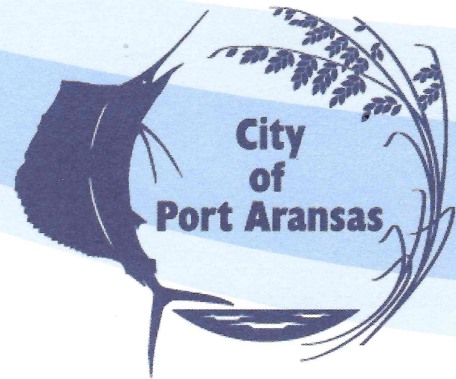


City of Port Aransas



Dear Bird City Texas Team,

On behalf of the City of Port Aransas I would like to express our support of this application to the Audubon Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department *Bird City Texas* certification program. We have worked with members in the community from the City of Port Aransas, Port Aransas Nature Preserve Technical Advisory Board, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, the Nature Conservancy, University of Texas Marine Science Institute, Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Gulf Coast Region Cooperative Weed Management Area, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas A & M Forest Service, Palmilla Beach Golf Course, Nueces County, Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Port Aransas Garden Club, Keep Port Aransas Beautiful, Port Aransas Animal Control, South Texas Master Naturalists, and Port Aransas Independent School District to form a *Port Aransas Bird City Community Group*. The *Port Aransas Bird City Community Group* recognizes and encourages effective and impactful native bird conservation through habitat conservation and restoration, native bird-friendly landscaping, education and outreach, recreational opportunities, and more. The City of Port Aransas Nature Preserve hosts science-based bird conservation initiatives and community-centric action that:

- Enhances and restores habitat
- Increases native plant coverage for the benefit of birds and people
- Reduces population-level threats
- Increases public awareness of the benefits and challenges of bird conservation
- Promotes environmental stewardship

Within the next 3 years, the *Port Aransas Bird City Community Group* has committed to continuing the many bird-friendly actions and activities that are already in place and expanding to make our City even more bird-friendly. We appreciate your consideration of our application and look forward to working with you in the future through the *Bird City Texas Program*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "David Parsons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Parsons
City Manger