

# 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 February 2020

Feb 1

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor)

Feb 6

### 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**
- 2020 Lunchtime Lectures – Alexander von Humboldt: Culture, Science, and the Geography of Nature
- **February CER Lunchtime Lecture – Natural History and the Taxonomy of Nature**
- Natural history involves careful observation, description, and classification of the nonhuman world. The practice of Western natural history traces back to Aristotle's History of Animals, Theophrastus's Enquiry into Plants and Pliny the Elder's great 1st century encyclopedia of life Natural History. However, it was not until the 16th century that natural history blossomed into a discipline which we begin to recognize as "scientific" practice. Moreover, the 16th century blossoming was two-fold, both scientific and artistic. The naturalist/artist presented realistic images of the new world of nature being discovered as explorers traveled to new lands and literary natural histories were written exploring and inventing the study of local ecology. This new natural history formed the foundation of modern biology emerging out of the taxonomy of Linnaeus and the biogeography of Humboldt in the 19th century.
- View the lectures online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

Feb 8

### 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. We meet again around 1130am to tally up the species. More information about the CER HBBO program at [www.hornsbybend.org](http://www.hornsbybend.org)

**Feb 11**

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

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**Feb 12**

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

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**Feb 15**

**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](http://www.travisaudubon.org) and [www.hornsbybend.org](http://www.hornsbybend.org)

**Feb 29**

**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.

**For more information about these events contact - [kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov](mailto:kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov)**