

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 November 2018

- Nov 3** **CANCELLED DUE TO RIVER FLOOD**
- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- Nov 8** **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**
 - 2018 Lunchtime Lectures – Nature and the American Mind
 - **November CER Lunchtime Lecture - The Ecological City: Sustainability, Ecology, and Urban Metabolism**
 - Can a city be ecologically sustainable? A city is a built landscape designed to support dense populations of humans. Urban ecologists, engineers, architects, and environmental managers approach urban nature as a functional component of the urban landscape. They study the city as an ecosystem for scientific understanding of how cities function ecologically and then apply that understanding to urban environmental management. In this narrative, the “metabolism” of the city is measurable as flows of water, waste, and elements through pipes and cycles. Urban ecosystem cycles are then seen as providing ecological services that can be managed as a sustainable urban metabolism. Thus, in the Ecological City, urban nature is an object to be managed for the benefit of humans and kept in its proper place...but urban nonhumans often resist objectification and claim the whole city as their place too. This lecture will examine the ideas of an Ecological City, urban nature, and the question of sustainability.
 - Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>
- Nov 10** **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, but lots of fun along the way. We meet again around 11am to tally up the species. More information about the CER HBBO program at www.hornsbybend.org
- Nov 14** **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center
Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room**
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- Nov 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 and www.hornsbybend.org
- Nov 20** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Nov 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.
- Nov 28** **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at University of Texas**
Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St, Austin TX, 78712 Room 1.720
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