



GSL GRUNT

Promoting Conservation in the Gulf of Mexico

Season of Change!

As seasons shift from autumn to winter, cooler temperatures and shorter days bring remarkable changes to the Gulf's ecosystems. We see marine life migrate or spawn ensuring the renewal of their populations. Migratory birds fly south in search of resources. Plant-life adapts to the new weather conditions, affecting the wildlife that depend on those habitats. These ecological changes highlight the delicate balance that sustains life along the Gulf and are essential for preserving biodiversity and maintaining the health of the region. Autumn is also a time for giving thanks. We're deeply thankful for the dedication of our GulfSeeLife community in using the app to observe, record, and protect biodiversity along the Gulf Coast.



PHOTO OF ROSEATE SPOONBILL BY
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New Species Additions:

**THANKS TO YOUR
OBSERVATIONS WE'VE
ADDED THE FOLLOWING
SPECIES:**

BIRDS:

**RED-BELLIED-
WOODPECKER**

FISH:

**SKILLET FISH
SHEEPSHEAD-MINNOW
SOUTHERN CODLING
INSHORE LIZARD FISH**

INVERTEBRATES:

**BROWN SHRIMP
WHITE SHRIMP
BLUE LAND CRAB**

REPTILES:

**SNAPPING TURTLE
GOPHER TORTOISE**



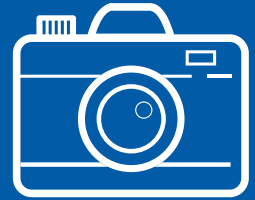
Most Popular Observation:

A bobcat family was spotted by Wren Grigore in the backyard of their Florida home on October 18th. The observation was classified as research grade, contributing valuable data to our understanding of local wildlife. Bobcats (*Lynx rufus*) are solitary and elusive predators, known for their tufted ears and short, bobbed tails. They are highly adaptable, thriving in a variety of habitats, from forests to suburban areas. Bobcats typically avoid human interaction. They play a vital role in controlling populations of small mammals and birds, maintaining balance in their ecosystems. Thank you, Wren, for your well-liked contribution to GulfSeeLife!



Get Involved!

As the holidays approach, many of us are planning family activities. While beach trips are often associated with summer, the Gulf of Mexico offers a surprising variety of opportunities to explore and enjoy the coast during winter. For anglers, the end of a winter cold front is an ideal time to head out together in search of inshore surf fish like flounder, redfish, and seatrout. Beachcombing families can take advantage of low winter tides, which often reveal hidden treasures along the shore. And let's not forget—a beach clean-up is always a great way to spend a day. Not only do clean-ups help keep our coastlines beautiful, but they're also a rewarding activity to share with loved ones. Happy Holidays from GulfSeeLife! If you visit the coast this season, don't forget to log your observations—we'd love to hear about your winter coastal adventures!



158 NEW
OBSERVATIONS



394 NEW USERS



EDWARD
CARDENAS

