

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

Protecting birds and their habitats around the Gulf Coast of Mexico and beyond for 27 years.



The Wind Beneath Our Wings...

As we approach our 27th year of avian conservation work we understand more than ever how important this work is, and the huge challenges wild birds face. Birds play such a big role in our ecosystems, and they are just plain amazing!

Our conservation work requires a lot of hours in the field on boats, UTVs, trucks, and of course on foot. Sand, dust, water, salt, and weather takes a big toll on our equipment, and while we do make sure we properly maintain our equipment, things still wear.

Funds for repairs, maintenance, and replacement are always needed for every one of our avian research projects, education programs, and land conservation efforts. Yet it is one of the hardest to find funding for! Very few grants pay for such.

Recently we worked on improving our equipment and training for the banding program here at GCBO. All new nets, poles, bird bags, signage, communication radios, and other equipment. We also set up a new training program for the team members, and hosted a three day net extraction training, lead by a Master Trainer. This has already resulted in a much improved team, but... it all costs!

We also have quite a bit of work going on at our Neotropical Bird Sanctuary at Quintana. If you visited this spring, you would have seen the improvements, new trails, watering systems, and native plants added to help birds rest and feed during their migration.

The Smith Point Hawk Watch Tower will be undergoing some much needed repairs this summer as well.

Here at our headquarters in Lake Jackson, Texas, we will have some large trail board walk replacements coming up, as well as smaller deck repairs around the building.

In the near future we will need to replace our large zero-turn mower, which is constantly in use it seems. There is always a lot going on!

We know that it's often all due to your generosity and support that we are able to carry out these much needed repairs and replacements.

I truly appreciate your belief in our mission and work, and I hope you will help support GCBO once again. Thank you for making this possible with your kind donations. You truly make the difference. You truly are the wind beneath our wings!

Thank you! *Martin Hagne*



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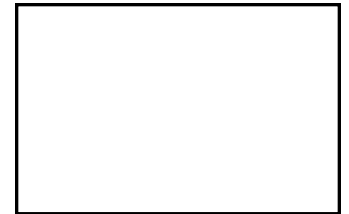
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