



# 33rd HummerBird Celebration

September 16-19, 2021

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Join us for the **33rd Annual HummerBird Celebration** in the coastal Texas towns of Rockport and Fulton, Texas. We hope to have a spectacular fall migration of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, the stars of the show. You might also see Rufous, Black-chinned, and Buff-bellied Hummingbirds. We work really hard to offer something for everyone, from backyard birders to more experienced birders. Topics and activities are available to meet most interests in: birds, hummingbirds, butterflies, and habitat development in your own backyard. See schedule for pricing, times, locations and virtual events.

Parts of the event will be available as virtual events \* denotes those programs.

**COME EARLY!** - Visit select Hummer Homes starting the week prior to the event on Saturday, Sept. 11. This list can only be obtained at the Rockport-Fulton Chamber Visitor Center upon arrival.

**The 2021 T-SHIRT ARTIST** Clementina Rivera will sign T-shirts at her booth during the event.

**ARANSAS PATHWAYS CENTER AND-BRIDGE** - Free All day. Interpretative Signage. Maps of the entire venue project. Located just north of the Wal-Mart on Business 35 at Tule Creek West.

### **THURSDAY EVENTS:**

*(6pm— vendors setup in High School Commons)*  
**SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOME** - Booklets are available at the Chamber office. Home Owners welcome you from dawn to dusk Thursday through Sunday.

**ARANSAS PATHWAYS EVENT** *Free Event*  
Join in as volunteers set you up as a card playing nature lover at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Pavilion Center located north of the Wal-Mart on Business 35 at Tule Creek West.

Prizes and fun for all. *Free Event*  
**DECORATE YOUR HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER** - Arts and Crafts Program at the Fulton Mansion, 317 Fulton Beach Rd, Rockport 1pm

**2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS** with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" departs from Fulton Harbor.

**BIRDING PANEL DISCUSSIONS**— 3:40 pm—Local birders discuss and share tips and on birding experiences and premier locations. Saltwater Pavilion, 210 Seabreeze Dr.\*

**WELCOME RECEPTION** - 5 pm – 6 pm - *Free Event* Enjoy Wine and Cheese along with special announcements and introductions. Location: Rockport Center for the Arts,

401 S. Austin, Suite B Downtown Rockport (Baker Law Building).

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION & DINNER** – 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm – Enjoy a presentation by native South Texan and nationally recognized photographer and videographer, Cissy Beasley. Her lively presentation is inspirational and enlightening. Dinner includes Texas BBQ, Smoked Chicken and all the trimmings plus dessert. Location: Rockport Beach, (at end of the beach) Saltwater Pavilion, 210 Seabreeze Dr. \*

### **FRIDAY EVENTS:**

**BUS BIRDING TRIP** to Welder Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy a ranch managed for wildlife including portions of the Mission River and a lake. Bus departs 6:30 am from Bus Stop behind the Martha Luigi Auditorium and will return before lunch.

**2-HOUR BOAT BIRDING TRIPS** with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" departs from Fulton Harbor. See schedule.

**HUMMER HOME GUIDED BUS TRIPS** – Visit 3 homes guided by experienced birders, and see exclusive hummingbird banding by Master Bander, Susan Heath.

**SPEAKER PROGRAMS** 10:20am - 6pm in Auditorium & High School Commons Library. 5pm Keynote is Sky King Falconry with "Wildlife Revealed" - Birds in flight indoors - in the Auditorium. \*

**BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES** - Join expert photographers John Martell, or Stephen Fisher. See schedule for times. Location: The Inn at Fulton Harbor, 215 Fulton Beach Rd, Fulton.

**SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOMES** - List available in the booklet. Booklet at the event or Chamber office.

**BANDING DEMONSTRATION** - Master Bander, Sumita Prasad, demonstrates the importance of banding. See schedule for times and location. Open to the public.

**OUTDOOR EXHIBITS** all day, along the greenspace in front of the auditorium.

**HUMMER MALL INCLUDES FOOD VENDOR** - Shop for bird and nature related products. 9am-5pm in High School Commons. See list in booklet and map for directions.

### **SATURDAY EVENTS:**

**BUS BIRDING TRIP** to Fennessey Ranch. Enjoy a guided trip on a Privately owned 3,361 acre wildlife oasis which hosts numerous birds, plants, amphibians, mammals and more.. Bus departs 6:30 am from Bus Stop behind Marta Luigi auditorium, will return before lunch.

**HUMMER BREAKFAST AT THE HISTORY CENTER** 8 am to 10 am.

Join us for the popular Hummer Breakfast at the History Center for Aransas County. Breakfast, features herbs harvested from the

extensive garden on the History Center grounds. Admire the beauty, stamina and spirit of the hummingbird while enjoying a fine breakfast an ode to the very nectar and system that supports this one-of-a-kind creature. Come and go style. Limited to 80 persons.

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### **SUNDAY EVENTS:**

**BOAT BIRDING 4-HOUR BRUNCH-**

**ON-THE-BAY TRIP** with Captain Tommy Moore on "The Skimmer" offers extensive bay birding. The boat offers inside and outside exposures on two decks and restrooms.

**BIRDING TOUR OF TEXAS STATE PARKS IN SOUTH TEXAS** – Head to Goose Island State Park in historic "CCC" building with presentation followed by a birding tour to look for birds of the Coastal Bend. Led by expert Ben Horstmann. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Refreshments provided.

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**SUNDAY SPEAKER PROGRAMS** 10:20-2pm in High School Commons Library  
**OUTDOOR EXHIBIT** 10-3pm along the greenspace in front of the auditorium.

**HUMMER MALL INCLUDES FOOD VENDOR** - Shop for bird and nature related products. 10am-3pm in High School Commons See list in booklet and map for directions.

# ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Advance online registration is recommended, but not required. It will guarantee a date and time for hummingbird bus and birding boat tours, and field trips. Special arrangements can be made for those who don't have online capabilities by calling the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce prior to Sept. 1. Special bus groups of 25 or more are also encouraged to contact: Sandy Jumper at [tourism@1rockport.org](mailto:tourism@1rockport.org) as a special step-on guide will be coordinated for the group. For lodging and dining information, visit the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center at 319 Broadway, Rockport, TX 78382 [www.rockport-fulton.org](http://www.rockport-fulton.org) or call 361-729-6445.

Register early for your choices. All trips and tours have limited availability. Programs are subject to change. COVID 19 CDC guidelines apply.

Item	Description	Times Please arrive 10-15 minutes early	Price Per Person
<p>All Speaker Program Pass High School Commons &amp; Auditorium</p> <hr/> <p>Virtual Programs</p>	<p>Includes <u>all</u> one hour lectures. (All in person programs are \$5 in advance and at the door) Children 12 &amp; under with an adult attend free</p> <hr/> <p>5 Programs are offered virtually for \$20. * denotes virtual programs</p>	<p>Speaker pass includes all speaker programs during event at High School Commons &amp; Auditorium (Does not include Thursday dinner)</p> <hr/> <p>Includes: Keynote Presentations Thu, Fri, Sat ; Birding Panel Discussion, and Saturday Banding.</p>	<p><b>All Program Pass</b> <b>\$30 All Programs</b> \$5 Per Lecture</p> <hr/> <p>\$20</p>
<p>Welcome Opening Reception</p>	<p>Special introductions and announcements. Wine and Cheese Reception. Meet and greet for all attendees.</p> <p>Location: Rockport Center for the Arts, 401 S Austin, Downtown Rockport (Baker Law Building)</p>	<p>Thursday 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>Keynote Presentation &amp; Dinner <b>33rd Anniversary</b></p>	<p>Enjoy a special presentation by native South Texan and nationally recognized photographer &amp; videographer, Cissy Beasley "A Pictorial Celebration of Indigenous and Migratory South Texas Birds". Dinner Includes South Texas BBQ, sides &amp; dessert. Located at 212 Sea breeze Dr. (Rockport Beach). Drive the length of the beach to the north end. Parking available. Enter building through the south steps.</p>	<p>Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>\$35</p>
<p>Hummer Breakfast at the History Center</p> <hr/> <p>Seating outdoors under Live Oak Trees</p>	<p>Gourmet meal by Mermaid's Kitchen: Classic Quiche Lorraine, Seasonal Fruit with Honey Lime Mint Dressing, Lemon Lavender Scones, Country Maple Sausage, Ginger/Orange Fizz, Coffee, and more. Historians in costume speaking about the life of legendary Connie Hagar. Located at 801 E. Cedar at the History Center for Aransas County.</p>	<p>Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.</p> <p>Come &amp; Go is appropriate. Coastal casual dress.</p> <p>Exhibits "Connie Hagar's Corner" and "Voices from the Past"</p>	<p>\$25</p>
<p>Hummer Home Bus Trips</p>	<p>Guided by experienced birders, visit two sites and see private hummingbird banding demonstration by Master Bander Sue Heath.</p>	<p>Departs Bus Stop promptly Friday &amp; Saturday 7:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., &amp; 3:45 pm Sunday 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>\$15</p>
<p>Boat Birding Trips</p>	<p>Two Hour Boat trips depart from Fulton Harbor on "The Skimmer"</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday Brunch On The Bay Trip departs from Fulton Harbor on "The Skimmer" - 4 hour tour includes boxed brunch.</p>	<p>Thursday 3 p.m., 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m., 3p.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday Brunch 9 a.m.</p>	<p>\$45</p> <hr/> <p>\$100</p>
<p>Welder Wildlife Refuge Birding Field Trip</p>	<p>Enjoy birding on an historic and special conservation ranch for wildlife and research managed by Welder Wildlife Foundation. See hummingbirds and other birds in a natural ranch setting. Led by experienced birders.</p>	<p>Friday—Departs Bus Stop promptly at 6:30 a.m. (1/2 day)</p>	<p>\$45</p>
<p>Fennessey Ranch. Birding Field Trip</p>	<p>Enjoy a guided trip on a Privately owned 3,361 acre wildlife oasis which hosts numerous birds, plants, amphibians, mammals and more.. Includes snack</p>	<p>Saturday 6:30 a.m. (1/2 day)</p>	<p>\$50</p>
<p>Goose Island State Park Birding Talk &amp; Guided Field Trip</p>	<p>Enter Goose Island State Park Entrance Gate. Begin "Birds of Texas" program in historical pavilion built in the 1930s by the CCC then onto birding led by expert birder Ben Horstmann - Limited to 30 people</p>	<p>Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>\$25</p>
<p>Photography Class—"How to Photograph Songbirds and Hummingbirds"</p>	<p>John Martell, Wildlife Photographer</p>	<p>Friday 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>\$12</p>
<p>Photography Class—"A Reintroduction to Digital Nature Photography"</p>	<p>Stephen Fisher, Wildlife Photographer</p>	<p>Friday 10:20 a.m. Saturday 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>\$12</p>

### 33rd Annual HummerBird Celebration Speakers

	10:20 AM	11:40 AM	1:00 PM	2:20 PM	3:40 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM Dinner Saltwater Pavilion
<b>THURSDAY</b>					Saltwater Pavilion  Local Birding Panel	Opening Reception Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception at Rockport Center for the Arts: Baker Law, 401 S. Austin, Downtown Rockport	Cissy Beasley  A Pictorial Celebration of Indigenous & Migratory South Texas Birds*
<b>FRIDAY Auditorium</b>	Tania Homayoun  Connecting iNaturalist to the Flora & Fauna of Texas	Joan Garland  Whooping Cranes	Martha McLeod  The Secrets to Kids and Birding	Ginger Easton Smith  Attracting Hummers to Your Garden	David Sarkozi  Bird ID Challenges of the Coast	KEYNOTE: Sky Kings Falcony*	
<b>FRIDAY High School Library</b>	Neil Spurrell  Life Migration Story of the Monarchs	Sid Rucker  Living, Laughing & Loving with Hummingbirds	Glenn Olsen  Wonderful Warblers of the Gulf Coast	Sneed Collard III  A Father & Son Big Year of Birding	Brent Ortego  Hummingbirds 101 - The Basics		
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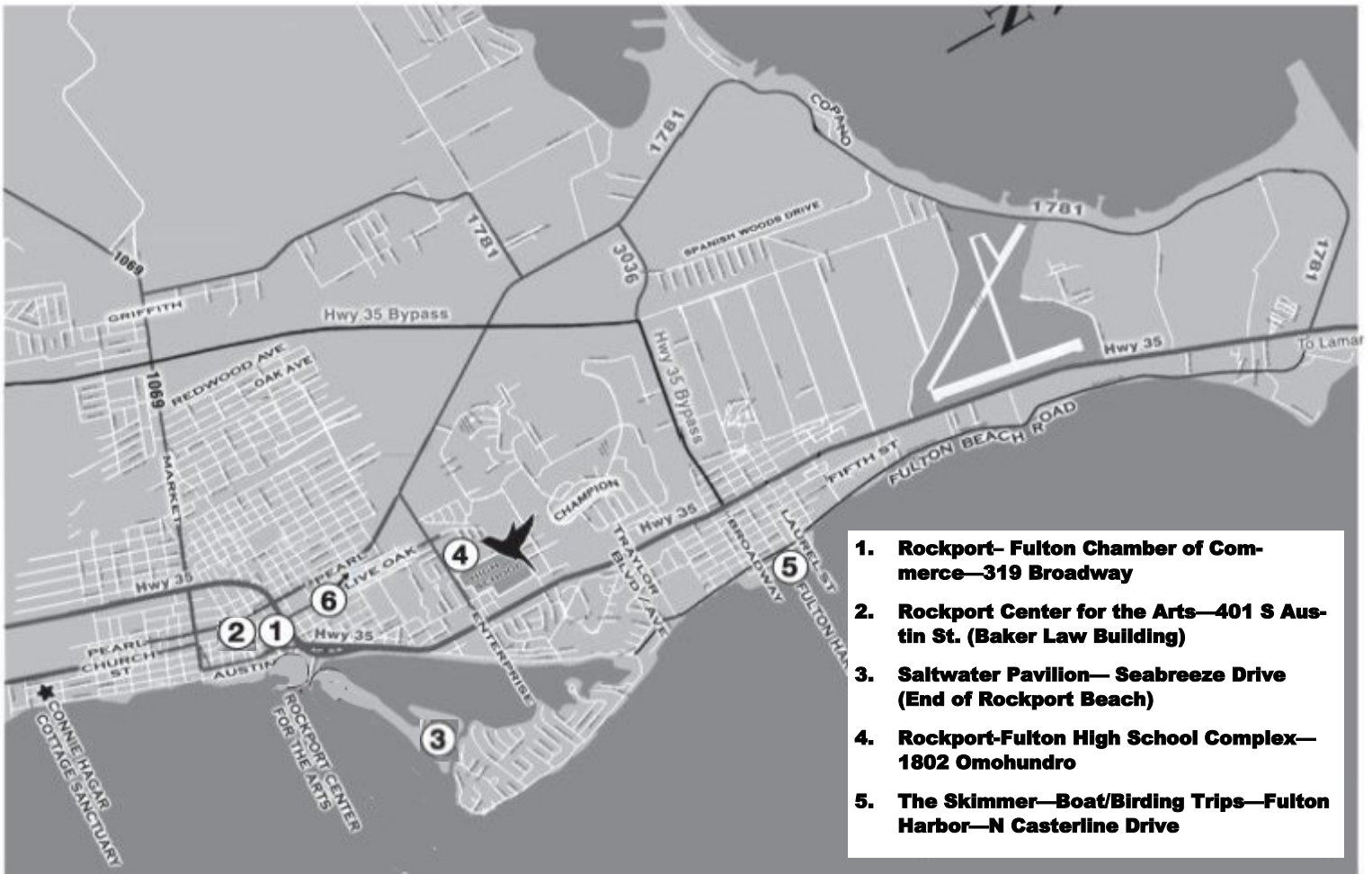
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### 33rd Annual HummerBird Celebration Events

	REGISTRATION & TICKET PICK UP	OUTDOOR EXHIBITS	BIRDING PANEL DISCUSSION at Saltwater Pavilion*	WELCOME OPENING RECEPTION	OPENING TEXAS BBQ DINNER at Saltwater Pavilion*	HUMMER MALL	EXHIBITS: "Connie Hagar's Corner" & "Voices from the Past"
<b>Location:</b>	Auditorium Box Office	Between HS Commons and Auditorium	Saltwater Pavilion 212 Seabreeze Dr Rockport Beach	Rockport Center for the Arts 401 S. Austin Street - 1st floor, Baker Law	Saltwater Pavilion 212 Seabreeze Dr Rockport Beach	Rockport-Fulton High School Commons	History Center 801 E Cedar St
<b>Thursday</b>	5 pm - 7 pm		3:40 pm - 4:40pm	5 pm - 6 pm	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm		
<b>Friday</b>	8 am - 6 pm	10 am - 5 pm				9 am - 5 pm	Exhibit 10 am - 4 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	8 am - 6 pm	10 am - 5 pm				9 am - 5 pm	Breakfast 8 am - 10 am Exhibit 10 am - 4 pm
<b>Sunday</b>		10 am - 3 pm				10 am - 3 pm	

	SELF-GUIDED HUMMER HOMES	HUMMER HOME BUS TRIPS	HUMMINGBIRD BANDING Master Bander Sumita Prasad*	BOAT BIRDING TRIPS	HALF-DAY BUS BIRDING TRIPS	BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES	BIRD WITH THE EXPERT Walk thru the park Ben Horstmann*
<b>Location:</b>	Booklet with map provided at info tables.	Bus Stop	Selected Hummer Home	Fulton Harbor	Bus Stop	Inn at Fulton Harbor 215 N Fulton Beach Rd, Fulton	Goose Island State Park Park Rd 13, Lamar
<b>Thursday</b>	Dawn to dusk			3 pm & 6 pm			
<b>Friday</b>	Dawn to dusk	7:15 & 9:30 am, 1:30 & 3:45 pm	7:30 - 11 am, 1:30 - 4:30 pm	9 am, 3 pm, 6 pm	6:30 am to Welder Wildlife Refuge	9 am, 10:20 am*	
<b>Saturday</b>	Dawn to dusk	7:15 & 9:30 am, 1:30 & 3:45 pm	7:30 - 11 am, 1:30 - 4:30 pm	10 am, 3 pm, 6 pm	6:30 am to Fennessy Ranch	9 am, 10:20 am*	
<b>Sunday</b>	Dawn to dusk	9:30 am	8 - 11 am	Brunch 9 am			8:30 am - 11:30 am

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1. **Rockport– Fulton Chamber of Commerce—319 Broadway**
2. **Rockport Center for the Arts—401 S Austin St. (Baker Law Building)**
3. **Saltwater Pavilion— Seabreeze Drive (End of Rockport Beach)**
4. **Rockport-Fulton High School Complex— 1802 Omohundro**
5. **The Skimmer—Boat/Birding Trips—Fulton Harbor—N Casterline Drive**



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