

Twins Collaborated on Birds

Watercolor images of Texas bird life by Scott and Stuart Gentling are included in the "Of Birds and Texas" exhibit on display at the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio March 3 through April 5. The paintings are on loan from the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Rather than portray the

creatures against a sterile white background, the artists have situated the birds in trees, against the skies, on the ground and in their nests to convey the rich flavor of the varied Texas landscape.

A black-crowned night heron perches on a moon-lit branch above the Brazos River. A mourning dove quenches its thirst

from a dinosaur-track puddle near the Paluxy. Two house wrens explore a worn pair of cowboy boots sprawled on a weathered porch.

The Gentlings, twin brothers from Fort Worth, collaborated on their first bird painting at the age of 16; they both went on to study art at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. The 39 paintings in "Of Birds and Texas" took eight years to complete.

The Institute of Texan Cultures is located at Durango Boulevard and Bowie Street in HemisFair Plaza.



"House Wrens"
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