

Austin Water – Center for Environmental Research



Austin Water – The University of Texas – Texas A&M University
A Partnership for Urban Ecology and Sustainability: Community, Ecology, Research
located at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant
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CER Events January 2018

Jan 6

Saturday 8am meet at the CER

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- Join Claude Morris and the Travis County Colorado River Monitoring trip for a day on the river monitoring birds and more, and help the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership learn more about the ecology of the Colorado River.
- Meet at the CER parking lot at 8:00AM
- A river trip to monitor birds and vegetation along the river and you MUST provide your own boat.
- Contact Claude Morris at cgmorris70@gmail.com to participate
- More about the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership at the CER website Research, Programs, Partnerships page <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/research-projects-partnerships-and-programs>
- Check out the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Facebook Page for updates and photos from the river monitoring trips www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor

Jan 10

Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center Lamar 29th St + 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2018 Lunchtime Lectures – Nature and the American Mind
- **January 2018 Lunchtime Lecture - Wild Nature: The New World and Wilderness**
- The Classical Western concept of wild nature is the primordial, pristine given that human touch transforms through our proclivity to farm and to build. This distinction between the given and the modified is the most persistent sense of the word “nature” in the Western culture. This modification was traditionally seen as an improvement on wild, irrational nature. In the same way, America was seen as a pristine New World by Europeans arriving intent on subduing the “howling” wilderness and cultivating the land. However, in the 19th Century, a new understanding of beneficent wild nature and wilderness was created to distinguish the nature of the New World from that of the Old World and to establish a new therapeutic role for American nature as a mental and spiritual refuge. We begin 2018 by examining the origins of our concept of wilderness and its transformation into a uniquely American ideal of wild nature.

Jan 13

Saturday 7am-11am and 4pm to dark meet at the CER

- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory Program Monthly Bird Survey**
- The HBBO Bird Survey is open to all levels of birder interested in intensive monitoring, although this is not a field trip. In the morning, we have teams covering different areas of the Hornsby Bend facility, and they count numbers of all birds seen. It is 4 hours of hiking and counting, but lots of fun along the way. We meet again around 11am to tally up the species. The afternoon involves looking around for species missed that morning, and we go until sundown. More information about the CER HBBO program at www.hornsbybend.org

- Jan 16** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Jan 20** **Saturday 730am – 11am at the CER**
- **HBBO/Travis Audubon Society - Hornsby Bend Monthly Birdwatching Fieldtrip – FREE!**
 - Meet at the CER 730am, no registration needed – all levels of birder welcomed, an easy morning of walking and learning the birds of Hornsby Bend. Bring binoculars and some water if the weather is warm. More information at www.travisaudubon.org and www.hornsbybend.org
- Jan 24** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at University of Texas**
Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St, Austin TX, 78712 Room 1.720
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
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- Jan 25** **Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center**
505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
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 - **January 2018 Lunchtime Lecture - Wild Nature: The New World and Wilderness**
- Jan 27** **Saturday 9am – 1pm at the CER**
- **Ecological Literacy Volunteer Day** – Help maintain Hornsby Bend! Did you know that all the Hornsby Bend trails, habitat gardens, and kiosks were built and are maintained by volunteers? If you enjoy birding or walking along the Colorado River here, please join us in maintaining these amenities and supporting public access at Hornsby Bend.
 - Wear work clothes [long pants], hat for shade, and sturdy shoes; bring water and binoculars if interested in birds.

For more information about these events contact - Kevin M. Anderson kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov