

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Matagorda County Mad Island Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, February 3, 2018

*Celebrating*



- Top ranking Christmas Bird Count in the U.S. for 20 years of its 25 years
- National and International Recognition to Matagorda County
- Unprecedented Community Support
- More than 100 Expert Birders who find over 200 Bird Species in a Single Day Annually

*Birding*

Bird the **HOTSPOTS OF MATAGORDA COUNTY** as described in [Texas Ornithological Society's Texas Birds Annual, 2016](#) (page 102) and spot some of the 377 species documented in eBird.

**3:00 pm HOUSTON AUDUBON** presents **Messengers on the Wing**, an interactive program featuring **LIVE HAWKS AND OWLS** at the Matagorda County Birding & Nature Center. Free.



## Celebration BANQUET

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 pm – 9 pm  
Bay City Civic Center  
Purchase Tickets \$20

*Many Thanks to our  
Generous Sponsors*

### Von Gonten Ranch



### Discounted Hotel Rooms

**Hampton Inn, Bay City**  
\$89 standard, \$99 suite  
Available online until  
Sunday, January 21, 2018  
Group Discount Code BIR



- 5 pm Social Hour
  - Meet & Greet Houston Audubon Live Raptors
  - Live Music by Jack Motley and Carol Boling
- 6 pm Delicious Buffet Dinner
- Keynote Speakers
  - Geoff LeBaron, National Audubon Society
  - Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald
  - CBC Co-Founders Jim Bergan & Brent Ortego
  - Specially Produced 25th Anniversary Video
- 8:30 pm Live Auction
  - Dennis Shepler Original Paintings
  - Mad Island CBC T-shirt Quilt