Blucher Park was donated to the City of Corpus Christi by the Blucher Family in 1942. Strict deed limitations were specified: “The property shall be used to provide a wooded park of natural beauty for the conservation and collection of native shrubs, trees, and plants; to provide a bird sanctuary where birds may find refuge and thrive; and to provide a place where city dwellers may commune with nature in an atmosphere of quiet and relaxation.” The 3.65-acre nature park is located in the heart of downtown Corpus Christi and is a famous site on The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail along the Central Flyway.

Audubon Outdoor Club’s Commitment to Blucher Park

Members of the Audubon Outdoor Club of Corpus Christi have long had a special interest in Blucher Park and have assumed an active part in its management. Every weekend in April since 1962, the Audubon Outdoor Club has sponsored early morning Spring Bird Walks. Members act as hosts and guides, keeping records of the birds seen and a list of local and out of town visitors to the park. Emilie Payne, with her knowledge of native plants and her passion for the park, is credited with initiating the restoration of Blucher Park to its natural state. The restoration began with an Earth Day grant from Conoco, Inc., in 1990. Its maintenance continues with help from club members known as the ‘Blucher Bunch,’ who meet every Monday afternoon to clean and care for the park.

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