





# Audubon TEXAS

## Coastal Stewardship Program

For more than 100 years, Audubon has managed waterbird islands along the Texas coast. In all, we manage approximately 13,000 acres on over 80 islands that provide critical habitat for more than 20 species of colonial waterbirds and shorebirds. This land is either owned by Audubon or leased from the Texas General Land Office. These island sanctuaries are essential to the survival of 90 percent of Texas' coastal colonial waterbird colonies.

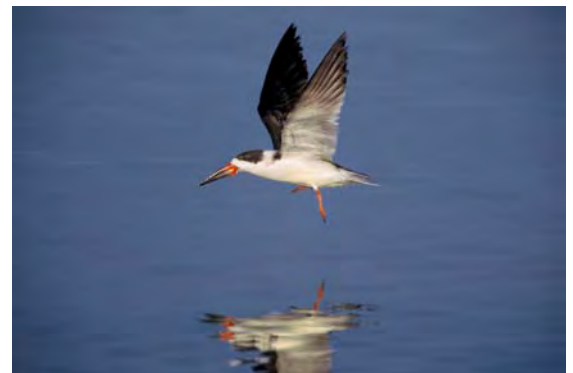


Some of our key islands include:

- **Green Island:** One of our most important coastal sites, this 114-acre island is a critical site for colonial waterbird populations at both state and world-wide levels. It is a site of global importance to Reddish Egrets, hosting the largest colony of Reddish Egrets in the world. Managed by Audubon since 1926, it continues to be an important site for their continued health and survival, as well as breeding Roseate Spoonbills and Great Blue Herons.
- **Sundown Island:** This 70-acre island in Matagorda Bay has been a key site for recovery of the Brown Pelican since the 1980s, when there were fewer than 10 breeding pairs. Today more than 80% of Texas' Brown Pelicans nest on Sundown, which is also home to populations of Reddish Egrets, Roseate Spoonbills, Black Skimmers, Royal, Caspian, and Sandwich Terns.
- **North Deer Island:** This 144-acre island is the most productive colonial waterbird island in Galveston Bay. Nineteen species of waterbirds nest on North Deer, including Brown Pelicans and threatened birds such as Reddish Egrets and White-faced Ibis.
- **Pelican Island:** This critical island in Corpus Christi Bay includes a substantial area of low vegetation for nesting Brown Pelicans, with approximately 200 pairs of Black Skimmers, and several hundred pairs of nesting Gull-billed, Royal, Sandwich, and Least Terns.



To conserve the important island habitats on our coast, Audubon also partners with many agencies and organizations along the coast, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Houston and Corpus Christi Port Authorities, Houston Audubon Society, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, and Ducks Unlimited. In addition, we work with Texas universities to research and analyze species population data and habitat trends.



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