



TROPICAL
BIRDING



Texas

**North American Mega-
Diversity**

A Tropical Birding
Set Departure

April 22-30, 2023
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TOUR SUMMARY

This is a short and easy trip, mainly based on the Upper Texas coast, with a quick jaunt north to the Pineywoods, and a short extension to the Hill Country. It's one of Tropical Birding's most popular North America trips, and for good reason. This trip takes in a huge slice of diversity, both birds and habitats. Spring is a delightful time in this part of the world, green, and full of birdsong. And Texas has plenty of other charms like delicious local barbeque. We recorded 268 birds in just 8 days of birding! A couple quick highlights included King Rail, a heard-only but still exciting Black Rail, Swainson's Warbler, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Sparrow, Golden-cheeked Warbler, and Black-capped Vireo.

For an immersive experience of this trip's highlights, check out the 8-minute video trip report:

[VIDEO TRIP REPORT on YouTube:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slzYUt2ewXI)

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April 22	Arrival in Houston. Birding Anahuac NWR and surrounds. Night Winnie.
April 23	Bolivar Flats, Rollover Pass, High Island. Night Winnie.
April 24	Cattail Marsh, Sabine Woods Sanctuary, High Island. Night Winnie.
April 25	Winnie to Pineywoods. Martin Dies SP, Angelina NF. Night Jasper.
April 26	Jasper to Sabine Woods to High Island. Night Winnie.
April 27	Winnie to Kerrville. Afternoon birding at Kerr WMA. Night Kerrville.
April 28	Morning Lost Maples SNA. Afternoon Concan. Night Uvalde.
April 29	Uvalde to Mitchell Lake Sanctuary to Houston. Night Houston.
April 30	Departure from Houston.

PHOTO GALLERY

A full [Flickr gallery](https://www.flickr.com/photos/kbehrens/albums/72177720308599859) of photos from this trip, organized chronologically, is on Ken's Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/kbehrens/albums/72177720308599859>

BIRD LIST

The full list, including numbers and many other details, can be see as part of the [eBird trip report](https://ebird.org/tripreport/122572) for this trip: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/122572>

OTHER WILDLIFE

American Alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>
Green Anole	<i>Anolis carolinensis</i>
Pond Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>
Spiny Softshell	<i>Apalone spinifera</i>
Texas Spiny Lizard	<i>Sceloporus olivaceus</i>
Greater Earless Lizard	<i>Cophosaurus texanus</i>
Rough Greensnake	<i>Opheodrys aestivus</i>
Mexican Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>
Swamp Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i>
Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger</i>