2026

THE 7 HABITS OF

HIGHLY GULLIBLE GULL-ERS

(CONDENSED)

Habit 1,2,3 – Distribution – What's Possible?

Recall Jeff's Texas Gulls Rule

Focus on ID Groups (Texas Hex, 6(+1) Wandering Texans, others)

Habit 4 – GISS & Structure

Find reference birds

Compare relative size to reference birds

Compare GISS & structure to reference birds

Habit 5 – Bill & Head

Shape of head, bill structure, color, pattern

Compare to reference birds

Habit 6 – Field Marks

Age class (immature, sub-adult, adult)

Compare back color, tail, **wing-tips**, scapulars to reference birds

Habit 7 – Diagnostic Field Marks

See **Gulls Checklist**