

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 March 2024

Mar 2

Saturday 8am meet at the Center for Environmental Research

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Monthly River Monitoring Trip**
- The river trip is for monitoring birds, bugs, fish, and human impacts for the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership. Each trip covers a different stretch of the river between Austin and Bastrop ranging from 5 – 10 miles.
- Meet at the CER parking lot at 8:00AM. To participate you **MUST** provide your own boat.
- 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

Mar 5

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm at University of Texas

Peter O'Donnell Building (POB) Room 2.302 (new room for 2024)

<https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/campus/buildings/nlogon/maps/UTM/POB/>

- 2024 Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lectures Series Topic – ***Nature and the American Mind: The Wild, The Pastoral, The Urban, The New***
- Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lectures by Kevin M. Anderson
- **March CER Lunchtime Lecture – *Urban Nature: Perspectives on Nature and the City***
- We are now predominately a country of urbanites who have only occasional contact with wilderness or pastoral nature. To compensate for this urban depravation, we have incorporated “green space” for nature into our cities – preserves, parks, gardens and “wildscapes” - to allow for contact with officially sanctioned nature in the urban landscape. The urban nature that lives outside of these green spaces (or “invasively” transgresses them) is a “degraded” type of nature which the writer John Tallmadge describes as “just too mixed up, chaotic, and confused to fit our established notions of beauty and value in nature. ... Maybe it’s not really nature at all, not a real ecosystem, just a bunch of weeds and exotics mixed up with human junk.” Join us for the March Lunchtime Lecture, when we will assess whether urban nature is really nature at all.

Mar 9

Saturday 7am-1130am meet at the Center for Environmental Research

- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory Program Monthly Bird Survey**
- The HBBO Bird Survey is a citizen science effort to monitor bird species at the Hornsby Bend site. This is not a field trip. Advanced and intermediate birders are welcomed to participate. Beginning at 7am, we have teams covering different areas of the Hornsby Bend site, and they count numbers of all birds seen. It is a full morning of hiking and counting, but lots of fun along the way. We meet again at 1130am to tally up the species. More information about the CER HBBO program at www.hornsbybend.org and www.facebook.com/hornsbybend

- Mar 12** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Mar 14** **Thursday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center - Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave**
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- Mar 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
- Mar 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.

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