

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 2019

Sept 3

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
- **September CER Lunchtime Lecture - Rivers of Empire: American Environmental History and Waterways**
- The historian 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. The environmental historian 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 North and South also shaped settlement patterns, and they too have been dammed and diverted to support these parts of the American Empire. This lecture will explore role of rivers in American history and culture, and the way the geography of rivers has shaped America.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

Sept 7

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

Sept 10

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

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Sept 11

Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center

Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room

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Sept 14

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

Sept 21

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

Sept 24

Tuesday 10am – Noon at the CER - 2210 South FM 973, Austin, Texas 78725

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Bimonthly Meeting** – Open to anyone interested in the Colorado River – a stakeholder partnership about the future of the river corridor in Travis County and Bastrop County.
- **Presentation:** Rebecca Leonard, CEO, Lionheart Places LLC – **Austin Green Development at Hornsby Bend**
 - More information about the Austin Green Project <https://www.statesman.com/news/20181004/project-calls-for-12000-homes-in-eastern-travis-county> and <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=311501>
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Sept 28

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