

## Bird Banding Demonstrations

*In the US and many other countries, bird banding is performed by highly trained permitted researchers who have shown great skill and abide by a strict code of ethics. Bird banding is done to gather information about migration patterns, survival, site fidelity, and longevity, among others, and this information can only be collected if birds are safely marked and released. Additionally, banding stations also educate the community on the importance of such research, as well as demonstrate how simple actions can make an impact on avian conservation as a whole.*

### April 12<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> demonstration      7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> demonstration      9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

### Location

Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary – Pavilion

1401 S Church St Rockport, TX

Extra parking is available on E 1<sup>st</sup> St, side of sanctuary

Coffee, water and doughnuts will be provided

Covered seating will be available

Insect repellent is recommended

**\*Registration required**



### Bird Banding Demonstrations given by Rebekah Rylander & Rebecca Bracken

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Dr. Rebecca Bracken is the Conservation Research Director at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. She holds an M.S. from Texas State University and a Ph.D. from Mississippi State University. Over the course of her career, she has worked with many bird species across the U.S. and internationally, including hummingbirds, songbirds, shorebirds, long-legged wading birds, and nightjars.