

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 2019

Apr 2

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm at University of Texas

Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St, Austin TX, 78712 Room 1.720

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2019 Lunchtime Lectures – The Geography of Flowing Water: Rivers, Streams, Nature, and Culture
- **April CER Lunchtime Lecture - Bottomland: Life on the Floodplain**
- On maps, one sees a line drawn depicting a river, but this thin line depicts merely the river channel and not the river fully realized. When a river spreads out across its floodplains, we are reminded that the thin line is a poor representation of its fully realized self. The hydrological reality of a river is that it will fill its floodplain frequently, much more frequently than the terms “100-year” or “500-year” suggest. The ecological reality of a river, also, spreads out across these floodplains in the form of bottomland habitat that can range from forest to swamps to oxbow lakes. In this lecture, we will explore the ecology of rivers away from their banks and across the rich bottomland habitat that can fill their floodplains.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

Apr 6

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 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

Apr 9

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

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Apr 10

Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center

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

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Apr 13

Saturday 7am-11am 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. More information about the CER HBBO program at www.hornsbybend.org

Apr 20

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

Apr 27

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.

Follow this link to short films about Austin Nature including Hornsby Bend that appeared on Chicago PBS in March
<https://interactive.wttw.com/urbannature#!/austin>

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