

## Coastal Bend Audubon Society

### **BIG DAY 2009 BIRDING EVENT**

**Saturday, February 7, 2009**

The Coastal Bend Audubon Society invites you to participate in their annual **BIG DAY** event, **Saturday, February 7, 2009**. **BIG DAY** is an annual fundraising event that incorporates celebrating the fun and fellowship of birding and the great outdoors. It is a “no rules” fun-filled day spent outdoors with friends, family, and loved ones doing something that you really enjoy – watching birds. You can participate for a couple of hours, or you can bird from dawn to dusk – you decide what suits your schedule. The object is to have fun while enjoying the wonderful natural habitats that this area has to offer within the Coastal Bend, develop your interests in nature, and maybe even recruit a ‘non-believer’ into the world of wildlife conservation. Although **BIG DAY** centers around bird life in the Coastal Bend, you will want to observe the plants, reptiles, mammals and even insects that you see that day - we want to hear about everything that you see!

Participants will form teams of 3-5 people and count bird species during the day. Invite a non-birder, family member, grand parent, grandchild or friend to join your team and show them how much fun birding can be – teams are encouraged to take this opportunity to introduce newcomers to nature and birding. We can even place you on a team if you like. Although birding does not begin until after midnight on the 6<sup>th</sup>, you can start whenever you want. So get up early or sleep in late. The idea is to have fun! Bird as long as you want, but remember, “official” bird counts end at 5:00pm. At that time, we will all meet at Portabellas Restaurant in Corpus Christi to share our sightings, eat dinner, and enjoy festivities including a silent auction.

In a nutshell, **BIG DAY** is an opportunity to set aside an entire day to do nothing but have fun and enjoy nature with those folks you enjoy being with. And that is something that we rarely get to do! **Finally, BIG DAY is topped off with a fantastic countdown dinner at Portabellas Restaurant shared with members, friends, and family. There will be prizes, awards, and a silent auction.** What a way to wrap up the day!

**Registration Fee:** \$25 per person (\$15 for children 12 and under), includes a **BIG DAY t-shirt and dinner at Portabellas Restaurant in Corpus Christi**

**To Register:** Registration forms are attached to this announcement, or you may contact Mary Ellen Vega at 361-877-1543; [Txvega@aol.com](mailto:Txvega@aol.com) for more information or for additional forms