

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>



CER Events August 2014

Aug 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. 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>
- 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

Aug 6

Wednesday - NOON to 1pm at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room 1st Floor
[early this month due to City Council budget meetings]

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2014 Lunchtime Lecture theme – Nature and the American Mind
- August Lunchtime Lecture: **Environmental Science, Sustainability, and Human-Nature**
- In 1864, George Perkins Marsh published the great book, Man and Nature, or, Physical Geography as Modified by Human Action. Marsh put forward the idea that human activity could, and did, significantly alter the appearance and productivity of the landscape, and even the climate of our planet. Marsh declared, "Man is everywhere a disturbing agent. Wherever he plants his foot, the harmonies of nature are turned to discord." In doing so, he set the stage for the emergence of environmental science in America. Environmental science is a multidisciplinary academic field that integrates physical, biological and information sciences to the study of the environment and the solution of environmental problems. As Marsh's title indicates, he saw his work as one of geography [and we geographers agree], but, in America, environmental science holds sway over geography in terms of academic and popular status. Join me as I trace the rise of environmental science, its relationship to the idea of sustainability, and its embrace of the idea of humans as the disturbing agents destroying Nature...yet paradoxically tasked with saving Nature.

Aug 9

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

Aug 12

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

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Aug 13

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Aug 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

Aug 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 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/#!/pages/Austin-Water-Center-for-Environmental-Research-at-Hornsby-Bend/353742361321079>

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