ASAC

Egrets

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting

November 19, 2026

Report on Egrets







In 2026, there were no active egret nest within the city limits of Burleson.

Website

www.burlesontx.com/egrets

Egrets

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.

Submit a Service Request



Preparing for 2027 Season

Outreach began October 2026

😴 **DON'T SLEEP ON EGRET SEASON!**

Burleson has gone **TWO seasons without an egret rookery** forming in your residential neighborhood.

Let's make it THREE.

Even though egret season is still months away, now is the time to start preparing.

October play: Check your trees.

Dense tree canopies can provide attractive nesting spots. Fall and winter are the time to evaluate your trees and properly prune and thin canopies before migratory birds return.

Once protected birds begin nesting, our options become extremely limited. Prevention starts LONG before the first bird arrives.

So don't hit snooze.

🌳 Check your trees.
✂️ Make a pruning plan.
👀 Stay tuned for the next step in our egret game plan.

Learn more ➡️ www.burlesontx.com/egrets



Other outreach will include:

- Flyer distributed to homes within previous nesting areas
- Flyer distributed to employees on egret prevention
- Monthly social media posts and enewsletter articles

Questions and Comments ?