



*"The metal roofs extend to shelter deep outdoor hallways, where rustic benches offer ample opportunities for lingering observations of wildlife activity in the pocket gardens."*

*Karen Hastings, Texas Architect, 5/6 2006*



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LOCATION Mission, Texas

AREA 13,000 sf

COST \$10,000,000

ARCHITECT Lake Flato Architects

The Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park in Mission, Texas is the site of the World Birding Center Headquarters. The honest buildings and viewing structures defer to the flora and fauna of the park. Simple, corrugated steel arches serve as the building structure, roof, and ceiling while also channeling rainwater for sustainable harvesting. The World Birding Center was recognized by the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment (AIA/COTE) as a national "Top Ten Green Building Project" in 2006.



# World Birding Center Headquarters Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park