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AUSTIN— Texas wildlife viewers and birders can now find the best spots to re-connect with nature through the newly revised Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail maps.

The three updated driving maps include new viewing sites, up-to-date site information and driving directions, community tourism contacts and GPS coordinates for each of the 332 sites.

Maps may be purchased by filling out and mailing in an [online order form](#) or from various nature centers and tourism offices throughout Texas. Single maps ordered online cost \$5 each. These three maps are part of a nine-map Great Texas Wildlife Trails set that covers the entire state and the set may be purchased for \$25. Sales support the Great Texas Wildlife Trails program, map reprints and shipping costs.

Texas launched the nation's first ever birding and wildlife viewing trails with the original coastal maps in 1996, and now the Great Texas Wildlife Trail system spans the entire state. Texas Parks and Wildlife has partnered with other organizations, communities, and site managers throughout the state to create these driving maps

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alike,” TPWD Nature Tourism and Paddling/Wildlife Trails Manager, Shelly Plante says.

“Texas was the first state to create a coordinated driving trail of birding hotspots in the country. More than 40 states have now created similar trails based on the Texas model, and that success of the trail concept shows that this was a resource that wildlife viewers wanted, valued, and could easily use.”

For a video about the new Great Texas Coastal Birding trail maps, visit: [http://youtu.be/Y1qNt\\_7mkHw](http://youtu.be/Y1qNt_7mkHw)