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## Bird-watching Resources at Moore Memorial Public Library

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As technology increasingly preoccupies our culture, many Americans have turned to nature for relief from our high-tech world. Galveston County is a great place for birders because of the number of species that make their homes here. Whether you're a seasoned bird-watcher or just want to identify the birds in your backyard, check out the resources Moore Memorial Public Library has for you.

### Books:

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- The Secret Lives of Birds***, by Pierre Gingras. 598 Gingras  
Why do birds behave the way they do? This book sheds light on the behavior of many different species of birds. It includes color photographs.
- Birdwatching for Dummies***, by Bill Thompson, III. 598.07234 Thompson  
If you are a bird-watching beginner, this book walks you through the entire process of bird-watching using everyday language and an easy-to-read format.
- Sibley's Birding Basics***, by David Allen Sibley. 598.07234 Sibley  
Sibley explains how to find birds, how to record your bird sightings and how aspects such as wing structure and feather arrangement can aid the novice bird-watcher in making identifications.
- Birds of Houston***, by B.C. Robison. 598.09764 Robison  
This guidebook provides descriptions and photos of birds commonly found in the Houston area.
- Birder's Guide to Texas***, by Edward A. Kutac. 3598.07 Kutac  
The author describes which birds can be found in which regions of the state. He also provides a checklist of Texas birds and a list with contact information of Texan bird-watching organizations.
- Texas Birds: where they are and how to find them***, by Edward Kutac. 598.07 K Texas  
This book also describes which species a birder can expect to find in geographic locations across Texas. It also includes maps.
- Birds of Big Bend National Park and Vicinity***, by Roland H. Wauer. 598.2 W Texas  
Wauer provides descriptions of various species of birds that can be found in Big Bend along with a foldout map.
- National Geographic Guide to Birdwatching Sites Eastern U.S.*** and ***National Geographic Guide to Birdwatching Sites Western U.S.***, both by Mel White. 598.07234 White  
In these two books, the author gives brief overviews of birdwatching sites by state.
- The Joys of a Garden for your Birds***, by Rupert Barrington. 598.2073 B  
For people who want to enjoy birdwatching from the comfort of their own homes, Rupert Barrington explains how to make home gardens more bird-friendly.
- Book of North American Birds***, published by Reader's Digest. 598.297 B  
This bird-identification manual offers descriptions and color drawings of North American birds.
- Seabirds: an identification guide***, by Peter Harrison. 598.2924 H 1985  
Professional birder Peter Harrison provides descriptions of seabirds from around the world, as well as over 300 thumbnail maps and his own illustrations.
- Birds of North America***, by Ken Kaufman 598.297 Kaufman  
Color photos and descriptions of North American species are included in this easy-to-use guidebook.
- The Big Year: a tale of man, nature and fowl obsession***, by Mark Obmascik. 598.07234 Obmascik  
The true story of three men competing to win a 1998 bird-watching contest to sight the most birds over the course of a year. The author, a former journalist and an excellent storyteller, describes the birders' obsession with humor and compassion.

## Videos:

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### ***Attracting Birds to Your Backyard***

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Roger Tory Peterson, a longtime birder, reveals the methods he uses to attract birds to his garden.

### ***How to Begin Birdwatching***

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This video is aimed at beginning birdwatchers. It explains how to get started, including information on equipment, bird behavior and birdwatching with kids.

## On the Web:

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### **National Audubon Society Website:** <http://www.audubon.org/>

This website includes articles about current events in conservation, reproductions of some of John James Audubon's bird paintings, a bird watch list and information about the Audubon Society's conservation efforts.

### **US Fish and Wildlife Department's Bird Website:** <http://birds.fws.gov/>

In addition to information on US laws and regulations affecting birds, this site offers advice about what to do if you find an injured bird (in the FAQ's section) as well as links to several bird-watching sites.

### **Recreation.gov Website:** <http://www.recreation.gov>

This website is a service of the US Department of the Interior. Click on the "wildlife viewing" link on the left- and side of the page for a clickable US map that includes descriptions and directions to bird-watching sites all over the U.S.

### **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Great Coastal Birding Trail Website:**

[http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/birdingtrails/coastal\\_trail/maps/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/birdingtrails/coastal_trail/maps/)

Find maps and take a virtual journey through the Great Coastal Birding Trail, which includes several sites in Texas City and Galveston County.

## Especially for Kids:

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### ***A Dazzle of Hummingbirds***, by Bruce Berger.

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Learn about the habits and habitats of all different types of hummingbirds with this book. It has large color photographs of all the species included.

### ***Simon & Schuster Children's Guide to Birds***, by Jinny Johnson.

J 598.2 Johnson

This guidebook provides descriptions, color drawings and photos of birds from all over the world.

### ***Birds of Prey***, by Jonathan P. Latimer and Karen Stray Nolting.

J 598.9 Latimer

Included in this book are pictures and descriptions of birds of prey commonly found in North America.

### ***The Secret World of Falcons***, by Jill Bailey.

J 598.96 Bailey

Discover why man has chosen the falcon as a hunting companion for thousands of years.

### ***The Feather Book***, by Karen O'Connor.

J 598.247 Oconnor

Have you ever wondered why birds have feathers instead of fur? Why are some birds brightly colored while others blend into the landscape? How do feathers help a bird to fly? *The Feather Book* answers all these questions and more.