

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 September 2013

Sept 7

Saturday 8am meet at CER

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - Travis County 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 or rent one from Cook's Canoes in Webberville
<http://www.cookscanoes.com/>
- Contact Claude Morris at cgmorris@flash.net to participate

Sept 11

Wednesday – NOON to 1pm AT Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road

- **CER Monthly Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- **Rivers of Empire: American Rivers**
- Walter Prescott Webb declared the fault line dividing East from West in America was defined by water, relatively abundant in the East and relatively scarce in the arid West. Donald Worster refined Webb's thesis by showing how Western rivers were dammed and diverted to create a hydraulic empire in the West. But the rivers of the East and South also shaped settlement patterns and subsequently have been dammed and diverted to support these parts of the American Empire too. This lecture will explore role of rivers in American history and culture, and the way the geography of rivers has shaped America.

Sept 14

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

Sept 18

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- **Parking for City Hall** - Automobile parking is available in the underground garage. Bring your garage ticket to the talk and we will validate it for free parking.

Sept 21

Saturday – 730am – 11am at the CER

- **HBBO/Travis Audubon Society - Hornsby Bend Monthly Birding 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

Sept 28

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.
- **POTLUCK LUNCH AND More ECOLOGICAL LEARNING** - Bring food for our potluck lunch afterwards at 1pm and learn more at a presentation on ecology during lunch.
 - **September Presentation - The Natural History of Texas: Biological Survey and Ecological Change**
 - **Kevin M. Anderson, Austin Water – Center for Environmental Research**
 - The vast geography of Texas stretching from desert to bayou and high plains to the Rio Grande valley sets the stage for a diverse natural history. This natural history of Texas was documented by the work of scientists like Bailey and Oberholser in the great biological surveys of Texas and more literary types of natural histories in writings ranging from Lincecum to Bedichek and Wauer. What they all document is the great changes that have occurred in the flora and fauna of Texas over time. Today, ecological change is accelerating as land use and climate change reshape contemporary Texas landscapes making it difficult to summarize Texas natural history in a fifty-minute talk. Join me and see if I can do it.

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