

RIO BOSQUE NEWS

A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

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BIG BOSQUE BIRD BASH, NOV 10

Please join us at Rio Bosque on **Saturday, Nov 10** for the [Big Bosque Bird Bash](#)! Cooler temperatures, widespread water, arriving migratory birds and the first signs of fall color make November a great time for a walk in the park. This free community event, sponsored by the Friends of the Rio Bosque with support from the City of El Paso's Parks and Recreation Department, takes place from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Event headquarters will be the park's visitor center. Parking will be at the nearby [Bosque Trailhead](#), with additional parking available at the Wetland and Tornillo trailheads. Join us for a free event with fun activities for the whole family. Learn about our river-valley environment through tours, presentations, exhibits and interactive fun for kids. You won't want to miss it! ✈



Riparian habitat continues to develop along the old river channel at Rio Bosque. Photo: July 5, 2018.

THE CHANGING SEASONS

At Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, our four seasons are not determined by equinoxes and solstices, they are determined by availability of water. Two are wet seasons, two are not-so-wet. Right now, we are in a brief not-so-wet season. September 30 marked the ends of both the availability of Rio Grande Project irrigation water in 2018 and the 5-month spring-summer window when water from the Roberto

Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant can be delivered to the park. All of the output from the Bustamante Plant is currently being used for late-season irrigation. Our wells are keeping a flow in the old river channel that winds through Rio Bosque, but the park's wetland cells are dry. We are taking advantage of this dry period to mow openings within the wetland cells. We look forward to water from the Bustamante Plant becoming available again in early November, signaling the start of the park's next wet season...and ensuring the wetland cells will be flooded in time for the Big Bosque Bird Bash! ✈

Friends of the Rio Bosque Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

- Life Member \$1,000
- Wetlands Society \$500-\$999
- Restoration Patron \$250-\$499
- Cottonwood Commando \$75-\$249
- Bosque Booster \$50
- Family \$20
- Individual \$15
- Student or Senior (62+) \$10
- Bosque Buddy (12 and under) \$6

Please make checks payable to *Friends of the Rio Bosque* and mail to: Friends of the Rio Bosque, CERM-UTEP, 500 W. University Ave., El Paso, TX 79968-0684.



Next Meetings

Thurs., Oct 25
Thurs., Nov 29
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
(note the time change)
206 Kelly Hall
UTEP
Info: 915-747-8663

¡GRACIAS!

Rio Bosque continues to enjoy great support from our partners and friends. Sincere thanks go to:

- The City of El Paso's Graffiti Abatement Program for making unsightly graffiti at the park disappear.
- The El Paso Zoo Conservation Committee and the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society for generous contributions to the Friends of the Rio Bosque and the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park Gift Fund, respectively.
- The City of El Paso's Parks and Recreation Department for the logistical support it is providing the Big Bosque Bird Bash and Chia-Ling Hsu for the striking [flyer](#) she prepared to promote the event. ✂

NEW FRIENDS T-SHIRT

The Friends of the Rio Bosque have produced a snazzy new t-shirt to help promote Rio Bosque Wetlands Park. The beige shirts, featuring the Friends' logo, are available in 5 adult sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL) and 2 youth sizes (M, L). The price is \$10. These shirts will be available at the Big Bosque Bird Bash and other community and Rio Bosque-related events. They can also be ordered from Friends of the Rio Bosque President Bill Hoover (915-487-7154, wd102062@yahoo.com). ✂



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RIO BOSQUE CALENDAR

Join us at Rio Bosque for a free walking tour or to help with habitat management or park maintenance. Coming up:

OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
20 (Sat.)	Workday	9 a.m.	10 (Sat.)	Bosque Bird Bash	10 a.m.	2 (Sun.)	Introductory	3 p.m.
21 (Sun.)	Birding Tour	4 p.m.	17 (Sat.)	Workday	9 a.m.	15 (Sat.)	Birding Tour	8 a.m.
27 (Sat.)	Introductory Tour	8 a.m.	18 (Sun.)	Introductory Tour	9 a.m.			
			24 (Sat.)	Birding Tour	3 p.m.			

Meeting place for all activities is a bridge crossing the Riverside Canal. From I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Dr., turn left onto Pan American and travel 1.5 miles to the bridge. Please be prompt.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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