

**Gulling and  
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Upper Texas Coast**

**Cin-Ty Lee**



## Gulls on the Upper Texas Coast

### Regular

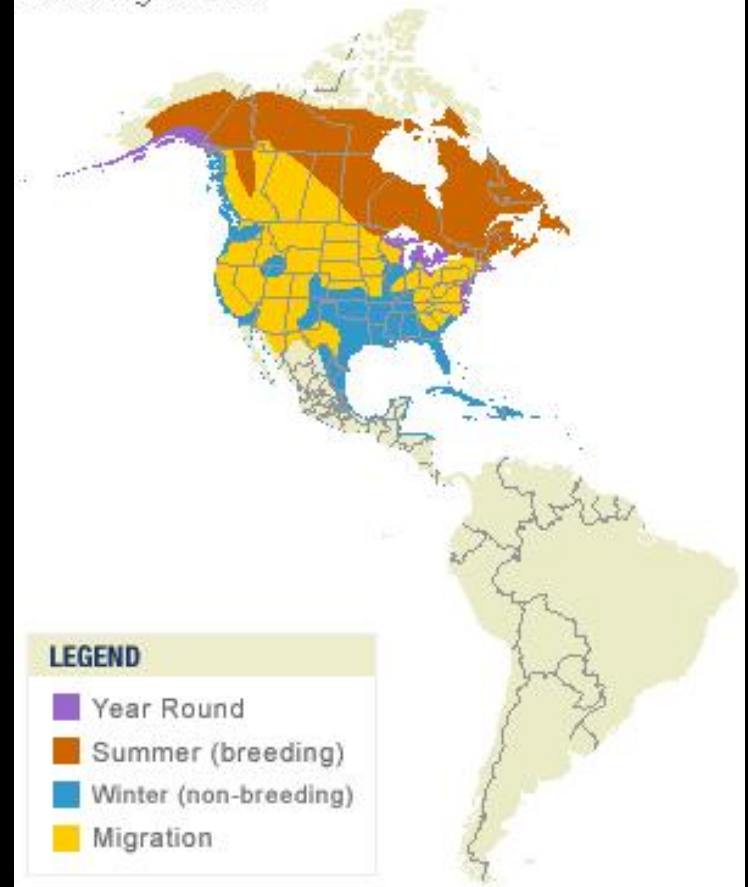
Laughing  
Franklin's  
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Bonaparte's  
Herring  
Ring-billed  
Thayer's  
Glaucous  
California  
Lesser Black-backed

### Rarities

Little  
Sabine's  
Black-legged Kittiwake  
Iceland  
Great Black-backed  
Slaty-backed  
Kelp  
Glaucous-winged  
Yellow-legged  
Jaegers (Long-tailed, Pomarine, Parasitic)



**Herring Gull**  
*Larus argentatus*



LEGEND	
Year Round	Migration
Summer (breeding)	Winter (non-breeding)

Map by Cornell Lab of Ornithology  
Range data by NatureServe

## **When to go gulling?**

**Almost all year round**

### **Winter**

begin building in November

greatest numbers from Dec through late February (coast and dumpsites)

### **Spring**

March through end of April – numbers die down but check the coast  
migrating flocks

### **Summer and early fall**

stragglers

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Locations marked on the map:

- Texas City Dike
- Bolivar
- Rollover Pass
- East Beach
- Brazoria NWR
- Bryan Beach

2014-2015 Harris county gull extravaganza

John Berner  
Drew Dickert  
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Cin-Ty Lee







Dec 14, 2014  
Houston CBC  
Thompson's Fish Camp  
Baytown, TX





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Houston CBC  
Thompson's Fish Camp  
Baytown, TX



Dec 16, 2014  
Houston CBC  
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Dec 20, 2014  
Baytown Landfill  
Chambers County, TX





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Mark Kulstad  
David Sarkozi  
Drew Dickert  
John Berner  
Cin-Ty Lee



Dec 30, 2014  
Baytown Landfill  
Chambers County, TX



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Leucistic Ring-billed Gull

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Jan 28, 2015  
Thompson's Fish Camp  
Baytown, TX



Feb 3, 2015  
Thompson's Fish Camp  
Baytown, TX



Feb 10, 2015  
Thompson's Fish Camp  
Baytown, TX



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## Winter 2014-2015 Baytown gulls

Herring Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
Laughing Gull

4 Great Black-backed Gull (2 third years, 1 first year, 1 second year)  
15+ Thayer's Gulls (first, second, third yrs and adults)  
50 Lesser Black-backed Gulls  
3 Iceland Gulls (1 second year, 2 first years)  
3+ California Gulls (at least 2 adults, at least 1 first year)  
3+ Glaucous Gulls (at least 2 first years, one 3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
1 Franklin's Gull



Know your common gulls

Herring, Laughing, and Ring-billed





Mar 23, 2014  
Bryan Beach, TX





Nov 8, 2008  
Bryan Beach, TX



Jan 28, 2007  
East Beach, TX



Nov 21, 2011

San Jacinto Monument, TX



# Terns along upper Texas coast

Royal

Sandwich

Common

Forster's

Least

Caspian

Black

Gull-billed

Rarities

Elegant

Sooty











# Comprehensive set of guidebooks for gulls and terns

