



Texas Restoration Area **Bird Restoration** November 2022



Photo: Woody Woodrow, USFWS

ABOUT BIRD RESTORATION

The spill affected several coastal bird species and their habitats, including beaches, marshes, and islands that support nesting colonies. The goals of bird restoration projects are to restore lost birds by facilitating additional production and/or reducing mortality of injured bird species, to restore or protect habitats on which injured birds rely, and to restore injured birds where actions would provide the greatest benefits within their geographic ranges in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Bird Restoration Projects

Project Name	Project Budget	Status
Jones Bay Oystercatcher Habitat Restoration	\$2.3 M	In Progress
Laguna Vista Rookery Island Habitat Protection	\$2.1 M	In Progress
San Antonio Bay Bird Island	\$1.5 M	In Progress
Texas Breeding Shorebird and Seabird Stewardship	\$3.4 M	In Progress
Texas Rookery Islands	\$20.6 M	In Progress



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The TX TIG works together to implement projects that provide benefits across different restoration types. Projects that improve habitat for birds will also improve habitat for other species such as fish, oysters, and other native species. Restoration projects that target bird benefits, such as increase nesting or foraging grounds, can have positive ecosystem-wide impacts by protecting or creating marsh, beach or shallow water habitats that may also be used by sea turtles, oysters, and other important coastal species.



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DICKINSON BAY BIRD ISLAND II UPDATE

The Texas TIG expands important colonial bird nesting habitat in Galveston Bay with its completion of the construction phase of Dickinson Bay Island II. This island is one of four rookery islands included in the Phase IV Early Restoration Texas Rookery Islands Project. Construction of the approximately four-acre Dickinson Bay Island II will provide bird nesting and foraging habitat using earthen fill, an armored shoreline/rock breakwater, rock reef, and scrub-shrub plants. The Galveston Bay Foundation, our project partner, is overseeing the next phase of the project: installation of native vegetation to promote nesting and foraging.