

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 May 2023

May 2

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm at University of Texas

Peter O'Donnell Building (POB) Room 2.402

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

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- **May CER Lunchtime Lecture – The Round River: Myth, Meaning, and Flowing Water**
- This month we shift our focus from the physical geography of flowing water to cultural or human geography and the meaning of rivers and streams in Western culture. Humans have ancient and complex cultural relationships to rivers revealing the deep significance flowing water has for the human psyche, and so we begin with the Ancient Greek myths of Narcissus and Orpheus and the Greek cosmology of Okeanos, the Earth-Encircling Round River. In metaphysics the river as a symbol of Being can be found throughout Western philosophy. From the Pre-Socratic philosopher Heraclitus, we supposedly learned that one cannot step in the same river twice, and, in the 20th Century, the philosopher Alfred North Whitehead revived the idea of existence as flowing in his great work, *Process and Reality*. 20th Century psychology and literature also embraced the metaphor of flowing water by understanding consciousness (and the unconscious) as a stream of psychic activity. So join us as we follow the Round River and explore the myth and meaning of flowing water.

May 6

Saturday 8am meet at the Center for Environmental Research

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- This 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

May 9

Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend

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May 11

Thursday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center

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

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May 13

Saturday – 7am or 9am - meet at the Center for Environmental Research

- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory Program - World Migratory Bird Day (and Bird City) Celebration with the Travis Audubon Society**
- Our annual celebration of bird migration is extra special this year because the City of Austin has just been designated a Bird City by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Audubon Texas. We will celebrate this new certification as well as the great work of the Travis Audubon Society. Come join us!
- **Morning Field Trips, Volunteer Activity, and Morning/Afternoon Bird Surveys**
- Morning Bird Survey: 7 AM – 11:30 AM
- Beginners' Bird Walk: 9 AM – 11:30 AM
- Young Birders Club Walk: 9 AM – 11:30 AM (Great for families with kids ages 8 and older interested in birding. Parents must accompany children for this event.)
- Social Hour: 11:30 AM – 1 PM (Refreshments, socializing, and merchandise for sale!)
- Volunteer Work Session: 1 PM – 3 PM
- Afternoon Survey: 4 PM – Sunset
- Intermediate-to-highly skilled birders are encouraged to assist with the morning and afternoon surveys (we had 105 species last month – how many for May??), while birders of all skill levels are welcome to join the guided beginners or young birders walks.
- If you plan to join us for a bird walk, one or more of the surveys, and/or the volunteer work session, please register at this link https://travisaudubon.org/?event=world-migratory-bird-day-at-hornsby-bend-2&event_date=2023-05-13 Registration not needed for the social hour.

May 20

Saturday 730am – 11am at the Center for Environmental Research

- **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

May 27

Saturday 9am – Noon at the Center for Environmental Research

- **Ecological Literacy Volunteer Work 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