

April 2020



Coronavirus Update

The Refuge is still open from sunrise to sunset but the Visitor Center is closed until further notice. All programs including tours are cancelled. Fees are also suspended at this time.

Steve Thompson Wildlife Drive (formerly Bayside) is closed to all activity. Please remain on designated trails when on the refuge and practice the recommended guidelines in effect for your safety and the safety of others. Remember, cell service is limited in many areas of the refuge.

We recommend checking the Facebook pages for any updates before heading out to the refuge as changes may be necessary due to the pandemic.

For additional information call 956-244-2019, contact Christopher Quezada at christopher_quezada@fws.gov or read the official statement at [savetexasocelots.net](https://www.fws.gov/savetexasocelots)

Ocelot Festival Summary: March 6-8th

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ocelot Festival March 6-8th! It was a very successful weekend, raising over \$20,000 for the Friends and the Ocelot Program.

The events included the Ocelot Soiree at Sea Turtle, Inc. on South Padre Island, the Afternoon with an Ocelot at the Longhorn Cattle Co. in



San Benito, and the Ocelot Run and Ocelot Conservation Day at Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville. Thank you to our wonderful partners for their support in making the weekend so successful!



Earth Day Photo Contest: Due April 19th



Rules and More Information:

- Each individual is only able to submit max of 4 entries
 - Categories: Backyard Discoveries, Recycling Fun, Earth Day Art and Nature Patterns
 - All photos must be submitted by emailing info.friends.lanwr@gmail.com with name, phone number and category name with the subject line: Earth Day Photo Contest Entry by April 19th at 11:59pm
 - Prize: one free sticker mailed and special recognition on the Friends Facebook Page, Viva the Ocelot, on Earth Day, April 22nd!
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Fun resources to help pass the time

- <https://leftbraincraftbrain.com/> for fun science crafts and activities focusing on STEM
- allaboutbirds.com for fun birding activities, quizzes and live cams
- Visit the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens at

<http://cincinnati.zoo/org/home-safari-resources/>

- Check out our friends at Sea Turtle, Inc., YouTube Programs
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5yZp8ub6ZU&feature=emb_title

LANWR Visitor's Center Closed Refuge Open Sunrise to Sunset



New Ocelot License Plate Available



Save Texas Ocelots

The last remaining ocelots in the United States are found only in Texas. You can help save these beautiful endangered cats and help spread the word about protecting Texas Ocelots by buying this specialty license plate for your vehicle for only \$30.00 additional.

Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge receives \$22.00 from the sale of every Save Texas Ocelots license plate, 100% of which goes to Ocelot Conservation. [Buy Now](#)

Adopt an Ocelot

Ocelots need your help. You can Adopt an Ocelot to help our population of endangered cats survive and thrive in South Texas. [Adopt Now](#)



Show your Laguna Pride

Our store is temporarily closed and we are unable to take any orders at this time. If you have any questions, email us at friendsoflagunaatascosa@gmail.com.

New Merchandise!



Front of shirt

Our new t-shirt, of wicking material, comes in lots of sizes:
Youth - Small, Medium, Large
Women's - Extra Small to Extra Large
Unisex - Small to XXXXL

Will be available in long sleeve, adult sizes only.

Proudly printed locally!



Back of shirt



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**Refuge remains open daily,
sunrise-sunset**

Refuge Fees Currently Suspended

Go to the [Refuge Site](#)

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