

## Open Houses at Jim's House

**You may choose any one of four days to attend the GOS Open House: Thursday, August 30, Saturday, September 1 or Labor Day Monday, September 3, and finally Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**My house is located at 29 18 573N and 94 59 785W, or one of two addresses should work on your gps: 18003 or 3903 Shaman. Blame Galveston and the neighborhood.**

For directions, as you arrive in Galveston on I-45, take 61<sup>st</sup> Street south (to the right) up to the Seawall\*, and again turn right and head out of town on Seawall Blvd. The road will move away from the water as FM 3005, but stay on it for about fifteen minutes. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light west of the City, right as you pass the State Park and enter Jamaica Beach where the road becomes two-laned, check your odometer. You are almost there!

**\*You may wish to use the restrooms at McDonald's on 61<sup>st</sup> Street.**

Go 1.6 more miles past the light, turn right into the Indian Beach subdivision and immediately take the first right (Shaman). The road curves left in about 400 yards and now you are heading toward the Bay (north). After you pass a road on the left (Warrior), you will notice a lake on your left across from a house on the right. If you want to go on the 7 am bird walk, park near my big, white van. Read the directions below.

If you are just wanting to bird the cul-de-sac like we have always done, arrive at 8 am and park anywhere down toward the end of the road. PLEASE STAY OFF THE NEW HOUSE AND PROPERTY ON THE LEFT UNLESS YOU'RE WITH ME. We will bird the cul-de-sac until just after 8 am.

**Now, for the first time, I will be leading a bird walk at 7 am along the edge of the Lake. It may be a little mushy, so don't wear your Sunday best. There also may be a few bugs, but not so far this summer. The walk will be great for shorebirds and waders, plus whatever migrants are overhead. Those of you with cameras may get some really good shorebird shots! We will be back to the cul-de-sac at 8 am for that portion of the morning's activities.**

**Sometime after 9, we will walk up to my house and turn our attention to songbird migrants (and the two bathrooms!). When you enter, grab a chair and set it wherever you want to sit. You are welcomed to bring snacks, but not for me! Please don't wear bright shirts like red, yellow or orange. After everyone has pottied up, I will make a very short presentation about what we have for sale, and then we'll birdwatch. It can be very good, decent, or sometimes not so good. That's because the circum-Gulf migrants are on the move some days and not others.**

**At some point we will head up the stairs to the Sky Deck to see the area and spot some good birds. It'll be warm but we won't stay long. It's pretty impressive and dang near inspirational!**

**Here is what we have for sale to support the GOS. Please bring a blank check, or cash is ok. You may also take merchandise and mail a check: This is our only fundraising of the year! You don't have to buy anything!**

**2019 Calendars: Theme is songbird migrants! Also a new format. \$20; 5 for \$75. 10 for \$100. All my pictures, and Barbara does great work!**

**Birdlife of Galveston; my book on the Island and UTC, plus critters: \$30 when bought here at my house. Will autograph upon request.**

**The green book I co-authored with Paul B on making bird houses.....\$15**

**My 8 other books; special price of \$10 at my house.**

**Plastic board poster of the annual migration. Big favorite!!! \$25**

**Older bird books.....Free.**

**Gulls n Herons newspaper.....Free.**

**Feel free to use the kitchen or bathroom.**

**Open House is over at 11:30am, but you may leave earlier, of course.**

**Please make a reservation via e-mail so I can plan for space.**