

# 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 April 2018

Apr 7

### Saturday 8am meet at the CER

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- Join Claude Morris and the Travis County Colorado River Monitoring trip for a day on the river monitoring birds and more, and help the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership learn more about the ecology of the Colorado 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor)

Apr 11

### Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center Lamar+29<sup>th</sup> St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2018 Lunchtime Lectures – Nature and the American Mind
- **April 2018 Lunchtime Lecture – Resilient Nature: Discordant Harmony and the New Ecology**
- We now live in an age of global ecological change, in which, it is argued, humans dominate the Earth so completely as to warrant declaring a new geological age, the Anthropocene. The understanding of nature in this new age is built on ideas of “new ecology” where disequilibrium, change, and discordant harmony are more fundamental than integrity, stability, and balance, and, as the German ecologist Ingo Kowarik says, “the reference point is not an original condition of a natural landscape, but rather a condition defined based on the current site potential and the greatest possible degree of self-regulation. From this perspective, therefore, the natural capacity for process is the central point, not a particular, retrospectively determined and often idealized, picture of nature.” Join us as we explore the emergence of the concept of resilient nature and the new ecology of the Anthropocene.

Apr 14

### Saturday 7am-11am and 4pm to dark meet at the CER

- **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. The afternoon involves looking around for species missed that morning, and we go until sundown. More information about the CER HBBO program at [www.hornsbybend.org](http://www.hornsbybend.org)

- Apr 17**      **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Apr 19**      **Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center**  
**505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325**
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  - **April 2018 Lunchtime Lecture – Resilient Nature: Discordant Harmony and the New Ecology**
- Apr 21**      **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](http://www.travisaudubon.org) and [www.hornsbybend.org](http://www.hornsbybend.org)
- Apr 25**      **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at University of Texas**  
**Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St, Austin TX, 78712 Room 1.720**
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- Apr 28**      **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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