



Northern Shoveler

CHECKLIST FOR COMMON BIRDS OF PEARLAND

BLACKBIRDS

- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird
- ☐ Common Grackle
- ☐ Great-tailed Grackle
- ☐ Baltimore Oriole

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & ALLIES

- ☐ Northern Cardinal
- ☐ Indigo Bunting
- ☐ Painted Bunting
- ☐ Summer Tanager
- ☐ Sandhill Crane



Anhinga

CATBIRDS, MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

- ☐ Northern Mockingbird

CORMORANTS & ANHINGAS

- ☐ Anhinga
- ☐ Neotropic Cormorant
- ☐ Double-crested Cormorant

CRANES

- ☐ Sandhill Crane

FALCONS & CARACARAS

- ☐ Crested Caracara
- ☐ American Kestrel
- ☐ Peregrine Falcon

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS & ALLIES

- ☐ American Goldfinch
- ☐ House Finch

GNATCATCHERS

- ☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

GREBES

- ☐ Least Grebe
- ☐ Pied-billed Grebe
- ☐ Cuckoos
- ☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

- ☐ Laughing Gull
- ☐ Ring-billed gull
- ☐ Herring Gull
- ☐ Least Tern
- ☐ Forster's Tern

HERONS, IBIS & ALLIES

- ☐ Great Blue Heron
- ☐ Great Egret
- ☐ Snowy Egret
- ☐ Little Blue Heron
- ☐ Tricolored Heron
- ☐ Cattle Egret
- ☐ Green Heron
- ☐ Black-crowned Night Heron
- ☐ Yellow-crowned night Heron
- ☐ White Ibis
- ☐ Roseate Spoonbill



Little Blue Heron

HUMMINGBIRDS

- ☐ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS & RAVENS

- ☐ Blue Jay

KINGFISHERS

- ☐ Belted Kingfisher

KINGLETS

- ☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MARTINS & SWALLOWS

- ☐ Purple Martin
- ☐ Tree Swallow
- ☐ Barn Swallow
- ☐ Cliff Swallow
- ☐ Cave Swallow

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- ☐ Chipping Sparrow
- ☐ White-throated Sparrow
- ☐ Savannah Sparrow
- ☐ Swamp Sparrow

NIGHTJARS

- ☐ Common Nighthawk

OWLS

- ☐ Barred Owl
- ☐ Great Horned Owl

PELICANS

- ☐ American White Pelican
- ☐ Brown Pelican

RAILS, GALLINULES & ALLIES

- ☐ American Coot
- ☐ Sora

SHOREBIRDS

- ☐ Black-necked Stilt
- ☐ Killdeer
- ☐ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ☐ Least Sandpiper
- ☐ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ☐ Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher
- ☐ Wilson's Snipe
- ☐ Greater Yellowlegs

SHRIKES

- ☐ Loggerhead shrike

SPARROWS

- ☐ Black-bellied Whistling Duck
- ☐ Fulvous Whistling-Duck
- ☐ Snow Goose
- ☐ Muscovy Duck
- ☐ Wood Duck
- ☐ Blue-winged Teal
- ☐ Northern Shoveler
- ☐ Gadwall
- ☐ Mallard
- ☐ Mottled Duck
- ☐ Northern Pintail
- ☐ Green-winged Teal
- ☐ Ring-necked Duck
- ☐ Lesser Scaup



Double Crested Cormorant

SWIFTS

- ☐ Chimney Swift

THRUSHES

- ☐ Eastern Bluebird
- ☐ American Robin

TITS, CHICKADEES, AND TITMICE

- ☐ Carolina Chickadee
- ☐ Tufted Titmouse

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: PEWEES, KINGBIRDS, & ALLIES

- ☐ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- ☐ Eastern Phoebe
- ☐ Vermillion Flycatcher
- ☐ Eastern Kingbird
- ☐ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

VIREOS

- ☐ White-eyed Vireo

VULTURES, HAWKS, AND ALLIES

- ☐ Black Vulture
- ☐ Turkey Vulture
- ☐ Osprey
- ☐ Mississippi Kite
- ☐ Northern Harrier
- ☐ Cooper's Hawk
- ☐ Bald Eagle
- ☐ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ☐ Swainson's Hawk

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

- ☐ American Pipit

WAXWINGS

- ☐ Cedar Waxwing

WOODPECKER

- ☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ☐ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- ☐ Downy Woodpecker
- ☐ Pileated Woodpecker
- ☐ Northern Flicker

WOOD-WARBLES

- ☐ Black-and-white Warbler
- ☐ Tennessee Warbler
- ☐ Orange-crowned Warbler
- ☐ Hooded Warbler
- ☐ Yellow Warbler
- ☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ☐ Yellow-throated Warbler

WRENS

- ☐ House Wren
- ☐ Carolina Wren

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Birding in Pearland



White Pelican



Cattle Egret

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INTRODUCTION

Pearland is located in northern Brazoria County, home to the Upper Texas Coast (UTC) – Great Texas Birding Trail and sits directly in the middle of the Central Flyway. Birding in Pearland – Prepare to love it!



Great Egret

LOCAL HOT SPOTS

Shadow Creek Ranch Nature Trail 1801 Kingsley Drive Pearland TX 77584 – UTC 087B

This green space offers paved trails, educational signage, and natural vistas for viewing wildlife throughout the trail. An observation deck is available to enjoy the beautiful scenery and take photos.

This site offers several unique habitat types to explore, including wetlands, forest and coastal prairie. This diversity attracts a wide variety of bird species.

- Winter: LeConte's Sparrow, Blue-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Belted Kingfisher, Cedar Waxwing, American Bittern, Green-winged Teal; a variety of wintering Sparrows
- Spring: A variety of Warblers, Flycatchers, Tanagers and Grosbeaks
- Summer: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Yellow-crowned Night-heron, Indigo Bunting, Swainson's Hawk
- Fall: Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, American Kestrel, Eastern Phoebe
- Year round: Mottled Duck, Northern Cardinal, Carolina Wren, Blue Jay, Roseate Spoonbill, Neotropic Cormorant, Red-shouldered Hawk, a variety of Herons and Egrets, Crested Caracara

Delores Fenwick Nature Center 5750 Magnolia Parkway Pearland TX 77584 – UTC 087A

Located at the John Hargrove Environmental Complex, this center offers interactive exhibits and a great vantage point of the floating wetlands behind the center. Take a stroll on the nature trail to enjoy the water birds and observe the rookeries, nesting colonies of birds, from spring into the summer.

Less than a ½ mile west on Magnolia Road are two large ponds. These ponds are an excellent place to find foraging water birds and are full of waterfowl in the winter. A local bat colony calls the Fite Road bridge home for half of the year. The Edible Fruit trail east picnic area is a great spot to view their emergence at dusk during the late summer.

- Winter: American White Pelican, American Pipit, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal, Spotted Sandpiper, Osprey, American Coot, Least Sandpiper, Savannah Sparrow
- Spring: Red-winged Blackbird, Forster's Tern, Pectoral Sandpiper, Blue-winged Teal, Tree Swallow
- Summer: Purple Martin, Chimney Swift, Green Heron, Eastern Bluebird, and a nesting colony of 9 species of colonial water birds
- Fall: Red-bellied Woodpecker, Belted Kingfisher, Anhinga
- Year round: Black-bellied Whistling-duck, Mottled Duck, Neotropic Cormorant, Roseate Spoonbill, Loggerhead Shrike, Bald Eagle, Northern Mockingbird; a wide variety of Herons, Egrets, Gulls, and Ibis



White Ibis



Roseate Spoonbill

El Franco Lee Park 9400 Hall Road Houston TX 77089

Located in Harris County, this park offers 80 acres of protected wetlands, nature trails, and an elevated boardwalk with a gazebo, perfect for wildlife observation.

- Winter: Gadwall, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Green-winged Teal, Northern Flicker, American Pipit, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Eastern Phoebe
- Spring: Tree Swallow, Pectoral Sandpiper, Cave Swallow, Tennessee Warbler, Indigo Bunting
- Summer: Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Chimney Swift, Common Nighthawk, Black-necked Stilt, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
- Fall: Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wilson's Snipe, Long-billed Dowitcher, a variety of Warblers
- Year round: American Coot, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Anhinga, White Ibis, Killdeer, Great Horned Owl, Little Blue Heron, Laughing Gull, Pileated Woodpecker, Carolina Chickadee

ADDITIONAL PEARLAND LOCATIONS

Magnolia Parkway Ponds 7110 Magnolia Parkway (CVS Parking Lot) Pearland, TX 77584

This site features 45 acres of created wetlands. Great location for shorebirds and waterfowl.

Christia V. Adair Park 15107 Cullen Blvd. Houston, TX 77047

Explore wooded walking trails among large mature trees adjacent to Clear Creek. Can be especially good for migrating songbirds.

Tom Bass, Section 3 15108 Cullen Blvd. Houston, TX 77047

Features a large lake with paved walking paths. Excellent waterbirds, especially through the winter.

NEARBY BIRDING SITES

Brazos Bend State Park 21901 FM 762 Needville, TX, 77461 – UTC 117

Known as a “bird watcher's paradise”, there are over 300 documented species of birds in this rich wildlife habitat within this 4,897 acre state park along the Brazos River.

- Year round: Wading birds, Raptors and Songbirds
- During the winter months or throughout the spring and summer nesting range, migratory songbirds, waterfowl and other birds make this Texas State Park their home.



Osprey

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Armand Bayou Nature Center 8500 Bay Area Blvd. Pasadena, TX 77507 - UTC 081

Located in Bay Area Houston, between NASA and the Bayport Industrial District, this urban wilderness preserve is home to 3 distinct ecosystems: wetlands, woodlands and tall-grass prairie.

- Year round: Osprey, Herons, Belted Kingfisher, Anhinga, Gulls and Terns
- During the spring and fall months, the forestlands at this site become home to Warblers, Grosbeaks, Tanagers, Buntings, vireos, and other migratory birds.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit Pearland – visitpearland.com/birding

Texas Parks & Wildlife – tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/birding