

# RIO BOSQUE NEWS

A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

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## WET LANDS

Just a few years ago, Rio Bosque Wetlands Park consistently lacked water during the growing season. Now, we are in our 4<sup>th</sup> year with water from 2 electric-powered wells and 2 windmills, our 3<sup>rd</sup> year with water from a pipeline from the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant, and 1<sup>st</sup> year with deliveries of Rio Grande Project irrigation water. Thanks go to our partners, especially El Paso Water and El Paso County Water Improvement District #1, for making this transformation possible.

This year has been eventful. Wetland and riparian habitats continue to develop and prosper successfully.

Now, as we begin to flood larger areas for fall/winter, what surprises will the rest of 2017 bring?

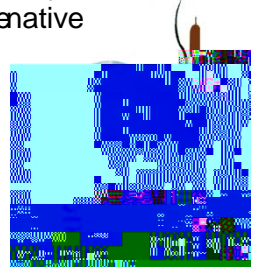
is of great benefit to Rio Bosque but it also brings new challenges. Our goal at the park is to establish a mosaic of wetland, riparian and other habitats approximating those found in the river valley prior to European settlement. We've been working towards this goal for 20 years with gratifying progress. Today, much of Rio Bosque offers visitors a glimpse of the historic river valley environment.



## SPACE INVADERS

The water now available during the growing season

But look close in many areas, and you'll see there is still much work to do. Exotic plants not native to our region are prominent. Many are invasive: they tend to spread rapidly and displace native



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