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25th Annual Rio Grande Birding Festival Gets Underway in Harlingen

Harlingen, Texas– Hundreds of birders from around the world will converge in Harlingen November 7-11 as part of the annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival.

The festival will feature more than 120 field trips led by experienced guides into the area's unique habitat on the look for birds that can be found in the Valley. Birding Festival organizers say Texas has some 600 species of birds of which 500 can be found in the Valley and about 30 of those can only be found here including the Green Jay, Great Kiskadee, and the Buff-bellied Hummingbird.

The festival also includes a variety of free activities for families at the Harlingen Municipal Auditorium on November 10 & 11. Families will enjoy an entire area dedicated to nature activities called Kiskadee Korner, Jonathon Wood and his Raptor Show, the Big Sit, Baile Folklorico, a free bird walk and the Birders Bazaar Trade Show.

Saturday, November 10

9 – 10 a.m.

Family Bird Walk- Binoculars will be provided.

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Raptor Project Program Live Birds of Prey Flight Show.

12 – 4 p.m.

Kiskadee Korner- Nature activities for kids of all ages.

Sunday, November 11

12 – 4 p.m.

Kiskadee Korner- Nature activities for kids of all ages.

1:30 – 3 p.m.

Art/Writing Contest Awards includes Raptor Show

12 – 4 p.m.

Birders Bazaar

Live Birds of Prey Flight Show 1-3 p.m.

Nature-related shopping, travel, and information.

For a complete schedule of trips and activities [visit www.rgvbf.org](http://www.rgvbf.org).

The City of Harlingen welcomes birding enthusiasts from the United States, Mexico, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, Netherlands, and Uganda that have traveled here to take part in the 25th annual event.

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