



# WADING BIRDS OF ROCKPORT

— A Field Guide —  
to Our Coastal Waters



TEXAS GULF COAST  
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ARANSAS BAY

GREAT BLUE HERON	GREAT EGRET	SNOWY EGRET	TRICOLORED HERON	LITTLE BLUE HERON	REDDISH EGRET
					
Slate gray, 4ft tall. Long yellow-orange bill. Black eye stripe with plumes. Often seen standing still in shallow water.	All white, elegant and tall. Yellow bill, black legs. Breeding plumes trail from the back in spring. Graceful in shallow waters.	All white, smaller than Great Egret. Black bill, vivid yellow feet ("golden slippers"). Active and agile feeder.	Dark slate-blue back, white belly, rusty neck streaks, white stripe down the neck. Often hunts in shallow water.	Solid slate blue-gray with purplish head and neck. Dull greenish-gray bill with dark tip. Common along shorelines.	Shaggy rusty-brown head and neck, slate gray body. Pink bill with dark tip. Known for its active "dancing" hunting style.
ROSEATE SPOONBILL	WHITE IBIS	WHITE-FACED IBIS	BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON	YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON	<p>SCAN TO EXPLORE WADING BIRDS &amp; MORE!</p>  <p>RockportBirdingHQ.com</p>  
					
Brilliant pink plumage, long flat spatula-shaped bill, bald greenish head. Sweeps bill side to side while feeding.	All white with long curved orange-red bill and legs. Black wingtips visible in flight. Feeds in shallow water and mudflats.	Glossy dark bronze-green with iridescent purple wings. Curved bill, white border around bare red facial skin.	Stocky build, black crown and back, pale gray wings. Red eye, short thick neck. Active at dawn, dusk, and night.	Slate gray body, bold black-and-white head pattern, yellow crown patch, red eye. Often along rocky shores.	

## WHERE TO SEE THEM:



ARANSAS  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE



GOOSE ISLAND  
STATE PARK



LITTLE BAY



LAMAR PENINSULA  
& HWY 35 FENCE LINES

## LOOK FOR THEM:

In marshes, shallows, shorelines,  
and tidal flats across Aransas Bay.

