27th Annual Birding Festival Update

The 27th Annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival was scheduled for November 11-15, 2020. It has been our honor throughout the years to showcase the best of nature in the Rio Grande Valley, focusing on our amazing local birds and migrants. Participants, volunteers, vendors, sponsors and others have come together to share stories of birds seen, the nemesis birds missed and other interesting things of the avian variety.

It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the festival for this year has been canceled. A great effort is put forth annually to maximize our resources and provide an extensive and fun-filled event for all to enjoy; unfortunately, with an event of this size, we cannot ensure the health and wellness of the attendees, vendors, staff and volunteers within the current environment of uncertainty. The risk of continuing to plan for this year's festival is too great.

Although we will miss seeing all of you, rest assured we are not taking the year off! We are excited to plan the 27th Annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival, now scheduled for November 10-14, 2021. The Harlingen Convention Center, the venue for our 26th Annual Festival, will welcome us once again. In our 2nd year in this location, we anticipate some changes to the trade show and other activities to make it an even better festival. Our team of festival planners are also researching opportunities to bring our wonderful world of birding to you, using available social media platforms. Please continue to check our website, Facebook page and future mailings, as we will be announcing these exciting programs in the months ahead, that will enable us to share the beauty that years of conservation efforts have established in the Rio Grande Valley.

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Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival Board of Directors

Mark your calendars: Nov. 10-14, 2021 for the 2021 RGV Birding Festival!

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