

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 June 2024

June 1

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

June 4

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm at University of Texas

- **Location - Peter O'Donnell Building (POB) Room 2.302**
<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
- **June CER Lunchtime Lecture – *American Biology: Natives, Immigrants and Humboldt's Progeny***
- Alexander von Humboldt was a role model for 19th century “progeny 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.

- June 5** **Wednesday 10am – Noon in Bastrop**
- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Bimonthly Meeting** – Open to anyone interested in the Colorado River – a stakeholder partnership about the past, present and future of the river corridor between Austin and Smithville.
 - **Location: Bastrop County Courthouse Annex, Lower-Level Conference Room, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602**
 - **Presentation: Travis County Parks Overview – Planning and expanding Eastern Travis County Parks and Greenways...and Wilbarger Creek**
 - Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director, Travis County Parks Foundation and April Rose, Travis County Parks Forester
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- June 6 (new date!)** **Thursday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center**
- **Location: Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave**
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- June 8** **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
- June 11** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- June 15** **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

June 29

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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