

# ASAC



# Egrets

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting

November 13, 2024

# Photos



# Community Outreach



**NOW**  
is the time to act  
to ensure they don't come back

**EGRET  
DETERRENT  
MEETING**

**INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS**

Urban Biologist Adam Henry with Texas Wildlife Services will be on hand to discuss ways to deter egrets

Wednesday,  
October 9  
6 pm at  
113 NE Brushy Mound Rd.

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TEXAS

The poster features a white egret standing on a wooden roof against a blue sky with a large, dark red sun. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various font weights and colors (white, dark red, and grey) to create visual hierarchy.

This summer, an egret rookery was established in the Shady Oaks neighborhood. Since egrets are federally protected once nesting begins, neither the city nor the residents could remove them. The large number of birds in the rookery caused significant disruption, including excessive noise, unpleasant odors, and damage to trees and grass. To address the issue, the city will host a meeting with Urban Biologist Adam Henry to discuss effective strategies for deterring egrets in the future.



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City of Burleson Neighborhood Services

Fall 2024  
Community Information

## Prevention of Migratory Birds In 2024



### Habit Modification for Egrets/Herons

Migratory bird nesting has presented considerable challenges in and around your neighborhood in the past few years. In an effort to deter this nesting activity, the City will be collaborating with your neighborhood to assist with reducing/eliminating nesting for the 2024 season. It is important that action is taken during the fall / winter months before the egrets / herons arrive in the spring.

### Here is how you can help:

#### Tree Maintenance (prior to spring)

- Trim tree canopy to allow sunlight to shine between limbs and other trees.
- Team up with your neighbors when hiring a tree trimming service and ask for discount rates for group service.
- Remove old / abandoned nests from the previous nesting season so that they do not attract egrets.
- Remove any / all underbrush.



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#### Prevention

Rookery sites can be made less attractive to birds by selectively cutting and pruning trees to open the stand 50-75%.

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817-426-9283  
[animalshelter@burlesontx.com](mailto:animalshelter@burlesontx.com)

## Migratory Bird Deterrent Measures

### AFTER TRIMMING TREES –Before nesting season begins (December - February)

- ✓ Be on the lookout for "sentry" or "scout" birds, they are the first to arrive looking for nesting places.
- ✓ Report sightings to your neighbors and to the city. (817-426-9283)
- ✓ Check daily for birds and nesting material in your trees.
- ✓ Check for twigs on the ground, increased bird droppings and an increase in bird noises.
- ✓ Begin scare tactics as soon as you see birds on or near your property.
- ✓ Use noisemakers, water spray or shine lights at night, hang "scare eye" balloons or other moving objects in trees, use long poles, tennis balls or water hoses to disturb early nesting material.
- ✓ Be a good neighbor and help those near you who may not be able to help themselves.



Cattle Egret



Yellow-Crowned  
Night Heron



Snowy Egret



Great Blue Heron



Great Egret



Little Blue Heron

### What Will the City Do?

- The City has purchased two migratory bird deterrent sounds systems that can be strategically placed in areas to discourage birds from nesting in neighborhoods.
- City staff will be on high patrol during the start of the nesting season. Please contact Animal Services if you have sightings of the birds.

### Contact Information

For questions, bird sightings in trees, and general information regarding migratory birds:

- Burleson Animal Services 817-426-9283  
[animalshelter@burlesontx.com](mailto:animalshelter@burlesontx.com)

For Additional information contact:

- Texas Parks and Wildlife – 972-293-3841
- Texas Wildlife Services - 817-978-3146



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