

# Common Gallinule



*A closeup of the Common Gallinule. I like the way the beak goes up onto its forehead like a shield | 01/14/2023*

## Description

The American Kestrel is the Americas' smallest falcon. It's around the size of a Rock Dove (pigeon) and has similar markings on its face as the Peregrine Falcon. I see it most often at the park perched on power lines while it surveys the field. It does this cool maneuver where it flaps fast and hovers in the air while it looks for a meal.

## Personal stats

**First observation**

☐☐	01/08/2023
☐☐	South Padre Island, Texas

### Captured media details

	Male	Female	Unknown
☐☐			✓
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## Experiences & anecdotes

**12/16/2022** - Similar to an American Coot, I observed many Common Gallinules at the [South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center](#). Similar in size, they were intermingling and enjoying the nice weather we had while we visited. They also cooperated by making some noise offering an opportunity to record them.

## Captured media

### Photographs



*This Common Gallinule is preening near the reeds | 01/13/2023*



*A Common Gallinule swims in shallow water. | 01/13/2023*

## Audio recordings

- **ML522075421** - 0:12
  - The calls of the Common Gallinule

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- [Choke Canyon birding festival](#)

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