

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 October 2013

Oct 5

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. 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>
- 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

Oct 9

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

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- **“Waters the Land: Texas Rivers”**
- Walter Prescott Webb declared the fault line dividing East from West in America was defined by water, relatively abundant in the East and relatively scarce in the arid West. Donald Worster refined Webb’s thesis by showing how Western rivers were dammed and diverted to create a hydraulic empire in the West. But the rivers of the East and South also shaped settlement patterns and subsequently have been dammed and diverted to support these parts of the American Empire too. This lecture will explore role of rivers in American history and culture, and the way the geography of rivers has shaped America.

Oct 12

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

- Oct 16** **Wednesday – NOON to 1pm** at Austin City Hall
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
 - **“Waters the Land: Texas Rivers”**
 - “We crossed the wild Pecos, We forded the Nueces, We swum the Guadalupe, And we followed the Brazos, Red River runs rusty, The Wichita clear, But down by the Brazos I courted my dear...” So begins the “Texas Rivers Song” with its refrain that “many a river waters the land” which describes the geography of Texas in terms of the many rivers that inscribe their paths across the Texas landscape. Roy Bedichek pointed out that “Texas has a river unity hardly to be found in any other state in the Union and in few foreign countries” with a general northwest to southeast drainage across the state. But he also pointed out that our river planning artificially dissects river systems into “upper, central, and lower” authorities ignoring the organic unity of river basins. Join me for an exploration of what unites and divides the geography of Texas rivers.
- Oct 19** **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
- Oct 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.
 - **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.
 - **September Presentation - Waters the Land: Texas Rivers**
 - **Kevin M. Anderson, Austin Water – Center for Environmental Research**
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