

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 2019

June 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

June 4

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm 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**
- 2019 Lunchtime Lectures – The Geography of Flowing Water: Rivers, Streams, Nature, and Culture
- **June CER Lunchtime Lecture - Riverrun: Language, Art, and Waterways**
- “A way a lone a last a loved a long a...riverrun, past Eve and Adam’s, from swerve of shore to bend of bay...” Thus, James Joyce ends and begins his stream of consciousness masterpiece, Finnegans Wake, a round river of language which flows back into itself, in which he weaves the names of hundreds of rivers in the Anna Livia Plurabelle or "river" chapter. In Western literature, rivers and streams are used as both whimsical - Wind in the Willows - and frightening – The Heart of Darkness – settings for river tales. For American art, rivers and flowing water have been central to the development of distinctive American art. In American visual arts, rivers played a key role for American painting beginning with the river valley landscapes of the Hudson River School in the 1820s. The river master of American literature is Mark Twain whose greatest books focus on his river, the Mississippi, but, before Twain, Henry David Thoreau wrote his first book about the Concord and Merrimack Rivers. So join us for a talk that will meander through the sinuous landscape of language, art and waterways.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

June 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

- June 11** **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- June 12** **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARC Senior Activity Center**
Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room
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 - **June CER Lunchtime Lecture - Riverrun: Language, Art, and Waterways**
- June 15** **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
- June 22** **Saturday 7am-3pm – Attend for a few hours or the whole day**
- **Loco Trash Bash 2019 - Lower Colorado River Clean Up on the river downstream of Austin**
 - **Organized by the All Water Guides**
 - Cleanup along banks on foot, or float in your kayak or canoe, or get a ride upriver in a jet boat to islands and sand bars along the river
 - Six meeting points along the river downstream of Austin including the FM 973 bridge at Hornsby Bend - choose the best for you.
 - For details and registration follow this link <https://allwaterguides.com/trash-bash-details>
- June 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.anderson@austintexas.gov