

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 2023

Mar 4

Saturday 8am meet at the CER

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- The Travis County Colorado River Monitoring trip is a day on the river monitoring birds, bugs, fish, and more to help the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership to learn more about the ecology of the 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

Mar 7

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm at University of Texas

Peter O'Donnell Building (POB) Room 2.402

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2023 Lunchtime Lectures – **The Geography of Flowing Water: Rivers and Streams, Nature and Culture**
- **March CER Lunchtime Lecture - Riparia: Life at the Edge**
- Riparian areas are waterway margins, the transition zone along the banks between the flowing water of the main channel and the bottomland and upland areas of a watershed. Riparian vegetation forms rich habitat for biodiversity, and riparian zones are critical sites for hydrology and biogeochemistry influencing water quality and quantity. During drought, they are a thin ribbon of green life along our rivers and streams, and, during flood, they are the armor that hold the banks together. This is where one hears wind in the willows (or bald cypress) and the bank folk like bank swallows, kingfishers, beavers, and otters make their homes. Join us for a talk about life at the edge.

Mar 9

Thursday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center

Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room

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Mar 11

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

- **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. More information about the CER HBBO program at www.hornsbybend.org

- Mar 14** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Mar 18** **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 25** **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.anderson@austintexas.gov