

Bird City Texas



In February 2020, the City of Houston was officially certified as a Bird City Texas Community by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Audubon Texas. Bird City Texas is a new certification program that recognizes leadership in bird conservation and community engagement.

The City of Houston, led by the Natural Resources Management program and in partnership with Houston Audubon, applied for the certification in 2019 by compiling various bird conservation efforts throughout the city.

Moving forward, the City of Houston and Houston Audubon will continue to fulfill the commitments below.



[Texas Parks and Wildlife Announcement](#)
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R1	Form a collaborative body that supports Bird City Texas application
R2	Create resolution and conduct event for World Migratory Bird Day
R3	Have at least 1 highly visible bird-friendly demonstration landscape
R4	Enhance tourism and/or Chamber of Commerce website with birding information
R5	Promote American Bird Conservancy's <i>Cats Indoors</i> program
R6	Education/outreach about dark sky lighting solutions and reducing bird collisions with buildings
R7	Education/outreach about reducing bird collisions with buildings
R8	Promote use of native plants and National Audubon Society's <i>Plants for Birds</i> program
R9	Promote the importance of controlling invasive species (plant & animal)
1a	Participates in at least one National Audubon Society community science program annually
1b	Engage in long-term local bird monitoring programs that incorporate eBird and/or iNaturalist
1f	Host a completely native plant sale and advertise community-wide for the event
1g	Host 3 community volunteer planting events per year
1j	Quarterly column/outreach/social media campaign centered on native birds
1k	Speaker/workshop series focusing on birds, wildlife, habitat, environmental stewardship, etc.
2c	Modify and improve existing habitat for birds, wildlife, and native plant communities
2d	Create and conserve wildlife corridors and connectivity between habitat areas
2g	Preserve dead trees in parks/natural areas to provide foraging and nesting habitat
2h	Adopt native-only recommended list for all new business and residential developments
2m	Zoning and land use restrictions to buffer nature preserves against development
2p	Manage natural areas to encourage wildlife habitat, including "No Mow" areas for native plants
2q	Sponsor at least 5 habitat restoration projects of at least 1 acre in size in the community
2r	Manage a municipal or public golf course for the benefit of native birds
3a	Educate building owners/architecture community about Bird-Friendly Buildings
3c	Participate in National Lights Out Program
3g	Provide alternative transportation throughout community (hike/bike trails, rideshares, bike
3i	Prohibit feeding of ducks on community-managed properties