



# ALERT!!!

## DON'T CHASE BIRDS ON THE BEACHES

Be a Bird-Friendly Beach Human

### 1 DID YOU KNOW...

Migrating birds use Anna Maria Island as a rest stop before making the long journey over the Gulf of Mexico.



### 2 CHASING BIRDS ISN'T HARMLESS FUN.

If nesting, shorebirds will likely abandon nests when harassed. This action poses a significant threat to the entire colony!



### 3 SOME BIRDS FLY UP TO 3 DAYS NON-STOP.

Many of these birds are flying at night and are feeding, and resting on Anna Maria Island during the day to prepare themselves for the demanding migration flight.



### 4 CHASING BIRDS DEPLETES THEIR RESERVES.

Disrupting birds at rest on the shore puts the birds in danger by exhausting them at a time they face a difficult undertaking.



### 5 LEAVE THE BIRDS TO REST.

Please allow our birds to prepare for their long journey without disturbing them.



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