

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
2210 South FM 973, Austin, Texas 78725
Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/cer>



CER Events September 2012

Sept 1

Saturday 8am meet at CER

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - Travis County 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 or rent one from Cook's Canoes in Webberville
<http://www.cookscanoes.com/>
- Contact Claude Morris at cgmorris@flash.net to participate
- More about the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership at the CER webpage
<http://www.austintexas.gov/cer>

Sept 4

Tuesday – NOON to 1pm AT Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road

- **CER Monthly Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- Please note NEW Location for these first Tuesday Lectures – **Dougherty Arts Center**
- **The Natural History of an Urban Creek: Waller Creek**
- Urban creeks are common places for nature encounter in the city. Trail systems draw people to and along creeks as “greenways” through the urban landscape. These riparian corridors are potentially rich habitats for urban wildlife, and also for the practice of natural history. Austin’s Waller Creek is one of the most studied urban creeks in America and, currently, the focus of an international design competition for the lower reach of the creek. In this lecture, I will discuss the role of urban creeks in urban natural history, and, specifically, the natural history of Waller Creek as it flows through residential areas, the University, and down to the Colorado River.

Sept 8

Saturday 7am-11am and 4pm to dark meet at CER

- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory 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 hard 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

Sept 15

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

Sept 18

Tuesday – NOON to 1pm AT CITY HALL Boards and Commissions Room 1101

- **CER Monthly Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- Downtown at City Hall
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- **Transportation Options for City Hall**
 - Automobile parking is available in the underground garage. Bring your garage ticket to the talk and we will validate it for free parking.
 - Bicycle parking is available at ground level on both the Guadalupe and Lavaca sides of the block.
 - Buses (select route to see schedule)
 - Chavez & San Antonio: [3 northbound](#).
 - San Antonio & 2nd: [3 southbound](#) .
 - Colorado & 3rd: [10 southbound and 17 eastbound](#).

Sept 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.
- We do three hours work and one hour of learning about the ecology of the Colorado River and Hornsby Bend - Wear work-clothes and work-shoes; bring water and binoculars if interested in birds.
- **New! POTLUCK LUNCH AND More ECOLOGICAL LEARNING** - Bring food for our potluck lunch afterwards at 1pm and learn more at a presentation on ecology during lunch.

**For more information about these events, contact Kevin M. Anderson at
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