

# A BIRDER'S PARADISE

OFFICIAL BIRDING GUIDE







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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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| <input type="checkbox"/> ALTAMIRA ORIOLE           | <input type="checkbox"/> GRAY HAWK                     | <input type="checkbox"/> RINGED KINGFISHER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APLOMADO FALCON           | <input type="checkbox"/> GREAT KISKADEE                | <input type="checkbox"/> TROPICAL PARULA   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK-CRESTED TITMOUSE    | <input type="checkbox"/> GREEN JAY                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TROPICAL KINGBIRD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZED COWBIRD           | <input type="checkbox"/> GREEN KINGFISHER              | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE-TAILED HAWK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD  | <input type="checkbox"/> GREEN PARAKEET                | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE-TIPPED DOVE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAVE SWALLOW              | <input type="checkbox"/> GROOVE-BILLED ANI             | <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE-TAILED HAWK  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLAY COLORED THRUSH       | <input type="checkbox"/> LEAST GREBE                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON PAURAQUE           | <input type="checkbox"/> LONG BILLED THRASHER          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COUCH'S KINGBIRD          | <input type="checkbox"/> "MCCALLS" EASTERN SCREECHOWL  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRESTED CARACARA          | <input type="checkbox"/> NORTHERN-BEARDLESS TYRANNULET |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLDEN CROWNED WARBLER    | <input type="checkbox"/> OLIVE SPARROW                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLDEN FRONTED WOODPECKER | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAIN CHACHALACA              |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> PYRRHULOXIA                   |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> 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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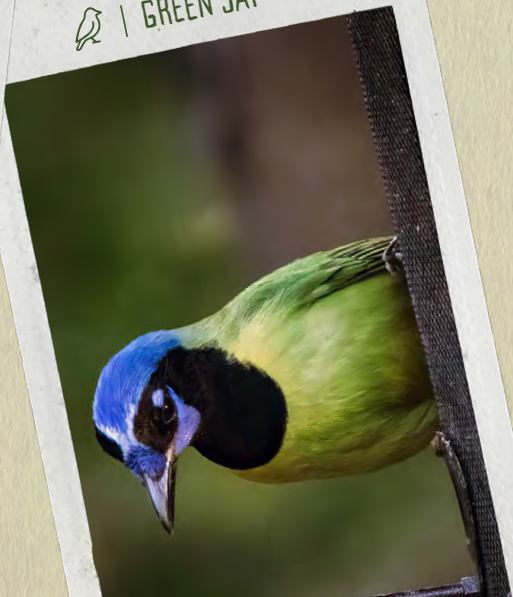
2902 HAINE DRIVE  
HARLINGEN, TX 78550



| 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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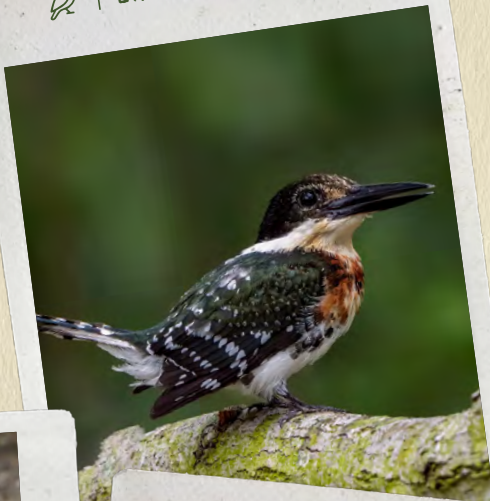




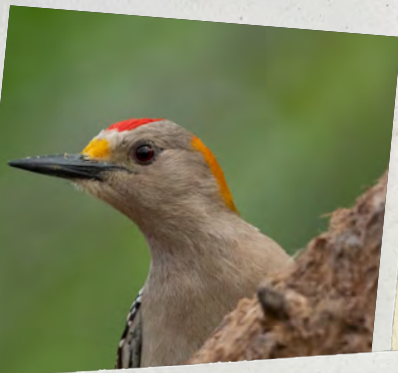
 | GREAT EGRET



 | 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)



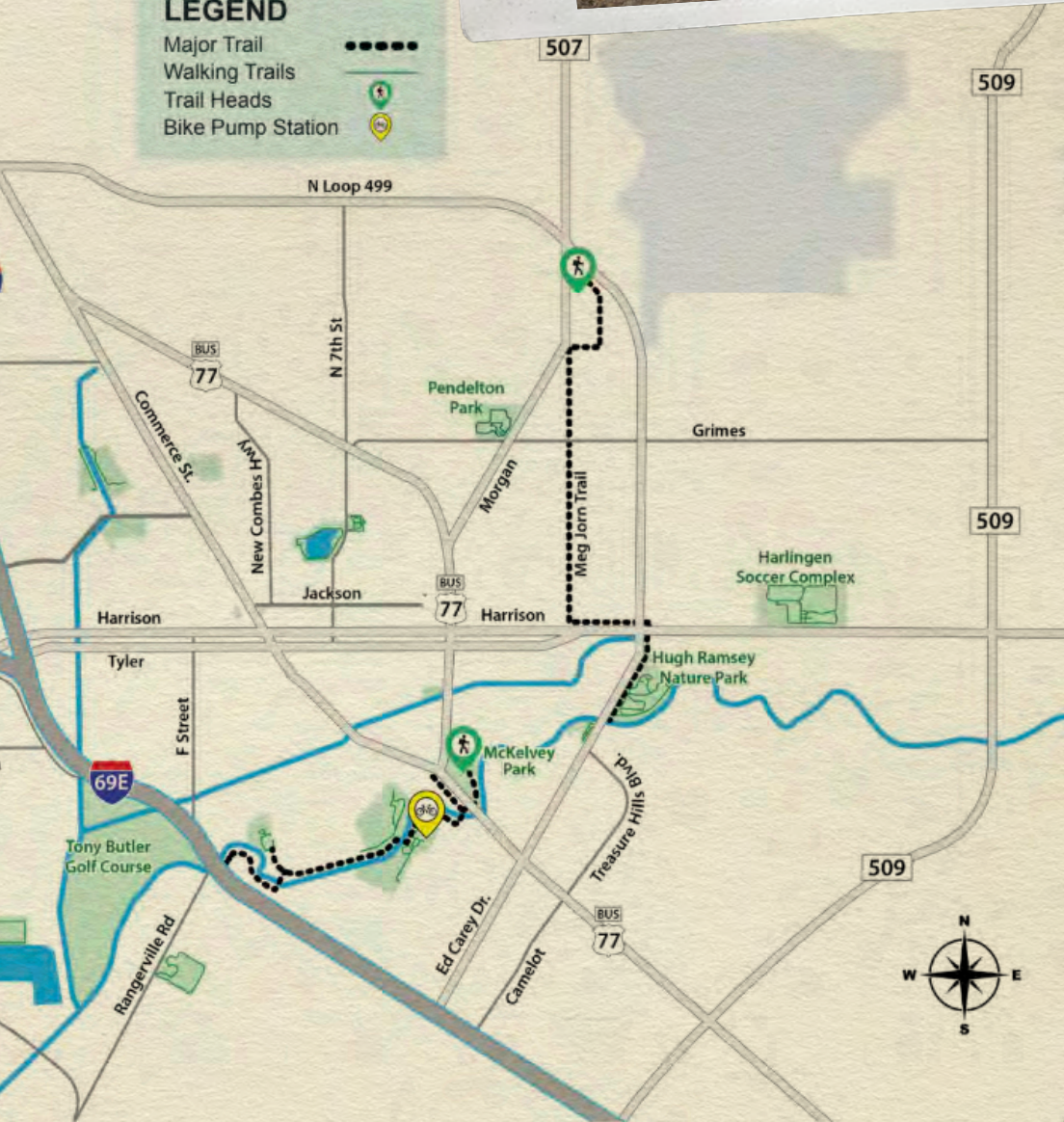


# NORTHERN CARDINAL



## 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

### LONE STAR INN & SUITES BY OYO

1901 W TYLER AVE

810-279-1023

### 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!

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