

# 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 June 2017

- Jun 3**      **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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor)
- Jun 10**      **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](http://www.hornsbybend.org)
- Jun 14**      **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at The PARD Senior Activity Center-Lamar 29<sup>th</sup> 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
  - **June 2017 Lunchtime Lecture - The Aquatic City: The Ecology of Urban Waterways**
  - Urban aquifers, creeks, rivers, lakes, and ponds can support a rich variety of life, but they are also highly vulnerable to pollution and other human impacts. Austin is such an aquatic city that we have a “watershed protection” department rather than an “environmental protection” department. This lecture will examine the role of water and waterways in urban ecology, and it will highlight examples of aquatic habitats and the biodiversity found there, as well as examples of management and restoration of urban waterways.
- Jun 15**      **Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325**
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
  - 2016 Lunchtime Lectures – The Unity of Nature: The Creation, Discovery, and End of Nature
  - **June 2017 Lunchtime Lecture - The Aquatic City: The Ecology of Urban Waterways**

- Jun 17**      **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)
- Jun 20**      **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Jun 24**      **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.
- Jun 27**      **Tuesday 10am – Noon at the CER**
- **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 – The Aquatic City: The Ecology of Urban Waterways, Kevin M. Anderson**
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