

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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Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/cer>
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CER Events June 2018

Jun 2

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

Jun 9

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

Jun 13

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

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2018 Lunchtime Lectures – Nature and the American Mind
- **June CER Lunchtime Lecture - American Biology: Natives, Immigrants, and Humboldt's Children**
- Alexander von Humboldt was a role model for 19th century “children of Humboldt” who followed the path of Humboldtian science – explore, collect, measure, connect, and theorize. In particular, his influence on Darwin was profound both in setting Darwin’s life course and in fostering his idea of evolution. The Origin of Species was published in 1859, the year Humboldt died, and, in America, the reaction to the theory of evolution divided Humboldt’s scientific disciples. That debate between Asa Gray and Louis Agassiz was won by Gray and the evolutionists, but Agassiz popularized biology as a science by urging teachers and students to study nature directly in the field. They and professional biologists surveyed American nature during a time of profound ecological change in America, and their legacy is still found in lists of “native” species whose numbers and distribution were in part the result of the ecological change wrought by the settlement of America. This lecture will examine the context and impacts of the emergence of biology as a science in America and the influence of Humboldt on our understanding of American Nature.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

- Jun 16** **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
- Jun 19** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Jun 21** **Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center**
505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325
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- Jun 26** **Tuesday 10am – Noon in Smithville at the Smithville Recreation Center**
<https://www.ci.smithville.tx.us/city-departments/parks-and-rec/>
- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Bimonthly Meeting** – Open to anyone interested in the Colorado River – a stakeholder partnership about the future of the river corridor in Travis County and Bastrop County.
- Jun 27** **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at University of Texas**
Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St, Austin TX, 78712 Room 1.720
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- Jun 30** **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