

Relevant Websites

Go Wild, Go Birding! Educational Materials

The Environment for the Americas has this excellent resource for educators on birds, bird watching and bird conservation. It includes virtual tours, classroom handouts and activities related to birds, field guides, binoculars, leading a bird walk, etc...

<http://birdday.org/birdday/themes/2011-go-wild-go-birding/educational-materials>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology – All about Birds

Tremendous resource for learning more about birds and birding, including many videos on birding basics

<http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search/ac>

Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center

Good resource on migratory birds, education and activities, including bilingual books for sale

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/migratorybirds/education/>

Texas Bird Wildlife Facts

This Texas Parks and Wildlife Department site has facts about many Texas animals, and over 50 bird species found in Texas. It gives descriptions, life history, distribution and other facts. It is a good resource for research on Texas birds.

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/#birds>

Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge

Website for the national wildlife refuge in Central Texas which is responsible for conserving the nesting habitat of the Golden-cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo

<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/balcones/>

Flying WILD

A program of the Council for Environmental Education that introduces students to bird conservation through standards-based classroom activities and stewardship projects

<http://www.flyingwild.org/>

Bird Adaptation – Focus on Bird Beaks

Good activity for understanding bird beaks and their adaptations

http://www.mysciencesite.com/Animal_Adaptations-Bird_Beaks.pdf

Bird Migration

This video was made by Texas Parks and Wildlife and give general information on what is known about bird migration (2.27 minutes) While very short, it gives a good starting point in which to discuss migration. Texas Parks and Wildlife also has other videos on birds and birdwatching that can be found from this link.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aMb6OwmKdM&feature=channel_video_title

Golden-cheeked Warbler

Websites with general information about the Golden-cheeked Warbler

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/gcw/>

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/description.htm>

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wildland/gcwa.htm>

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Golden-cheeked Warbler/id/ac](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Golden-cheeked_Warbler/id/ac)

4:11 minute video produced by the City of Austin, specifically about the Golden-cheeked Warbler and the banding of Golden-cheeked Warblers.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krYVuekSDuE>

Coloring page that can be downloaded - a color by numbers

<http://dailycoloringpages.com/images/texas-warbler-bird-color-by-number-worksheets.png>

photographs and video clips of Golden-cheeked Warblers and their nests

<http://www.greglasley.net/gcwarblr.html>

<http://geckrich.com>

Brown-headed Cowbirds & Brood Parasites

Information, pictures and distribution maps on Brown-headed Cowbirds

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/nuisance/cowbirds/>

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Brown-headed_cowbird/id/ac

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/bfl/speciesaccts/bnhcow.html>

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/bfl/speciesaccts/parasites.html>

<http://www.wbu.com/chipperwoods/photos/cowbird.htm>

http://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/migratorybirds/fact_sheets/default.cfm?fxsh=3

<http://geckrich.com>

Habitat Loss and Fragmentation

From Pronatura Veracruz, a good one-page article on the Zoque Forest and its importance to wildlife conservation

<http://www.gcbo.org/html/selva.pdf>

One-page article from the City of Austin on what habitat fragmentation is and its effect on wildlife

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/fragmentation.htm>

Two-page article on shade grown coffee and migratory birds

<http://www.fws.gov/birds/documents/HR-ShadeCoffee.pdf>