



# GSL GRUNT

Education and Conservation in the Gulf

## Big Updates for GulfSeeLife!

The GulfSeeLife team has been hard at work on a major update, and it's live for all users! You can now receive personalized alerts about interesting observations in your area or ones that match your specific interests. We've also added new incentives: if you're the first to log a new species in the app, you'll automatically receive recognition and a congratulatory message. For project managers, we've introduced a new communication portal within the app. You can easily set up push notifications, mass emails, or text messages to keep volunteers informed and engaged. As always, we welcome your feedback! If you have ideas for improvements or features you'd like to see, feel free to use our contact form or email us at [gulfseelife@gmail.com](mailto:gulfseelife@gmail.com).



Photo of goose barnacles and crested caracaras by GSL Users Susane Jones & Carrie Chase

## New Species Additions:

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

- CRESTED CARACARA
- GOOSE BARNACLE
- SANDHILL CRANE

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## Most Popular Observation:

Laney Nute recorded this box turtle near Taylor Lake Village, Texas. The observation was classified as research grade. Common box turtles are primarily land turtles and do not have webbed feet. They are known for their primary defense mechanism, the ability to fully enclose themselves in their shells. There are three subspecies of box turtles found on the Gulf coast: the Gulf Coast box turtle, the eastern box turtle, and the three-toed box turtle. Thank you, Laney, for contributing to GulfSeeLife and conservation on the coast!



## New Faces at GulfSeeLife

As summer ends, we wanted to thank this year's round of GulfSeeLife Scholars. This yearly program allows dedicated naturalists and Gulf Coast residents to participate in community science and improve their communication skills. This year, all of our scholars live in Mississippi and have been promoting the app through outreach and personal interactions. Thank you to (clockwise from top left) Justin Lee (Picayune, MS), Cora McCasland (Long Beach, MS), Hailey Smith (Long Beach, MS), Jessica Pruett (Ocean Springs, MS), and Dayton Potts (Gulfport, MS) for your hard work and dedication to the GulfSeeLife program!



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