



**Monthly Meeting February 4, 2019**  
**Bayland Community Center**  
**6400 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX**

6:30 pm Learning Corner: Group Social

7:00 pm [Ornithology Group](#) (OG) Business Meeting

7:15 pm Program: Birds in Guam by Amy Dunham

Field Trip: Lonestar College Kingwood, February 9, 7:30 am, led by Michael Cooper; Cullinan Park, February 23, 8:00 am, led by Mark Schuerman; King Ranch Weekender, March 9-10, led by Barbara Rapstein; Shorebird Identification Workshop, March 23, 6:45 am, led by Ron Weeks

[Upcoming Texas Birding Events \(link to web page\)](#)  
[2019 Dues are Due! \(link to web page\)](#)

## Field Trips:

### **Lonestar College Kingwood, February 9, 7:30 am**

**Led by Michael Cooper**

Meet at 7:30 am at Nature Trailhead. Contact Teresa by text (505-280-7443) for location pinpoint for smart phones. Hotspot: Lone Star College – The Lowlands.

Lone Star Kingwood College Nature Trail is located at the intersection of Sorters Road and Royston Drive. Please park your car on Royston Drive, across from the tennis courts.

This trip will visit the Piney Woods during the birdiest time of the year. We will also learn much about the birds and local habitat from Michael, including the local summer breeders in this pristine Piney Woods forest. We will stroll for 3 miles along a beautifully wooded trail along Evans Gully and enjoy views of a gorgeous cypress swamp.

This is a membership-drive trip, open to all current, lapsed and new members. If you are interested in joining or renewing your OG group membership, please bring \$20 in the form of a check made out to Ornithology Group or cash. Membership is good for the 2019 calendar year.

**Target species include:** Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Purple Finch, and all five species of Woodpecker, Golden-Crowned Kinglet, and Blue-Headed Vireo.

Anyone is welcome to join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant after the walk.

Field Trip Coordinator: Teresa Connell (505-280-7443)

Field Trip Leader: Michael Cooper (832-876-4912)

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## **Cullinan Park, Sugarland, February 23, 8:00 am**

**Led by Mark Schuerman**

Meet at 8:00 am at parking lot near White Lake. Expect to see 30-40 species of birds! Hotspot: Cullinan Park (Sugar Land)

The trail is about 3 miles along the creek and includes different habitats and White Lake with waders and waterfowl. Mark will show us the best locations and times to see exotics such as the Orange-cheek Waxbill, Bronze Manikin, and Scaly-breasted Munia.

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**Target species:** Purple Finch, Couch's Kingbird, Golden-Crowned Kinglet, Pine Siskin, American Pipit, and Cedar Waxwing.

Everyone is welcome to join us afterwards for lunch at a local Thai Restaurant.

Field trip Coordinator: Teresa Connell (505-280-7443)

Field trip Leader: Mark Schuerman (281-384-7638)

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## **King Ranch Weekender, March 9-10**

**Led by Barbara Rapstein**

Join us for winter birding on King Ranch's (Kleberg County) Santa Gratus, Laureles, and a special invitation to a rarely birded (Brooks County) Encino Division. From farm to fields, wetlands to grasslands including upland habitats this weekend's trip will be pure enjoyment bird watching! Beginning birders welcome!

Trip cost includes tax and Sat Lunch. \$145.00 (Members) \$165.00 (Non-members)  
Payable to Ornithology Group. Limit to 16 participants.

Target species include our tropical favorites the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Green Jay, Olive Sparrow, along with Sprague's Pipit, Burrowing Owl, Least Grebe, White-tailed Hawk, Cactus Wren, Audubon's Oriole, Lesser Goldfinch, Verdin, Curved-bill Thrasher and so much more.

Contact Trip Coordinator Teresa Connell for further details (505-280-7443) and mail her a check to reserve your spot. This trip will fill up fast.

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## **Shorebird Identification Workshop in Brazoria County, Saturday March 23, 6:45 am**

**Led by Ron Weeks**

Limit to 16 Participants. Beginning Birders Welcome! 6:45 am to noon.

Come join Ron share his favorite hotspots and learn how to distinguish the many shorebirds and their calls. This trip start early because Ron's secret to success is starting just before sunrise. He will be focusing on sharing his fine tuned skills and being one of the top eBirders in Texas, were in for a real treat! The focus is on shorebirds; however we will get to see many other species too. Join us for lunch afterwards at one of Ron's favorite stops.

Contact Teresa Connell (505-280-7443) to get on this list including the meeting spot or location pinpoint for smartphones.

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