

## BTNEP Bird Calendars

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2009 Bird Calendar Cover

**Project Year:** 2006

**Category:** Birds

**Status:** Open

**Project #:** None

**Location:**

Nationwide

**Project Partners:**

EPA, LUMCON, ConocoPhillips

### Problem Addressed:

Louisiana lies at the confluence of North America's great migratory flyways. The disappearance of coastal habitat threatens a critical link in the migration path of bird species. Expanding understanding of birds, habitat, and their value can improve efforts for their protection and enhance local economies by promoting them as bird-watching destinations.

### Problem Description:

Beginning in 2006, the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program started developing an annual bird/birding calendar that focussed on the southern part of Louisiana. The calendar not only included pictures of birds but also presented short storylines on some of the more contemporary bird/birding issues. The first calendar represented a hodgepodge of issues ranging from the importance of cheniers and their importance to migratory birds, to the finding of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in Arkansas and what that might mean to Louisiana, to John James Audubon's time in Louisiana, to Louisiana as a Migratory Crossroads for millions of birds each year. That first calendar was distributed across the country to members of the American Birding Association.

Since then, BTNEP has produced annual birding calendars with topics such as warblers, raptors, waders, and sparrows.



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