

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 2015

May 2

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 cgmorris@flash.net 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 5

Tuesday NOON to 1pm at Waller Center, 625 East 10th Street [Between Red River and I-35] Room 104

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2015 Lunchtime Lecture theme – The Geography of Rivers: The Nature and Culture of Flowing Water
- May Lunchtime Lecture: **River Process: Fluvial Systems and Hydrology**
- With May, we turn from the cultural geography of rivers and flowing water to their physical geography. Rivers write their way across the surface of the Earth, inscribing deeply or shallowly depending on the resistance of the surface to the flow of water and sediment carried by river currents. From the first flowing rill to the slow merge with sea at a river delta, fluvial systems shape the landscapes in which we live, and fluvial geomorphology reveals how dynamic those landscapes are. Join me for a talk about how rivers work as physical systems that transport water and sediment on the way to the sea - and lots about one of my heroes...Aldo's son, Luna Leopold.

May 9

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

- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory Program Monthly Bird Survey**
- **International Migratory Bird Day edition:** <http://www.birdday.org/>
- 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

May 13

Wednesday – NOON to 1pm at Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road

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May 16

Saturday 730am – 11am at the CER

- **HBBO/Travis Audubon Society - Hornsby Bend Monthly Birding 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 30

Saturday 9am – 1pm at the CER

- **Ecological Literacy Volunteer Day and Potluck Learning** – 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.
 - **NOON POTLUCK LUNCH AND More ECOLOGICAL LEARNING** - Bring food for our potluck lunch at NOON and learn more at a presentation on ecology or geography during lunch.

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

Join our CER Facebook Page for updates on Human Events and Activities: <https://www.facebook.com/austinwatercer>

Join our Hornsby Bend Facebook Page for updates on Hornsby Bend Nonhuman Ecology: <https://www.facebook.com/hornsbybend>

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