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Brazoria's beaches are blanketed with birds.



The tidal marshes, sand flats, and wide beaches along Follet's Island attract hundreds of thousands of birds each year. Some, like the Caspian tern, nest nearby on spoil islands. Others, like the brown pelican, feed on fish moving through the tidal passes. A number of species, such as the American avocet and the endangered piping plover, migrate each year to our beaches to spend the winter months. No matter the time of year, Brazoria County from Surfside to San Luis Pass is blanketed in birds.



Brown pelican



American avocet



Piping plover



Caspian tern









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Surfside Jetty County Park

You never know what you will find at the Surfside Jetty!

Killdeer

American white pelican

Forster's tern

Willet

The Surfside Jetty, with its Quintana Jetty to the south, protects the Freeport Channel and Port Freeport. Constructed as a breakwater for ship traffic, these massive rocks also provide important habitat for marine life. Birds such as the least sandpiper, sanderling, red knot, and willet and forage on the rocks themselves, and American white pelicans and Forster's terns feed in the calm waters inside of the jetties.

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