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**Birds Head North to South Padre Island for Spring Migration**

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX** – South Padre Island sits along a major migratory route and is a crucial refueling stop for birds during spring and fall migrations. More than 300 species of migratory birds stop here each year, making South Padre one of the best birding locations in the Western Hemisphere.

According to Javier Gonzalez, nature educator at the South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center, “A lot of these beautiful birds you only get a chance to see during the short window of time that they pass through.”

Two prime locations for bird watching in South Padre Island are the South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center and the Laguna Madre Nature Trail.

Hundreds of shorebirds, swallows, birds of prey, and a variety of colorful songbirds will pass through this area in the next two months and will leave us all in awe, says Gonzalez.

The Birding and Nature Center is nestled along the wetlands of the Laguna Madre. It features exhibits on the Island’s birds and other natural features, as well as a five-story viewing tower, and viewing blinds and boardwalk nature trails. The Center also offers daily activities, including guided nature walks, which are posted on their website, <http://www.spibirding.com/>.

The South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center is located at 6801 South Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, TX. The Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Laguna Madre Nature Trail is free, and the 1,500-foot boardwalk can be accessed from the South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, TX. The Trail is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

In addition to bird watching, visitors can also take a dolphin and marine wildlife tour, visit Sea Turtle Inc., or go horseback riding at Island Adventure Park. For information on these events and other South Padre Island travel information, go to [www.sopadre.com](http://www.sopadre.com) or call 1-800-SOPADRE.

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