

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 August 2017

Aug 5

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

Aug 9

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

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2017 Lunchtime Lectures – Understanding Urban Nature: Ecology, Culture, and the American City
- **August 2017 Lunchtime Lecture - The Subterranean City: Soil and the Urban Microcosmos**
- Forgotten in most narratives of nature in the city is the “brown underground” – soil and the urban microcosmos living there. This subterranean city challenges comfortable terrestrial narratives celebrating macroflora and macrofauna, but soil organisms are critical to functional urban ecosystem cycles and darn cute once you get to know them. This lecture will help you get to know the citizens of the subterranean city and the ecological role of urban soils.

Aug 12

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 15

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

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Aug 17

Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center
505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325

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- 2016 Lunchtime Lectures – The Unity of Nature: The Creation, Discovery, and End of Nature
- **August 2017 Lunchtime Lecture - The Subterranean City: Soil and the Urban Microcosmos**

Aug 19

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

Aug 26

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.

Aug 29

Tuesday 10am – Noon in Smithville
at the Smithville Recreation Center, 106 Royston Street Smithville, TX 78957

- **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.
- **Presentations** – **Dakus Geeslin Aquatic Biologist Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Water Resources** will do a presentation on TPWD's work on rivers, instream flows, and Guadalupe Bass and Blue Suckers in the Colorado River.
- More about the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership at the CER website Projects and Partnerships page <http://www.austintexas.gov/cer> and on Facebook www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor

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