# THE DRY SEASON

2014 and 2015 were transformational years at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park. In 2014, the park's  $2^{\rm nd}$  electric-powered well



### **GRACIAS!**

Our partners keep doing great things for Rio Bosque! Sincere thanks go to:

**Insights El Paso** for providing, through its Student-Led Environmental Stewardship Initiative, two microscopes for use in educational programs at the park, a trail camera for monitoring wildlife activity, and a new printing of the brochures in the park's <u>educational brochure series</u>.

**UTEP's Building Maintenance Shop** for fabricating and installing the frame that now holds our new entrance sign at the park's Wetland Trailhead.

**El Paso Water** for helping us with yet another water emergency. On June 22, we discovered a breach in the dam at the park's inlet that keeps water from backflowing from the old river channel to the

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Riverside Drain. We quickly sought help from the Bustamante Plant, and, in less than an hour, a frontend loader and operator were onsite to deliver multiple loads of soil and repair the breach.

## EXPERIENCING THE BOSQUE

Since last fall, many workshops, tours, educational activities, performances and other public events have taken place at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park as part of a project called Experiencing the Bosque. Each activity has had a purpose. The reflections and insights of the participants are informing the creation of an ambitious performance installation that will take place at the park on Sat., November 5. Through music and dance, performers will explore the importance of water to our river valley and the importance of Rio Bosque as a model of environmental stewardship. Look for full details in the October newsletter.

### RIO BOSQUE CALENDAR

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

	JULY			AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
9 (Sat.)	Birding Tour	7 a.m.	14 (Sun.)	Introductory Tour	8 a.m.	10 (Sat.) Birding Tour	8 a.m.
16 (Sat.)	Workday	8 a.m.	20 (Sat.)	Workday	8 a.m.	17 (Sat.) Workday	8 a.m.
17 (Sun.)	Introductory Tour	8 a.m.	27 (Sat.)	Birding Tour	8 a.m.	18 (Sun.) Introductory Tour	8 a.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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