

Rotary

Club of Bastrop County



Bird Houses Project for Bastrop

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Rotary Club Has Provided Bike Racks and Could Provide Bird Houses to Bastrop

- Support Bastrop Mission *“Continuously strive to provide innovative and proactive services that enhance our authentic way of life to achieve our vision”*
- Public service projects for city
 - Phase #1: Bike racks for Bastrop
 - Phase #2: Bird houses for parks and other public spaces



Summary of Bird Houses for City of Bastrop

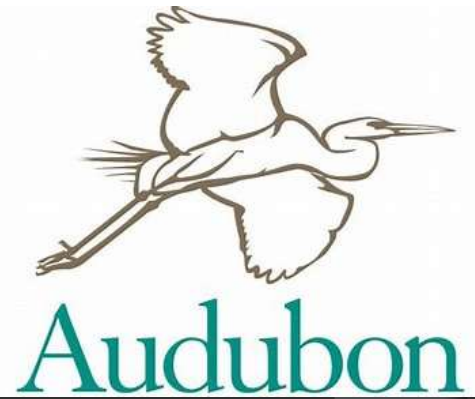
- A public service project for public spaces such as city parks or City Hall
 - Support of protecting the environment and education
- Provide houses for birds native to or migrating through our portion of Central Texas
 - Support “our feathered friends”
 - Help maintain a natural environment in rural or suburban areas
 - Provide supplemental shelter for wildlife (e.g., native birds) while discouraging predators
 - Houses are available for songbirds (Texas Bluebirds, etc.), ducks, or bats
- Install at location such as Fisherman's Park, Mayfest Park, and City Hall

Bike Rack Dedication Ceremony at Bastrop Public Library



- Encourage bicycling in Bastrop
 - Good for people, environment, and businesses
- Custom Bike racks to emulate the historic bridge in Bastrop
- Installed Oct 2022
- Three more bike racks have been provided for installation at various locations in the City
- More are planned as needed

Bastrop is “Bird City Certified” and Proposed Bird Houses can Support This



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Bastrop: Bird City Texas Certified Community

Learn more about the excellent work being done in Bastrop to involve their community, improve habitat, and create safer spaces for birds. Below you will find some details about Bastrop as well as a few examples of the local bird-friendly initiatives they have implemented that led to their Bird City Texas official certification. This list is not exhaustive but hopefully helps give insight on what local communities are doing to support birds and the spaces where they live. We hope these examples help you discover ways your community can work to protect birds and their habitat where you live.

Details

Bastrop Details



Examples of Birdhouses



- Made by SturdiBilt
- CNC laser engraved by DVLaserworks in Bastrop

Native songbird (e.g., Texas Bluebird) house

Wood Duck house

Predator Control for Bird Houses

- Protect nesting bird from predators such as racoons, squirrels, or snakes
- Mounting bird house on pole (e.g., “T post”) is a viable approach
 - Predators can readily climb trees
 - Flexible placement of bird house location



Baffle guard for mounting pole



Stovepipe guard for mounting pole

Approach

- City of Bastrop decides on project and locations of birdhouses (e.g., six)
 - Example: City Hall detention pond, Fisherman's Park, Mayfest Park
 - Augment Rotary members with “birders” such as Audubon Society
- Let people know these birdhouses exist and the purpose
- Assess results and next steps
- Rotary Club (ideally with the public) maintains the houses such as checking at least twice a year
- Birdhouses will weather and eventually need replacement for a limited cost and time
- We may have a similar effort in Smithville