



OCTOBER 2021

CULLINAN PARK CONSERVANCY

Off the Beaten Path

**It's
a
Date!**

**Friday
October 22, 2021**

11:30 am

**River Pointe
Church**

Tickets \$125

Wild in the City

Picnic
for the Park
2021



Featuring
Jaime Gonzalez

Houston Healthy Cities Director
The Nature Conservancy in Texas
Wild in the City. Hear a Texas
Trailblazer discuss how wild spaces
like Cullinan Park help cities become
healthier and more resilient.

Honoring
John & Diana Null
Recipients of the
*Nina Cullinan
Award*

Winners of the
CULLINAN PARK
**PHOTO
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2021
Announced

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START **20**

October 2021
09:00 AM CDT

END **23**

October 2021
12:00 PM CDT

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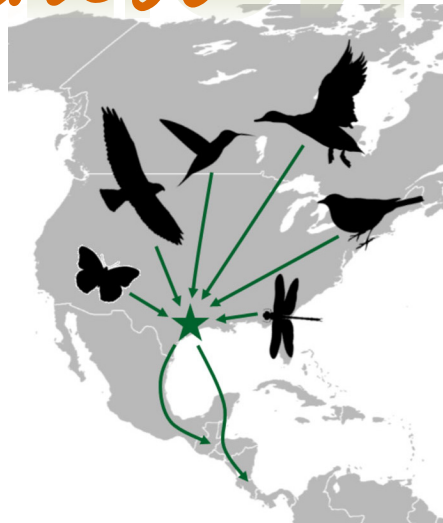
MIGRATION *Madness*

Fall at Cullinan Park means one thing: migration madness! As the air cools and the days get shorter, many animals begin a long journey south. For some, Cullinan is just one stop on a long path. For others, it's their winter destination. It's a time for mixing and mingling, when strange and exciting visitors appear and vanish overnight. People from all over the world come to places like Cullinan Park to experience this exciting spectacle. But why do we experience this migration madness?



Blue-winged Teal by Jennifernish.

It's all about location. Cullinan Park (part of the Upper Texas Coast) is right in the middle of the northern shore of the Gulf of Mexico. It is the perfect place for birds and insects that spent the summer up north – some as far as the Arctic Circle – to gather and prepare themselves for a tough flight straight across the Gulf, or for a long and difficult trip along the coast through Mexico. We are like a rest stop along a busy highway for wildlife, providing shelter, water, and food for weary travelers.



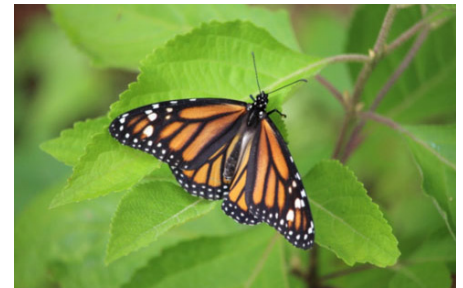
Birds and insects from all over North America gather on the Upper Texas Coast for fall migration.

So who is passing through Cullinan Park during migration madness? Our best-known and most popular migrants are birds. More than three quarters of our 266 species of birds are migratory, including ducks, many birds of prey, warblers, and hummingbirds. Some species, like the Ruby-throated Hummingbird, will pass through quickly in the fall on their way to the tropics. However, other birds like Green-winged Teal come to Cullinan to spend the winter.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird by Pslawinski.

But birds aren't the only visitors; insects like the Monarch Butterfly migrate, too. Monarchs breed in America and Canada during the spring and summer, but butterflies that emerge in fall change their behavior. They travel in massive numbers through Texas down to central Mexico to hibernate through the winter. Monarchs love Cullinan Park because of our amazing fall wildflowers like goldenrod and frostweed.



Monarch Butterfly by Kelsey Low.

Dragonflies also migrate through Cullinan during the fall, especially the Green Darner and Variegated Meadowhawk. Unfortunately we don't know much yet about dragonfly migration – it is hard to study these tiny creatures as they travel. What we do know is that natural areas like Cullinan Park provide essential resources for dragonflies like fresh water, native trees for shelter and plenty of prey like mosquitoes.



Common Green Darner by Texas Eagle.

This fall we encourage you to come out to Cullinan and experience migration madness. You never know what amazing travelers you might encounter.



Buy a Brick!



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Purchase bricks as gifts for family, friends, employees or even yourself! These bricks are a perfect way to memorialize or honor someone special or recognize a special group. This lasting and meaningful tribute will stand the test of time for years to come.

Bricks are \$250* each and can be engraved with your personalized message – up to 3 lines, 3 words per line. The memorial bricks will be beautifully integrated into the walking paths throughout the park.

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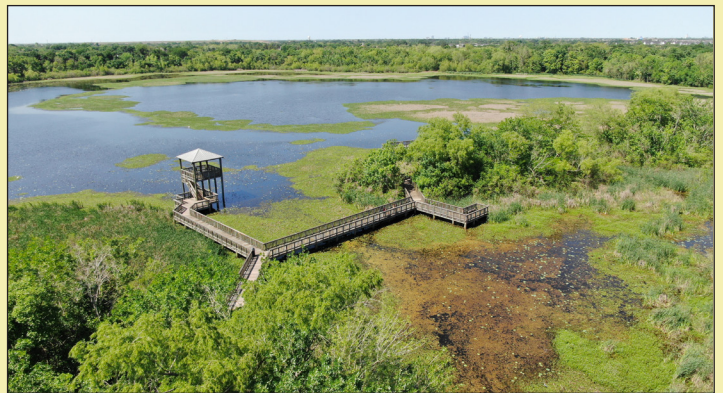
Phase II *Update*

Cullinan Park Phase II kicked off this spring and is currently in schematic design stage. The site survey, wetland delineation and archaeology investigation are complete. The project scope includes 1.2 miles of trails and more than 70

parking spaces. A large decomposed granite loop trail will be added to the southeast of White Lake and north side of the entry road. A small concrete loop trail will be added to the southwest of the restroom and north side of Oyster Creek. Each loop trail will have parking spaces nearby.

The trail and parking improvement will stay away from the archaeology sensitive areas and wetland areas, and the layout will preserve existing native hardwood trees. The goal of this project is to preserve the natural beauty and peacefulness of the park, while providing more trails and parking for users with all capabilities to enjoy the park. We anticipate the design to be completed this year and construction starts early next year.

White Lake Cleanup Progress



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Welcome to Cullinan Park!



The Cullinan Park Conservancy is a non-profit group charged with the promotion, enhancement and protection of Joseph S. and Lucie H. Cullinan Park at Oyster Creek for the use and enjoyment of wildlife and human visitors alike.



Please visit the Cullinan Park Conservancy website for more information:

cullinanparkconservancy.org



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For information, contact Parks & Recreation Department at (281) 275-2885 or 311.

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Located in Sugar Land, Cullinan Park is one of the largest nature parks in the Houston area. Learn more about the amenities at this beautiful nature park.

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