

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 2023

Sep 2

Saturday 8am meet at the Center for Environmental Research

- **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.
- 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

Sep 5

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**
- **September CER Lunchtime Lecture - *Rivers of Empire: American Environmental History and Waterways***
- This fall we turn to the cultural geography of flowing water in America beginning at the continental scale. The historian 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. The environmental historian 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 North and South also shaped settlement patterns, and they too have been dammed and diverted to support these parts of the American Empire. But the first American hydraulic empire was built in first part of the 1800s as canals linked the East with the Mississippi basin fostering the rapid expansion of Western settlement and the economic empire of the United States. This lecture will explore role of rivers in American history and culture, and the way the geography of rivers has shaped America.

Sep 9

Saturday 7am-11am 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

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

For more information about these events contact - kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov