

## EVENTS & PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES

<b>BIRDING EVENTS</b>				
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>		
2/22-25	Whooping Crane Festival	Port Aransas		<a href="http://www.whoopingcranefestival.org">www.whoopingcranefestival.org</a>
3/13-15	Brush Country Photo Safari (Workshops)	Beeville		<a href="http://www.brushcountryphotosafari.com/">www.brushcountryphotosafari.com/</a>
4/17-22	Galveston Featherfest	Galveston	Photo Contest Offered	<a href="http://www.galvestonfeatherfest.com/">www.galvestonfeatherfest.com/</a>
4/19-22	The Birdiest Festival in America	Corpus Christi area		<a href="http://www.birdiestfestival.org">www.birdiestfestival.org</a>
11/3-6	Texas Butterfly Festival	Mission	Photo Contest Offered	<a href="http://www.texasbutterflyfestival.com">www.texasbutterflyfestival.com</a>
11/7-11	Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival	Harlingen Area		<a href="http://www.rgvbf.org">www.rgvbf.org</a>
<b>MISC. EVENTS</b>				
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2/27-3/18	Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo	Houston		<a href="http://www.rodeohouston.com">www.rodeohouston.com</a>
3/1-3	Matagoda Fair & Rodeo	Bay City		<a href="http://www.matagodacountyfair.com/">www.matagodacountyfair.com/</a>
3/2-4	Riveroaks Azela Trail	Houston		<a href="http://www.riveroaksgc.org/fifth-event/">www.riveroaksgc.org/fifth-event/</a>
3/10	Buffalo Bayou Regatta	Houston	Kayaks & Canoes	<a href="http://www.buffalobayou.org">www.buffalobayou.org</a>
3/24	Bigass Crawfish Bash	Gulf Greyhound Park	Guinness World Record 58,083.94 lbs in 8hrs.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/210670006163645/">www.facebook.com/events/210670006163645/</a>
3/24	Carpocalypse! (Houston Zombie Walk)	Houston	Car Show	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheHoustonZombieWalk">www.facebook.com/TheHoustonZombieWalk</a>
End of Mar/April	Bluebonnets			
4/5-8	Tall Ships of Galveston			<a href="http://www.galvestonhistory.org/events/tall-ships-galveston-2">www.galvestonhistory.org/events/tall-ships-galveston-2</a>
4/9-14	Texas City Art Festival			Photo Contest Offered
4/14-15	Japan Festival			
4/14	Houston Art Car Parade	Houston		<a href="http://www.thehoustonartcarparade.com/">www.thehoustonartcarparade.com/</a>
4/13-21	Galveston County Fair & Rodeo	Santa Fe		<a href="http://www.galvestoncountyfair.com/">www.galvestoncountyfair.com/</a>
4/21	San Jacinto Festival & Battle Reenactment	San Jacinto Monument		<a href="http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/">www.sanjacinto-museum.org/</a>
4/27-29	Texas Sandfest 2018	Port Aransas		<a href="http://www.texassandfest.org">www.texassandfest.org</a>
4/27-28	Galveston Island Beach Revue	Galveston (21st-22nd st.)	Bathing Beauties Contest, Classic Car & Trailer Show, Etc.	<a href="http://www.galvestonbeachrevue.com">www.galvestonbeachrevue.com</a>
4/28	Texas City Lonestar Deluxe Car Show	Texas City	Hot Rods/Pin Ups	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheLoneStarDeluxe/">www.facebook.com/TheLoneStarDeluxe/</a>
5/5	Houston Dragon Boat Festival	Houston/Allens Landing		<a href="http://www.texasdragonboat.com">www.texasdragonboat.com</a>
5/11-13	Texas Crab Festival	Crystal Beach - Bolivar	Music, Art, Crabs, Carnival	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/579939572398062/">www.facebook.com/events/579939572398062/</a>
7/1-mid Aug	Windy Winery Grape Stomp	Brenham	Every Weekend	<a href="http://www.windywinery.com/">www.windywinery.com/</a>
Late July-Early Aug.	Chappell Hill Lavender Farm Festival	Brenham/Chappell Hill		<a href="http://www.chappellhilllavender.com/">www.chappellhilllavender.com/</a>
8/25	AIA Sandcastle Competition	Galveston, East Beach		<a href="http://www.aiahouston.org/v/site-home/AIA-Sandcastle/3m/">www.aiahouston.org/v/site-home/AIA-Sandcastle/3m/</a>
9/28-10/7	Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo			<a href="http://www.fortbendcountyfair.com/">www.fortbendcountyfair.com/</a>
9/29-11/25	Texas Renaissance Festival	Todd Mission TX		<a href="http://www.texrenfest.com">www.texrenfest.com</a>
9/29	Oktoberfest Houston	Buffalo Bayou Park	The Waterworks	<a href="http://www.oktoberfesthouston.com">www.oktoberfesthouston.com</a>
Begin. Oct	Scott Kelby Photo Walk			<a href="http://www.worldwidephotowalk.com/">www.worldwidephotowalk.com/</a>
10/13 (but check)	Texas Photo Festival	Smithville	Photo Contest Offered/Dressed Up sets	<a href="http://www.smithvilletx.org/annual-events">www.smithvilletx.org/annual-events</a>
10/20-21	Wings over Houston			<a href="http://www.wingsoverhouston.com">www.wingsoverhouston.com</a>
11/1-4	Lone Star Rally	Galveston		
11/17-18	Liendo Plantation Civil War Reenactment	Hempstead		<a href="http://www.liendoplantation.com/liendo/civil-war-weekend/">www.liendoplantation.com/liendo/civil-war-weekend/</a>
11/18-1/14	Houston Zoo Lights	Houston		<a href="http://www.houstonzoo.org">www.houstonzoo.org</a>
11/30-12/2	Dickens on the Strand	Galveston		<a href="http://www.galvestonhistory.org">www.galvestonhistory.org</a>

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	<b>BIRDING PLACES TO GO</b>			
	Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge	South of Winnie	No Charge/Drive around Loop	
	Armond Bayou Nature Center	Clear Lake Area	Small fee. One Bird setup and many trails.	<a href="http://www.abnc.org/">www.abnc.org/</a>
	Boy Scout Woods & Smith Oaks Rookery	High Island	Run by the Houston Audubon Society, March-June-ish	<a href="http://www.houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/high-island/boy-scout-woods.html">www.houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/high-island/boy-scout-woods.html</a>
	Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge	North of Freeport	No Charge/Drive around Loop	
	Brazos Bend State Park	Rosenberg Area	State Park Charge but great anytime	<a href="http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend">www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend</a>
	Gulf Coast Birding Observatory	Lake Jackson Area	Free but they do have an optional membership	<a href="http://www.gcbo.org">www.gcbo.org</a>
	Lafettes Cove	West Galveston Island	No charge, best during March/April migration	
	Quintana Bird Sanctuary	Freeport/Surfside Area	Small Park but great during migration	<a href="http://www.quintanatx.org/attractions/">www.quintanatx.org/attractions/</a>
	Resoft Park (small rookery)	Alvin/Pearland on I35	Free. Rookery Island. Visit during breeding of egrets mostly.	<a href="http://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/parks-department/resoft">www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/parks-department/resoft</a>
	San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge	South of Freeport		
	Seabourne Creek Nature Park	Rosenberg Area		<a href="http://www.rosenbergtx.gov/seabourn-creek/">www.rosenbergtx.gov/seabourn-creek/</a>
	Texas City Dike	Texas City	No charge, great for Shorebirds anytime	
	<b>MISC. PLACES TO GO</b>			
	1877 Tall Ship Elisa	Galveston		<a href="http://www.galveston.com/texaseaportmuseum">www.galveston.com/texaseaportmuseum</a>
	Aunique Ranch! (Gypsy Cobb Horses)	Huntsville		<a href="http://www.aunique ranch.com/">www.aunique ranch.com/</a>
	Austin Steam Train			<a href="http://www.austinsteamtrain.org">www.austinsteamtrain.org</a>
	Bandera TX			
	Bayou Bend			<a href="http://www.mfah.org/visit/bayou-bend-collection-and-gardens/">www.mfah.org/visit/bayou-bend-collection-and-gardens/</a>
	Beer Can House		Small Fee	<a href="http://www.beercanhouse.org/">http://www.beercanhouse.org/</a>
	Cistern	Houston, Buffalo Bayou		<a href="http://www.buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/the-cistern/">www.buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/the-cistern/</a>
	Farmers Market			
	Fredricksburg			
	Houston Ship Channel Boat Tour			<a href="http://www.porthouston.com/sam-houston-boat-tour/">www.porthouston.com/sam-houston-boat-tour/</a>
	Kemah Boardwalk	Misc. Events all year		<a href="http://www.kemahboardwalk.com/">www.kemahboardwalk.com/</a>
	Lone Star Flight Museum			<a href="http://www.lonestarflight.org">www.lonestarflight.org</a>
	Mercer Botanical			<a href="http://www.hcp4.net/community/parks/mercer">www.hcp4.net/community/parks/mercer</a>
	Moody Gardens			<a href="http://www.moodygardens.com">www.moodygardens.com</a>
	Nelson Water Gardens			<a href="http://www.nelsonwatergardens.com/">www.nelsonwatergardens.com/</a>
	Night Photography	Downtown Houston		
	Orange Show Monument			<a href="http://www.orangeshow.org/">www.orangeshow.org/</a>
	Painted Churches			
	Portrait/Models			
	Sam Houston Race Track			<a href="http://www.shrp.com">www.shrp.com</a>
	Skate Parks	5 Around Houston		<a href="http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/parksites/skateparks.html">www.houstontx.gov/parks/parksites/skateparks.html</a>
	Sunset Photography	Galveston	Fat Boys or Tree	
	Texas City Dike Sunrise			
	Texas Ranch House ????		kind of dude ranch	

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	Zoo			<a href="http://www.houstonzoo.org">www.houstonzoo.org</a>
	<b>BIRDING FACEBOOK PAGES</b>			
	Birding Texas			
	Birds of Texas			
	Texas Birding & Wildlife			
	We Love Birds			
	Texas Birds & Butterflies			
	Rio Grande Valley Birding			