
Please don't feed the gulls!



Captain Tommy Moore

Feeding gulls makes the birds aggressive towards picnickers and others trying to enjoy the park.



Mike Godwin

Gulls eat the eggs and young of other birds. Shown above is a gull preying upon a Black Skimmer chick.

When people feed gulls their numbers steadily increase until they become a threat to people and other nesting bird species.

One of Rockport Beach's main attractions in the summer are the nesting Black Skimmers. Sometimes Royal Terns will nest here too.



Black Skimmers: Claudia Dorn
Royal Terns (left): Gary Smyle

Help protect skimmer and tern nests and young by following these simple rules:

- ▶ Do not feed gulls. They have plenty of natural food. Feeding can cause gulls to act aggressively towards park visitors.
- ▶ Litter attracts gulls. Please dispose of your trash in designated receptacles.
- ▶ Take time to learn more about Black Skimmers. Visit our educational signs in the park and observe the birds from a safe distance with binoculars or spotting scope.

Visit www.HelpGulfBirds.org/help.html to learn more.



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