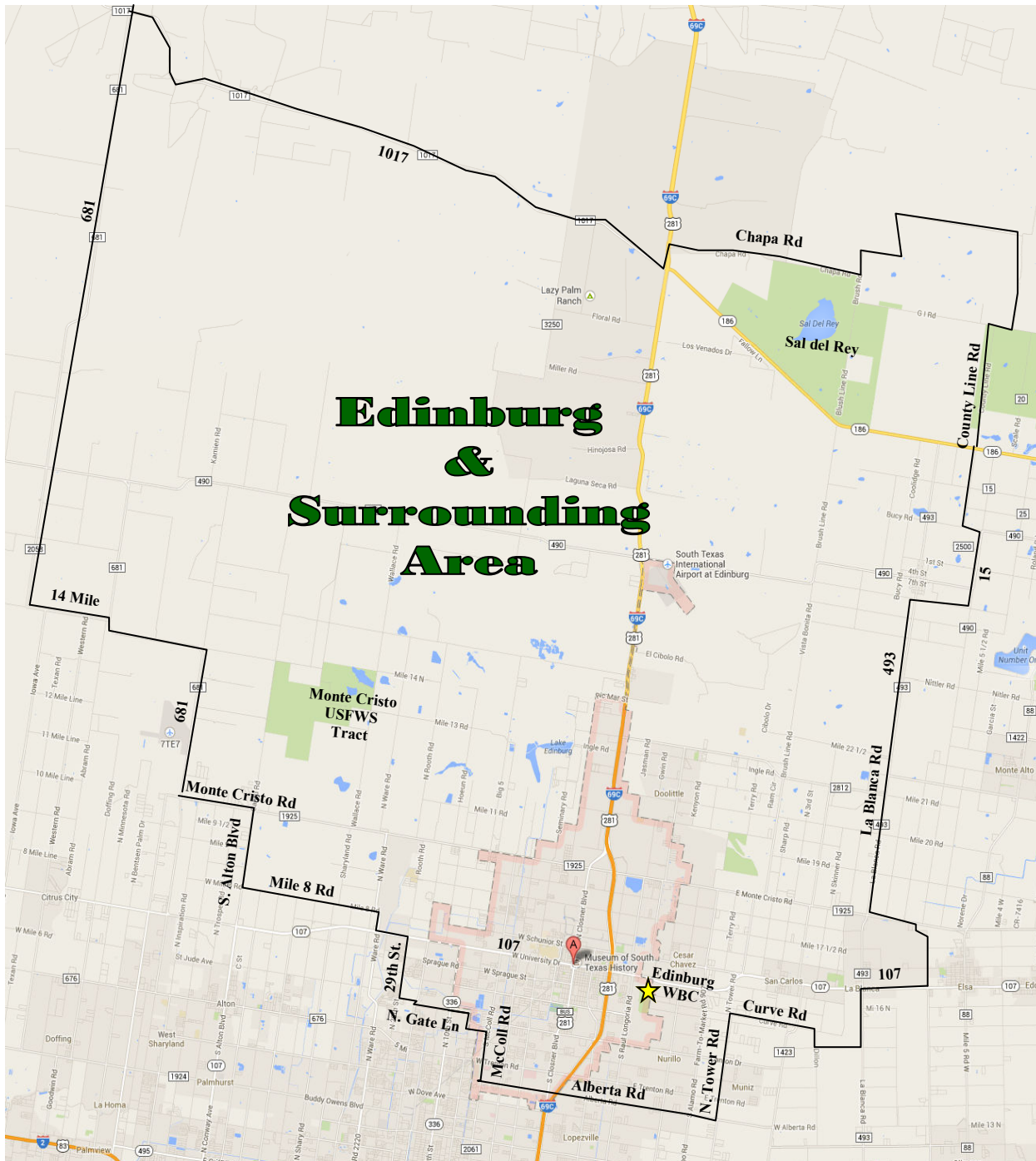


BIRD-A-THON BOUNDARY MAP



2019

EDINBURG
BIRD-A-THON



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EDINBURG BIRD-A-THON

APRIL 6TH - MAY 4TH, 2019

Love getting outdoors with friends & family?

Then join the Edinburg Scenic Wetlands & World Birding Center (EWBC) for this fun and family-friendly birding competition!

The **Edinburg Bird-A-Thon** occurs during peak Spring Migration for the RGV, beginning April 6th and ending May 4th. It runs along with the **Great Texas Birding Classic**, so you can compete in 2 competitions at once!

Covering both the Edinburg City limits and much of the ECISD School boundary, you and your team members are encouraged to explore some of the great habitat that the Edinburg area has to offer! Winning Teams will receive wonderful prizes at the end of the competition!

The **Edinburg Bird-A-Thon** is great for all ages, including divisions for Adults 18 & up, Family Groups ages 5 & up, and Youth Groups ages 5 & up (can include scout groups).

The Kick-Off Event will be on Saturday, April 6th, from 9 am to 4 pm at EWBC and will include team registration, bird walks, and a “How to Read a Field Guide” Presentation. The competition ends on Saturday, May 4th, followed by an Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 8th.

To register please fill out and mail/bring in the attached form. The registration fee is \$5 per participant. Each registrant will receive a map, checklist, an EWBC pass and other goodies. For more information, please call (956) 381-9922.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Kick-off Event

Saturday, April 6th, 9 am - 4 pm

9am - 4 pm: Team Registrations

9 am-10:30 am: Bird Walk

10:45 am-11:15 am: “How to Read a Field Guide” Presentation

11:30 am-12:00 pm: Bird Scavenger Hunt!

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.: Bird Walk & eBird Demo

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.: Mini Sit @ North Pond

Competition Dates

Saturday, April 6th - Saturday, May 4th

Checklist Deadline: 4:30 pm, May 4th

(Turn in to EWBC in person or via email)

Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 8th, 6 pm - 7 pm

POPULAR BIRDING AREAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES

- **Edinburg Scenic Wetlands & World Birding Center**
- **Sal De Rey—USFWS Tract**
- **Monte Cristo—USFWS Tract**
- **Lake Edinburg**
- **Neighborhoods & canal south of Ebony Golf Course**
- **UTPA Campus**
- **Hoeun Rd, North of Monte Cristo**
- **Hillcrest Memorial Park**

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RULES

- Must travel as a team to count birds.
- Teams member limits:
 - Adult - 2- 8 people
 - Youth Group - 5 - 20 people
 - Family - 2-8 people
- Teams can travel with non-competitors, but only birds seen by competitors are countable.
- Rules on counting birds, per category
 - Adult teams: 90% of teams must see the bird, only 10% of list can be heard birds
 - Youth Group teams: 50% of team must see bird
 - Family Teams: 70% of team must see bird
- To count, every person on the team must see the bird, and at least 1/2 of the team must be able to identify the heard bird.
- Chaperones are non-competing adults who accompany the team members. Chaperones must be 18 years and up.
- The competition is limited to the geographical area set by the “Bird-A-Thon Boundary Map.” Birds can only be counted by competitors who are within the boundaries set by the map. Birds can be counted outside the boundary, so long as they are seen or heard while a competitor is within boundaries.
- Birding is encouraged on your own property, on public property or areas where you have permission to be. Do not trespass into private properties.
- Obey all laws while observing birds.
- Do not disturb nesting birds or other wildlife.
- Competitors using eBird are encouraged to submit sightings after each trip. All reports and checklist must be submitted to EWBC no later than 4:30 pm on May 4th.

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REGISTRATION

TEAM LEADER / CHAPERONE (circle one)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

** Team Lead / Chaperone MUST be an Adult, Age 18+*

TEAM NAME

TEAM TYPE (circle one)

YOUTH GROUP Ages 5 & Up	FAMILY Ages 5 & Up	ADULT Ages 18 & Up
5 - 20 people per team	2 - 8 people per team	2 - 8 people per team

TEAM MEMBERS*

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

- # of competitors per team & ages varies. See Rules".
- *For Youth Groups, additional competitor names can be submitted separately.



REGISTRATION
FORM

TEAM NAME : _____

TEAM TYPE: _____

TEAM LEAD: _____

TOTAL TEAM MEMBERS (2-5): _____

FEE:

___ # of Adults x 5.00 = \$ _____

___ # of Children x 5.00 = \$ _____

___ # of extra patches x 3.00 = \$ _____

Total: _____

Each Registrant will receive a "Bird-A-Thon" patch, snacks and other goodies.

Payment is taken in the form of cash, credit card or check. Payment is due with registration and can be done in person or by mail (checks only).

Please mail or bring in this form to:

**Edinburg Scenic Wetlands
 & World Birding Center**
 714 Raul Longoria Rd.
 PO Box 1079
 Edinburg TX 78540.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR VISIT:

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