

Fall 2023
Community Information

Prevention of Migratory Birds In 2023



Prevention

Rookery sites can be made less attractive to birds by selectively cutting and pruning trees to open the stand

50-75%.

**City of Burleson
Animal Services**

817-426-9283

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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 2023 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.



Before



After

OVER →

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

For Additional information contact:

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