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CARDS

HOW TO PLAY: As you see the bird(s) identified on the card, tag them with an "X" or some other mark. Cover a row of birds in any of three directions (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) and you've got a bird bingo! Email a photo of your completed bird bingo card to prairieswest@texasbirdbingo.com and we'll send you a Texas Bird Bingo sticker.



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Earthx2025 returns to Dallas, Texas with a 5-day premiere forum convening a diverse group of leaders to engage and advance the latest sustainability solutions.

Each day of the event focuses on a specific topic including The Future of Energy (Monday-Tuesday), The Circular Economy (Tuesday-Wednesday, Brave New Oceans (Thursday) and "New Perspectives on Texas Conservation" on Wednesday, April 23rd.

Rapid development is causing Texas to lose about 20 football fields of open space per hour. Not only does this severely challenge the states' rich natural habitats and biodiversity, but it places a strain on resource conservation. especially water, that urban Texans rely on. "New Perspectives on Texas Conservation" will look at the costs of the loss of Texas' wild and open spaces and identify collaborative solutions that can help establish Texas a model for conservation best practices nationwide. The conservation conference will feature two sessions including, "The State of Texas Water" and "Passing the Torch: What Are the Pressing Challenges and Opportunities for The Next Generation of Conservation Leaders? A collaborative discussion between distinguished figures in global conservation new visionaries"

The question so many people ask is, "how is EarthX 2025 different from other environmentally focused events?"

EarthX 2025 sets itself apart from other environmentally focused events through its commitment to inclusivity and collaboration across diverse sectors and ideologies. Unlike many conferences that cater to specific industries or political agendas, EarthX 2025 emphasizes a cross-disciplinary approach. By bringing together participants from energy, finance, technology, and policy, attendees benefit from a rich tapestry of perspectives aimed at finding comprehensive environmental solutions. The event is designed to facilitate meaningful connections fostering opportunities for engagement that could lead to impactful collaborations.

Free events that are open to the public will be held during the event. Go to **EarthX.org** for more information.





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Whether you've been a birdwatcher for years or just starting out, get ready for fun! Try to find all the birds on your card, and you'll make some great memories visiting different habitats and adding new birds to your life list, not to mention a chance to win an awesome prize. Birdwatching is more than ticking off names from a list. Birds are our neighbors, and it can be entertaining watching them as they go about their daily lives.

A good pair of binoculars lets us take a closer look. Whole Earth offers a range of binoculars from a child's first to high quality pairs from Nocs, Celestron and Nikon. We can help you find the pair that's right for you. When deciding on a pair of binoculars, consider the two numbers that describe them, such as 8x25, referring to the magnification factor (8) and the diameter of the main lenses in millimeters (25). Generally, a lower magnification factor provides a wider field of view and will allow the user to track motion like birds moving from tree to tree, while a higher magnification will provide more detail. Another consideration is weight. How much is comfortable around your neck or in a pack?

Be sure to check out Cornell Lab's site and apps. They can help with identification and answers to FAQs. Enjoy exploring and playing Texas Bird Bingo!





Cedar Hill is a birder's paradise with more than 200 unique species spotted in the area throughout the year. The greater roadrunner, eastern bluebird, great horned owl, and Bewick's wren make their home in Cedar Hill year-round, while migrants pass through on their biannual migration along the Central Flyway. The painted bunting, yellow-billed cuckoo, indigo bunting, chuck-will's widow, and many others can be spotted in the summer months. Fall and winter bring the ruby-crowned kinglet, yellow-rumped warbler, goldfinch, American kestrel and cedar waxwing to Cedar Hill. Named Bird City Texas by Audubon Texas and Texas Parks & Wildlife, Cedar Hill is a birding hotspot.

Cedar Hill has more than 4.000 acres of open space and nature preserves, making it the perfect destination for birds and birdwatchers alike! Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center preserves over 200 acres of pristine forest and canyon habitat for a variety of species, including the endangered golden-cheeked warbler. The center also boasts a visitor center. gift shop, and three miles of shaded naturalsurface trails. Cedar Hill State Park, situated along the shore of Joe Pool Lake, offers diverse bird habitat at the convergence of two ecosystems, tallgrass prairie and limestone escarpment. Hit the trails by bike or foot: swim, fish or kayak in the lake; or explore Penn Farm Agricultural History Center.

Located only 20 miles from downtown Dallas and 30 miles from downtown Fort Worth, Cedar Hill is an urban oasis situated conveniently to the world-class museums and venues of Dallas and the rich cowboy culture of Fort Worth. Cedar Hill is also home to an array of local dining and shopping options to suit any taste. Learn more about visiting and birding Cedar Hill at **cedarhilltx.com/bird**.



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