

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 December 2018

Dec 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 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

Dec 5

Wednesday NOON to 1pm 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**
- 2018 Lunchtime Lectures – Nature and the American Mind
- **December CER Lunchtime Lecture - The End of Nature: Prospective Ecology, Environmental Ethics, and the Anthropocene**
- In 1989, Bill McKibben published his book “The End of Nature” in which he argued, “The idea of nature will not survive the new global pollution...By changing the weather, we make every spot on earth man-made and artificial. We have deprived nature of its independence, and that is fatal to its meaning. Nature’s independence is its meaning.” With this loss of independence, McKibben lamented that the basis for an environmental ethics was lost, too. However, this dualistic narrative of nature in which humans are only cast as the great disruptors of “independent” nature ignores historical precedents that locate humans within nature. The classic American idea of wilderness as “untouched nature” has ended, but he ignores both the other kinds of nature which persist amidst changes wrought by humankind and other grounds for building environmental ethics. In this final lecture of 2018, we will look back over this year’s journey through the four key concepts of American nature and look forward to the new prospective, dynamic vision of nature grounded in the emerging understanding of Earth’s resilient ecology in this age of humans, the Anthropocene.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

Dec 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, 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

- Dec 12** **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center**
Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room
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- Dec 13** **Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center**
505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325
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- Dec 15** **CANCELLED - HBBO/Travis Audubon Society - Hornsby Bend Monthly Birding Fieldtrip**
- Dec 15** **Saturday All Day**
- **Austin Christmas Bird Count - More information at <http://www.austincbc.com/>**
 - If you know you'll be there, be sure to send an email to austincbc@gmail.com to confirm your participation.
- Dec 18** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Dec 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 M. Anderson kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov