

A BIRDER'S PARADISE

OFFICIAL BIRDING GUIDE





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ALL WILDLIFE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN HARLINGEN



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE TO EXPLORE THE INCREDIBLE BIRDLIFE OUR REGION HAS TO OFFER! WITH ITS UNIQUE BLEND OF HABITATS, HARLINGEN IS A PRIME DESTINATION FOR BOTH SEASONED BIRDERS AND NEWCOMERS ALIKE.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOUR VISIT:



THE BEST BIRDING TIMES ARE EARLY MORNING OR LATE AFTERNOON, WHEN THE BIRDS ARE MOST ACTIVE.



DON'T FORGET A HAT, SUNSCREEN, AND PLENTY OF WATER, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE EXPLORING DURING THE WARMER MONTHS.



BRING A FIELD GUIDE OR USE A BIRDING APP TO HELP IDENTIFY THE MANY SPECIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER!

WE'RE SURE YOU'LL ENJOY YOUR TIME HERE AND FIND PLENTY OF AMAZING BIRD SIGHTINGS.

HAPPY BIRDING!

HARLINGEN SPECIALTY BIRDS CHECKLIST

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| ☐ ALTAMIRA ORIOLE | ☐ GRAY HAWK | ☐ RINGED KINGFISHER |
| ☐ APLOMADO FALCON | ☐ GREAT KISKADEE | ☐ TROPICAL PARULA |
| ☐ BLACK-CRESTED TITMOUSE | ☐ GREEN JAY | ☐ TROPICAL KINGBIRD |
| ☐ BRONZED COWBIRD | ☐ GREEN KINGFISHER | ☐ WHITE-TAILED HAWK |
| ☐ BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD | ☐ GREEN PARAKEET | ☐ WHITE-TIPPED DOVE |
| ☐ CAVE SWALLOW | ☐ GROOVE-BILLED ANI | ☐ ZONE-TAILED HAWK |
| ☐ CLAY COLORED THRUSH | ☐ LEAST GREBE | |
| ☐ COMMON PAURAQUE | ☐ LONG BILLED THRASHER | |
| ☐ COUCH'S KINGBIRD | ☐ "MCCALLS" EASTERN SCREECHOWL | |
| ☐ CRESTED CARACARA | ☐ NORTHERN-BEARDLESS TYRANNULET | |
| ☐ GOLDEN CROWNED WARBLER | ☐ OLIVE SPARROW | |
| ☐ GOLDEN FRONTED WOODPECKER | ☐ PLAIN CHACHALACA | |
| | ☐ PYRRHULOXIA | |
| | ☐ RED-CROWNED PARROT | |



| ALTAMIRA ORIOLE





297
CONFIRMED SPECIES



HUGH RAMSEY NATURE PARK
1000 TX - 499 LOOP
HARLINGEN, TX 78550

LOCATED NEAR DOWNTOWN HARLINGEN, THIS 55-ACRE PARK HAS BEEN BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED WITH NATIVE TREES, BUSHES, AND SHRUBS. FEATURING TRAILS, PHOTO BLINDS, GARDENS, COVERED PAVILIONS, AND RESTROOMS.



| GREAT KISKADEE



| BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD





BIRDING HOTSPOTS



HARLINGEN ARTS & HERITAGE MUSEUM

2425 BOXWOOD ST.
HARLINGEN, TX 78550



HARLINGEN CITY LAKE & LIBERTY GARDENS

672-682 76 DRIVE
HARLINGEN, TX 78550



TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE (TSTC)

1902 N. LOOP 499
HARLINGEN, TX 78550



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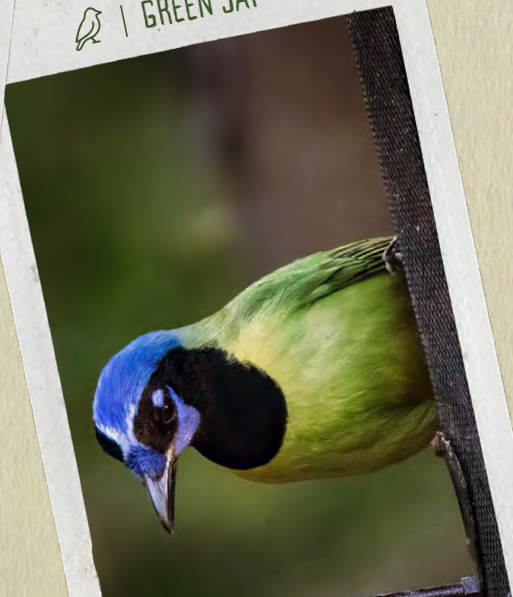
2902 HAINE DRIVE
HARLINGEN, TX 78550



| BLACK-CRESTED TITMOUSE



| GREEN JAY





BIRDING HOTSPOTS

THE PORT OF HARLINGEN

THE PORT OF HARLINGEN IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPOT UNIQUE BIRDS SUCH AS: SOUTH TEXAS RAPTORS, APLOMADO FALCONS, PEREGRINE FALCONS, HARRIS'S HAWKS, WHITE- TAILED KITES AND THE ODDLY CARTOONISH CRESTED CARACARA!



PORT OF HARLINGEN

24633 PORT RD.
HARLINGEN, TX 78550

HARLINGEN SOCCER COMPLEX

LOCAL BIRDERS CONSIDER THIS PLACE A "HOT DAY HOTSPOT". 151 SPECIES HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED HERE AND DEPENDING ON THE TIME OF YEAR AND WATER LEVELS, YOU CAN SPOT SEVERAL SPECIES OF DUCKS, GULLS, TERNS, SHOREBIRDS, HERON, EGRETS, SPARROWS, KINGFISHERS AND RAPTORS. A DIVERSE RANGE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS MAKE A PIT STOP HERE!



HARLINGEN SOCCER COMPLEX

4515 E. HARRISON
HARLINGEN, TX 78550

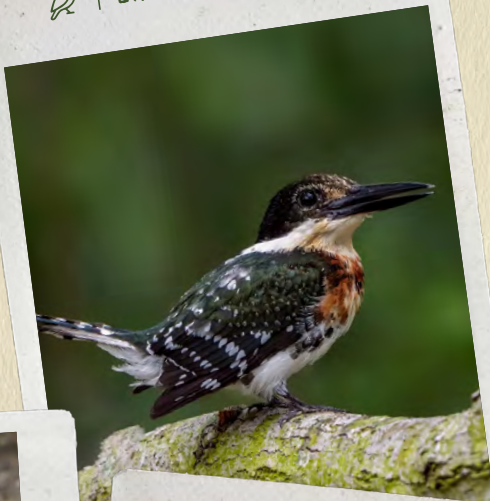
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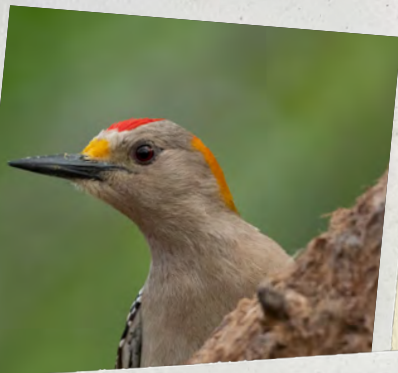
 | GREAT EGRET



 | GREEN KINGFISHER



 | GOLD-FRONTED WOODPECKER



 | LONG-BILLED THRASHER



 | YELLOW CROWNED NIGHT HERON





BIRDING HOTSPOTS

THE RED-CROWNED PARROT ROOST

HARLINGEN IS HOME TO A STEADILY
GROWING RED-CROWNED PARROT ROOST.

GATHERING BY THE HUNDREDS, ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THE CACOPHONIES
OF THE LOUD PARROT CHATTER!

| RED-CROWNED PARROT



LOOK OUT FOR THEM HERE
NEIGHBORHOODS ADJACENT
TO NORTH 7TH STREET





BIRDING HOTSPOTS

THE PURPLE MARTIN ROOST

THE PURPLE MARTIN ROOST IS MOST ALIVE DURING LATE AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER. THE PURPLE MARTINS GATHER AT VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER IN NUMBERS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 15,000-70,000. A VISIT TO THIS LOCATION PROVIDES BREATHTAKINLY CLOSE VIEWS OF THE SURREAL AERIAL SHOW.

THOUSANDS OF NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST SWALLOWS MOVE TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY, BARREL-ROLLING AROUND TREES, WEAVING BETWEEN THE HOSPITAL TOWERS AND FORMING GIANT "BIRDNADOS" DEVOURING INSECTS CAUGHT UP IN THE GIANT FUNNELS THEY CREATE!



LOOK OUT FOR THEM HERE
VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER
2101 PEASE ST.
HARLINGEN, TX 78550



PARKS

ARROYO PARK: 1110 NEW HAMPSHIRE ST. (60 ACRE)

BONHAM PARK: 310 N. 21ST. (2.24 ACRE)

C.B. WOOD PARK: 400 W. HARDING (9 ACRE)

CITY LAKE/LIBERTY GARDENS: 410 '76 DR. (7 ACRE)

CENTENNIAL PARK: 101 WEST ST.

DIXIELAND PARK: 2521 S. DIXIELAND RD. (20 ACRE)

HARLINGEN THICKET: 311 E. TAFT (40 ACRE)

HARLINGEN SPORTS COMPLEX: 3239 WILSON RD. (80 ACRE)

HARLINGEN SOCCER COMPLEX: 4515 E. HARRISON

HUGH RAMSEY NATURE PARK: 1000 S. LOOP 499 (54 ACRE)

HUNTER PARK: 1624 N. 3RD ST./MCGREGOR ST. (2 ACRE)

LT. GEORGE GUTIERREZ JR. PARK: 512 W. HARRISON ST. (2 ACRE)

LON C. HILL: 1217 FAIR PARK BLVD. (73 ACRE)

MCKELVEY PARK: 1325 S. 77 SUNSHINE STRIP (11 ACRE)

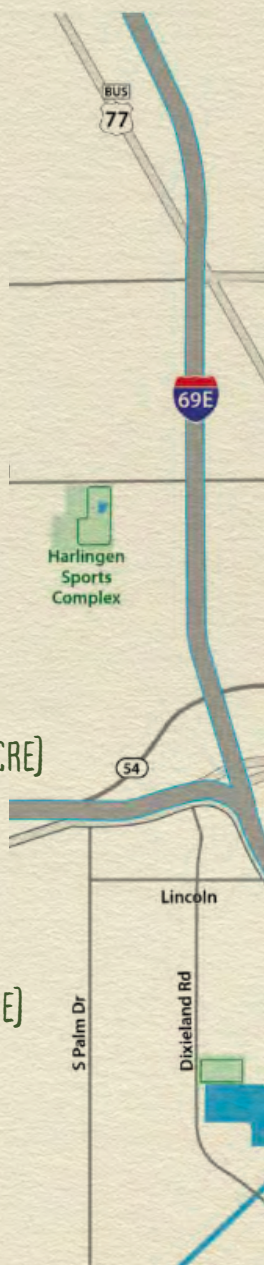
PENDLETON PARK: 1427 MORGAN BLVD. (47 ACRE)

RANGERVILLE ROAD PARK: 1101 S. RANGERVILLE RD. (24 ACRE)

VESTAL PARK: 501 LAFAYETTE AVE. (13.64 ACRE)

VICTOR PARK: 1601 S. M ST. (40 ACRE)

WINDSOR PARK: 1402 E. FILMORE (2 ACRE)



NORTHERN CARDINAL



LEGEND

- Major Trail
- Walking Trails
- Trail Heads
- Bike Pump Station



HOTELS

AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN

4401 S. EXPY. 83

866-539-0036

BEST WESTERN CASA VILLA SUITES

4317 S. EXPY. 83

956-412-1500

CANDLEWOOD SUITES HARLINGEN

4319 S. EXPY. 83

956-412-6900

COUNTRY INN & SUITES

3825 S. EXPY. 83

956-428-0043

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

1725 W. FILMORE AVE

956-412-7800

FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES

4111 S. EXPY. 83

956-230-0001

HAMPTON INN AND SUITES

1202 ED CAREY DR.

956-428-9800

HILTON GARDEN INN /HARLINGEN CONVENTION CENTER

751 HARLINGEN HEIGHTS DR.

956-428-1400



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

501 S. P ST.

956-428-9292

HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON HARLINGEN

603 SESAME DR

956-230-2939

PLAZA INN & SUITES

1901 W TYLER AVE

956-425-1810

QUALITY INN

1002 S. EXPY. 83

956-428-6888

RESIDENCE INN HARLINGEN

109 BASS PRO DRIVE

956-230-1662

SUPER 8

1115 S. EXPY. 83

956-412-8873

TEXAS INN

406 US-77 FRONTAGE RD

956-412-7771

WOODSPRING SUITES HARLINGEN

3905 S. EXPRESSWAY 77 83

956-423-2200

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD



HOUSE SPARROW





RIO GRANDE VALLEY *Birding* **FESTIVAL**

THE ANNUAL BIRDING FESTIVAL IS HELD IN HARLINGEN DURING
THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

THE FESTIVAL INCLUDES AN EXPO AT THE HARLINGEN
CONVENTION CENTER AND FIELD TRIPS AROUND THE RGV TO SEE
RARE BIRDS THAT VISIT DURING THE FALL MIGRATION PERIOD.

THIS IS A ONE OF A KIND FESTIVAL YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

REGISTER AT WWW.RGVBF.ORG TODAY!



 | EASTERN SCREECH OWL

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TEXAS



 | COUCH'S KINGBIRD

VISITHARLINGENTEXAS.COM