

ASAC



Egrets

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting

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Report on Egrets



Website

www.burlesontx.com/egrets

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Migratory Birds

Nesting birds, such as herons, egrets and other nesting waterbirds, bring challenges such as noise, odor and significant amounts of excrement that covers streets, sidewalks, cars and mailboxes on public and private property. People may find the birds' chosen nesting areas offensive and a nuisance when birds locate near their homes and businesses. Concerns of possible health hazards, as well as noise and odors are some of the most cited complaints.

However, these birds are protected under the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918](#), a U.S. federal law that protects more than 800 species of birds during their migration between the United States and Canada. As a result, the City of The Burleson is unable to address any complaints while the birds are nesting.

Report an Egret Concern

Use this request to report any egret-related nuisance including nesting, droppings, or other concerns. Egrets are federally protected birds, and taking the appropriate steps at the right time of year can help deter them from nesting on your property.

When should you report them?

Please report egrets only if you see them:

- Sitting in neighborhood trees
- Gathering in groups in residential areas
- Showing signs of staying in one location for extended periods

Seeing egrets **flying overhead** or in **parks and open spaces is normal** and does not need to be reported.

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