

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 September 2018

Sep 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

Sep 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

Sep 12

Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2018 Lunchtime Lectures – Nature and the American Mind
- **September CER Lunchtime Lecture - Saving American Nature: Preservation, Conservation, and the Wild**
- The two key American myths of nature – wilderness and pastoral nature – set the stage for the great American debate over managing nature – Preservation vs. Conservation. The main protagonists in this debate were John Muir for preservation and Gifford Pinchot for conservation, or, at least, that is the standard history. As books like *The Great New Wilderness Debate* (1998) or the ongoing exchange between ecologists over “invasive nonnative species” and “novel ecosystems” attest, this debate rages on. The roots of this debate are tangled up in natural theology, Transcendentalism, the history of biology and ecology, and governmental policy tracing back to George Perkins Marsh publishing *Man and Nature* in 1864, long before Muir and Pinchot ever argued. In September, we will try to untangle some of those historical roots and trace the path to our present struggles over the proper management of Nature.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

Sep 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

Sep 18

Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend

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Sep 20

Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center

505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325

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Sep 26

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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Sep 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