERSHIP' gives members of any of these Corpus Christi educational/cultural visitor destinations—Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, Texas State Aquarium and USS Lexington Museum on the Bay—half price admission at the other four, plus 10 percent off in all five gift shops. And join any of them at 10% off a new membership—through February only!

NEW TO THE GROUP is Art Center of Corpus Christi. With no admission fee, its February reciprocal benefits are: 10 percent off February art classes, free *Corpus Christi Public Art Book* and 10 percent off a new membership.

Tour Corpus Christi like a tourist, save money while supporting these non-profits! Bring your membership card and photo ID with you. (Reciprocal benefits apply only to those family members covered on the home membership category).

VISIT WEBSITES FOR MEMBERSHIP, HOURS, OR OTHER INFORMATION



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[artcentercc.org](http://artcentercc.org)



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[texasstateaquarium.org](http://texasstateaquarium.org)

## BIG BLOOM mega Plant Sale is April 6!

- 9** Membership Table Opens
- 9-10** Members-Only Shopping
- 10-5** Big Bloom Plant Sale, Orchid Sale, Vendors, Nature's Boutique Gift Shop, Monkey Mansion, Butterfly Releases, Parrot Talks, Ladybug Releases, Animal Ambassadors, Birding Scopes on Wetland Boardwalk.
- 11-2** Food Trucks (*Detailed Schedule will appear on STXBOT.ORG closer to event*)

**\$2  
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DAY**

Browse bromeliads, bougainvillea, orchids, plumeria, hundreds of other plant varieties, unique vendor items, enjoy Eco-Fun, food truck lunch!

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**Bring your Plant Wagon!**  
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PHOTOS: Debbie Noble





# 15th MOONLIGHT in the GARDENS

October 27, 2023  
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# Holly-Days, 2023



Dear Santa,

Thank you so much for bringing us hayrides, s'mores, pretty lights & trees, petting zoo, lots & lots of people & perfect weather for HOLLY DAYS 2023! and for Presenting Sponsor VALERO.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!  
The Holly-Days Elves



PHOTOS: Debbie Noble

# Elizabeth and Floyd McGown Charitable Fund, liquidating its assets, donates more than \$74,000 for generators, heaters; animal quarantine building, more!

*Grant arranged through San Antonio Area Foundation*

In time for January's hard freeze and potential power outage, a \$74,349 grant from the Elizabeth and Floyd McGown Charitable fund arrived to install natural gas generators for our Visitors Center, Orchid and Bromeliad Conservatories and Parrot Education facility! Power outages, winter or summer, are a threat to survival of our

plant collections, parrots and reptiles. The generous donation, made through the San Antonio Area Foundation, also includes replacing old natural gas Bromeliad Conservatory heaters; installing a dropped ceiling in the Parrot facility to reduce summer heat build-up; and a small prefabricated animal quarantine building.

## HDR Foundation awards \$10,000 grant for local company employees to help with favorite Botanical Gardens volunteer projects.

In September, HDR employee Angie Quiroga Torres, successfully submitted a \$10,000 request to the company-wide HDR Foundation set up to fund employee volunteer projects at nonprofits. The grant included framework for Shelia Rogers' four additional Holly Days Eco Christmas Trees, volunteering at Holly-Days; educational signage for Brennecke Nature Trail and Wetlands Awareness Boardwalk; tables/chairs sponsorship for 2024 Birdiest Festival in America.

HDR's Corpus Christi prior support includes *Moonlight in the Gardens*, pro bono engineering design services and furnishing our modular buildings when remodeling/expanding its offices! HDR is an international company with 225 offices and 12,000 employees.



*Contributed Photo*

## Animal Care Highlights

Long-time volunteer Hallie Dark (center) made Hide Boxes and Parrot toys for her Boy Scout Eagle and American Girl projects. Also pictured are staff Beatriz Fleitas (left) and Acadia Tamez.



**NEWEST PARROTS ARE**  
*Military Macaw ~Lola • Scarlet Macaw~Rhia*



Corpus Christi Water Conservation

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today and every day,  
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- ✓ 10% Discount at: **Turner's Gardenland**  
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- ✓ **FREE Better Homes & Gardens online subscription**
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- ✓ **Substantial Class & Kids Camp Discounts**  
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- Renewal or Former Member**    **New Member**

### Membership Category **MARK SELECTION**

- Individual** \$ 40
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- Family \*** \$ 90
- Grandparent \*\*** \$ 90
- Sustaining** (Family or Grandparent + 2 guests) \$ 125
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**Age 60+ / Active Military may take 10% off the membership level of their choice**

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Make RESERVATIONS, 361-852-2100.

Classes FREE with Membership, General Admission, or \$5.

(ALL SATURDAY CLASSES begin at 9:30 AM.)

## WINTER LECTURES

Our annual Winter Lecture Series returns, Wednesdays, 9:30 am, in Education Station. Learn valuable unique lessons in South Texas environmental horticulture, with a cup of coffee! Free for Members, or Gardens general admission, \$5 others. Reservations required. 361-852-2100.

- FEB 7:** **Foliage: Adding Color w/o Flowers**  
Whitney Lance, *Landscape Specialist*
- FEB 14:** **Favorite Succulents**  
Norma Hernandez, *NMG Succulent Team*
- FEB 21:** **Fruit Trees for South Texas**  
Renee Brown, *Nueces Master Gardener*
- FEB 28:** **Improving Soil Health: Testing, Fertilizing**  
Kevin Gibbs, *Nueces Co Ext Agent Horticulture*

### February 3: SPRING PRUNING & CLEAN-UP

Master Gardener Renee Brown provides a list and timing for spring chores, including post-winter pruning, staking, fertilizing, mulching, and more.

### February 10: SPRING ROSES 101

Rose Society Members Gaynell Torgerson and Betty Whitt give practical advice on Selecting and planting new roses and how to prune and fertilize existing rose bushes for best spring bloom.



**February 17: SPRING VEGGIE PRIMER.** Start with A Plan! Nueces Master Gardeners Donna Gonzales and Susan Gonzales help both novice and experienced gardeners select great vegetable varieties, planning and preparing the garden plot to increase production and minimize pest and disease problems.

**February 24: ADDING CURB APPEAL.** Making heads turn. Landscape Designer Kathy Hubner, Gill Garden Center & Landscape Co., gives professional insights on transforming a boring landscape into the envy of all the neighbors.

### March 2: TURF 101: The Grass Is Always Greener.

Nueces County Extension Horticulture Agent Kevin Gibbs presents best turf options for our area and practical tips on a greener, healthier lawn—mowing, fertilization, disease control.

### March 9: SHARING FAVORITE PLANTS. Propagation Tips.

Learn to multiply plants for your landscape or share with friends, with Nueces Master Gardener & Propagation Specialist Renee Brown.

### March 16: TREE PRUNING: Love your Trees.

Why, When, How to prune your trees for shape, strength and longevity, with Certified Arborist John Wood, of Tree Amigos.

### March 30: TEXAS NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR LANDSCAPE.

If natives thrive in their natural surroundings, chances are they'll thrive in your landscape; and most likely save on your water bill! Texas native plant expert Horticulturist Dr. Michael Womack shows how to feature them in plantings!

### Apr 6: BIG BLOOM Plant Sale, GARDEN FESTIVAL!

Annual MEGA-PLANT SALE, 10 am-5 pm, MEMBERS enter at 9 am, hundreds of plant varieties, family eco-activities, \$2 Community Day Entrance Fee. Orchid Sale, plumeria, bromeliads, Tropicals, xeriscape. Butterfly and Ladybug releases, Animal Ambassadors, VENDOR BOOTHS, food trucks, more. Watch STXBOT.ORG for details to be announced (*article p. 3*).

### April 13: REBLOOMING ORCHIDS.

You buy a blooming orchid, get ooohs and aaahs, it stops blooming, now what? Orchid Conservatory Curator Jorge Garcia explains how to make sure your orchids bloom again and again!



### April 20: ADDING SUCCULENTS IN THE LANDSCAPE.

Types, sizes and colors of succulents (plants with thick fleshy tissues adapted to water storage) are numerous and versatile—in the ground, informal succulent gardens, or decorative containers, you'll be hooked once you know advantages and fun of growing succulents, with Whitney Lance.

### April 24-28: BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA

Nationally-known birding and nature photography guide, author and owner of *Avocet Birding Courses*, Cameron Cox, gives the keynote address for Birdiest Festival in America April 26! Find all 21 different Field Trips, fascinating presentations, Bird Walks, Pre-Trip, Post-Trip, entertainment options and REGISTER NOW at [BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG](http://BIRDIESTFESTIVAL.ORG) (*article pp 1,2*).



### May 4: WATER CONSERVATION FOR ANY LANDSCAPE.

While we're still in water restriction mode, water saver expert JoAnne Salge teaches useful ways to reduce water use in any landscape while still growing healthy attractive plants!

### May 11, 12: MOTHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND

At Check-In, all Mom needs to say is "Show me the Flowers," and she gets in free! The rest of her party pays general admission, unless members. SPECIAL MOM'S DAY DEAL: Buy Mom a membership this weekend, at 20% off, for a year of free admission, Nature's Boutique, nursery BIG BLOOM and other discounts, national magazine subscription, plus 350 RECIPROCAL GARDENS in the U.S. ([www.ahsgardening.org/rap](http://www.ahsgardening.org/rap)).

### May 11: HERB GARDENING.

Cindy Meredith from The Herb Cottage explains many types of herb gardening in landscapes, gardens, patios, window sills—and culinary uses of many popular herbs.

### May 18: NEW TRENDS IN LANDSCAPE TROPICALS.

Kevin Gibbs, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Horticulturist, reveals the latest ways tropical plant specimens of all sizes creatively are being used in landscapes for a different appealing look.

### May 25: DRIP IRRIGATION DOING IT YOURSELF!

Nueces Master Gardeners water conservation specialists Renee Brown and Tom Andrews teach methods, materials and needed tools for a successful easy to operate home drip irrigation system.

### June 15/16: FATHERS' DAY FREE WEEKEND.

Just say, "Reptiles & Snakes," and Dad gets in free! Be "buds" with Dad, enjoy REP-TALES, 10:30; gardens, resident reptiles, Gator Lake, trails, other guy stuff! Only dads are free—other non-members pay general admission. Buy Dad a membership this weekend, at 20% off for year of free admission, 350 Reciprocal Gardens!

## ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

See Visitors Center Reptile Room, Open Daily!  
See some of our parrots there, too.



### "REP-TALES"

Saturdays, Sundays, 10:30 am

Meet, pet, learn about, and often feed several of our Resident Reptiles, with trainers, usually on Festival Lawn area.

## YOUTH FIELD TRIPS filling fast!



Schools & Youth Groups; Self-Directed & Directed Options.

Visit the Gardens & Nature Center—  
Learn about Butterflies, Reptiles, Parrots, more!

#### A. SELF-DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:

PRE-K through GRADE 5 \$7 / student  
GRADES 6 through 12 \$8 / student  
Start at Visitor Center with map, PICK destinations!

#### B. DIRECTED FIELD TRIP:

PRE-K through GRADE 5 \$10 / student  
GRADES 6 through 12 \$12 / student  
Choose Gardens & Nature Center areas for students' experience. Staff/volunteers available for Q/A.

#### C. DIRECTED FIELD TRIP with CUSTOMIZED SCIENCE LESSON, NATURE CRAFT, or BOTH!

PRE-K through GRADE 5 Starts \$14 / student  
GRADES 6 through 12 Starts \$16 / student

Minimum Field Trip is 12 students.

\$5 Adult Chaperones.  
Activities subject to weather, availability.  
Field Trip Descriptions, Questionnaire RESERVATIONS,

Nature Fun Bag information,  
email [brendae@stxbot.org](mailto:brendae@stxbot.org).

## 2024 SUMMER CAMPS

Half-Day Camps, 9 am-Noon (except Nature Shutterbugs)  
Mon-Fri • \$135 Mbrs, \$160 Others (except Shutterbugs)

Environmental learning experiences for campers include reptile and parrot interactions, butterfly and other tiny critter observations, trail walks, nature crafts, journaling, more!

Campers also may learn to use binoculars, compasses, mini-microscopes and cameras.

All activities are age-appropriate conducted by Educators, Volunteers and Guest Presenters.

June 3-7	FEATHERS & SCALES	Ages 6-8
June 10-14	TINY CRITTERS	Ages 6-8
June 17-21	NATURE BUDDIES	Ages 6-8
June 24-28	SNAKES & FRIENDS	Ages 9-13
June 24-28	NATURE SHUTTERBUGS	Ages 9-13
	1-4 pm, \$150 all campers	
July 8-12	NATURE BUDDIES	Ages 6-8
July 15-19	GIRL SCOUT ADVENTURE	Ages 5 & up

Minimum 8 campers per session.

PRE-REGISTRATION / PAYMENT at least 7 days before session.

Scholarships not available.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Call, come by, or [brenda@stxbot.org](mailto:brenda@stxbot.org).

Registration begins March 1, 2024. 361-852-2100



### OTHER KIDS NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

Homeschool Series: (ABC Journaling, Science Outdoors)  
Pre-School Nature Awareness (Reading with a Reptile. . .)  
Scout Nature Adventure Patches

## MINI ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Interact with 3 Animal Ambassadors! Guests hold animals, give them snacks, take photos in a private setting!

Up to 6 people 15 minutes \$40 (plus gen admission)

Additional people or animals can be arranged if scheduled in advance, additional fees apply.

- Price is for groups, plus Gardens admissions per person.
- \$5 package discount for Gardens members.
- Limited spots available each day.
- Hands/arms clean, free of repellants, sunscreens.

Scheduling, questions: [dedrab@stxbot.org](mailto:dedrab@stxbot.org), 361-852-2100



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(see article page 5)

**Holly Days**  
(see article p. 6)

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(since previous issue)

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**Since S. Oso Parkway opened, we need additional aluminum perimeter fencing and gates, estimated at \$75,000; more cameras and other security equipment.**

If you can help meet our \$50,000 Bouligny Match, please send your contribution, how it's to be used, and contact information to: South Texas Botanical Gardens, 8545 S. Staples, Corpus Christi Texas, 78413, or call Executive Director Michael Womack, or Marketing Director MaryJane Crull, 361-852-2100.

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