

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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Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/cer>
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CER Events January 2020

- Jan 4** **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
- Jan 8** **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center**
Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
 - 2020 Lunchtime Lectures – Alexander von Humboldt: Culture, Science, and the Geography of Nature
 - **January CER Lunchtime Lecture – Natural Philosophy and the Study of Nature**
 - Natural philosophy was the study of the physical universe that was dominant before the development of modern science. From the ancient world, starting with Aristotle, to the 19th century, natural philosophy was the common term for the practice of studying nature. Natural philosophy was distinguished from the other precursor of modern science, natural history, in that natural philosophy involved reasoning and explanations about nature, whereas natural history was more qualitative and descriptive. We begin 2020 by examining the origins and development of natural philosophy from the Greeks to the Scientific Revolution which set the stage for Humboldtian science.
- Jan 11** **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
- Jan 14** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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Jan 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

Jan 23

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm at University of Texas

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

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- View the lectures online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

Jan 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.

Jan 28

Tuesday 10am – Noon in Bastrop at the Lower Level Conference Room (elevator available) in the Bastrop County Courthouse Annex, 804 Pecan Street

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Bimonthly Meeting** – Open to anyone interested in the Colorado River – a stakeholder partnership about the future of the river corridor in Travis County and Bastrop County.
- **Presenters:** Mike Kelly PE, Managing Engineer, Environmental Resource Management, and Matt Hollon, Manager Planning, City of Austin Watershed Protection Department
- We begin 2020 with presentations by two Division Managers from the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department. Mike Kelly who manages the Environmental Resource Management Division will share his decades of experience as an engineer restoring eroded streams and managing the City of Austin water quality protection and erosion control programs. Matt Hollon who manages the Planning Division will share his experience guiding the revision of the City of Austin Watershed Ordinance and overseeing Watershed Master Planning.
- More information about the Environmental Resource Management and Planning Divisions here <http://austintexas.gov/departments/watershed-protection/divisions>
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