August Conservation Round-Up
Highlighting conservation efforts & events from across the Lone Star State

CONSERVATION EVENTS

Birder's Garden getting finishing touches

We are pleased to invite all to our latest addition at the Texas Botanical Gardens.

The Birder's Garden has been created to attract birds from our area. A water feature bubbles in the background while beautifully engineered signage introduces you to the visiting birds. With the design help of Drew Patterson, photographs taken by Terry Fischer and copy by Jimma Byrd we have added another layer to our native Gardens.

A small Opening Ceremony will take place in August as a thank you to our donors and design team. The Texas Botanical Gardens and Native American Interpretive Center are Texan by Nature Conservation Partners.

Date: 8/1/2019
Location: Texas Botanical Gardens

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Professional Development: Texas Aquatic Science

Professional Development: Workshops for Parents and Teachers--Texas Aquatic Science. Meet the Texas Aquatic Science Curriculum, from molecules to ecosystems. Grade Levels: Middle and High School. *CPE and TEEAC Credits Available* 6 Credits given for this workshop. John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 8/1/2019
Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, Seagoville, TX
Cost: $20
Battleground to Breaking Ground Agricultural Business Workshops

The BattleGround to Breaking Ground Agriculture Business Workshops are designed for military veterans, their spouses, small scale producers, and those interested in starting an agriculture business, farm or ranch. The workshops provide education regarding agriculture business ideas and start-up, business plan development, possibilities for farming/ranching with a disability, financial funding opportunities, and resources to support agricultural business operations. Texas AgriLife Extension Service is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 8/2/2019

Link: https://txagrability.tamu.edu/workshops/

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Family Fun Day: You "Bee" Dancing: Get your Pollinator Groove On


Date: 8/7/2019

Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, Seagoville, TX

Cost: $6.00 per child, Parents Free
Pre-registration Required

Link: www.wetlandcenter.com

For all media inquires:
Farm & Food Leadership Conference

Aug- 11-13, 2019 Farm & Food Leadership Conference!
FARFA and its sister organization, the Council for Healthy Food Systems, are partnering with the Small Producers Initiative, a program of the Agriculture Department at Texas State University.

Date: 8/11/2019-8/13/2019
Location: Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
Cost: Two-day: $140
      Students/Seniors*: $125
      One-day: $75
      Students/Seniors*: $65

* Seniors are 60 & over

Link: https://www.smallproducersinitiative.txstate.edu/conference-info.html

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Bat Talk & Walk

Did you know Texas is home to two of the largest bat colonies in the world? And they’re both a short drive from New Braunfels! Learn more about bats in our area and tricks to locate them in your neighborhood and then go on a search for bats at the Headwaters during this program led by Fran Hutchins with Bat Conservation International.
Headwaters at the Comal is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 8/13/2019
Location: 333 E. Klingemann St. New Braunfels, TX 78130 United States
Cost: Free - $10
Let's Ketchup on Tomatoes (Lewisville)

Have you always wanted to grow this delicious fruit?! The most sought-after garden treasure can be challenging to grow in the extreme climate and soils of North Texas. We'll go into depth, providing tips on how to get the most production out of your tomato plants covering everything from variety selection, proper planting, best irrigation practices to pest and disease control. No matter your gardening skills, this class will be sweet! Texas Agrilife Extension Service is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 8/15/2019

Location: Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater 100 N. Charles Lewisville, TX 75057

Cost: Free


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Trinity Park Conservancy presents monthly Trinity River Photography Walks

Join us for monthly photography walks to discover scenic photo opportunities along the Trinity River! Thursday, August 15th we will explore Mountain Creek
Preserve. Bring your camera and hiking shoes and explore the River with us!

This event is part of the 2019 Trinity River Photo Contest. At this event, you will meet the contest organizers and learn more about how to enter your photos for prizes in 2019.

The Trinity River is a relatively wild landscape that enriches our lives with access to nature and a beautiful space to unite and gather. The annual Trinity River Photo Contest is a celebration of both the river’s natural beauty in the heart of our city and talented local photographers who capture the river at its best. Trinity Park Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 8/15/2019

Location: Mountain Creek Preserve 825 W Irving Blvd, Irving, TX 75060

Cost: Free

Link: https://trinityparkconservancy.org/event-posts/trinity-river-photography-walk-6/

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Full Moon Paddle

Join us for a FULL MOON Urban PADDLE as we celebrate the STURGEON MOON on the Trinity River in Fort Worth. Beat the heat and enjoy city lights and the moon.

We will meet in Trinity Park at 7:30 and launch by the double drop and the Tilley Memorial Foot Bridge in Trinity Park on River Drive. We will paddle down past Panther Island, then turn upstream at the confluence of the Clear Fork and the West Fork. We will get to see the full moon over the city as well as the city lights from the river.

This is a beginner friendly trip.

Rentals include boat, lights, and guide. $40 per person. To reserve a boat you MUST Prepay: http://www.adventuresunlimitedpaddling.com/shop/full-moon-paddle

If you have your own boat and lights and PFD the event is free. (tip for the guide is nice) Lights available for $5 rental.
Bring water, snack, clothes and shoes that can get wet. There are a limited number of rental boats available (I can only carry so many) so prepayment is necessary to reserve a boat. I have 1 tandem (2 person) available, so please let me know if you want it. I have to have at least 2 rentals to hold this event, but it will be posted on Facebook as well. Trinity Nature Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.
You must leave a phone number when you RSVP so I can contact you if there are any changes. You may call Teresa with any questions or comments. 214 478-7856.

**Date:** 8/15/2019

**Location:** 100 Crescent Ct, Ste 1150, Dallas, Texas 75201

**Cost:** Free

**Link:** [https://www.facebook.com/events/519812018755452/](https://www.facebook.com/events/519812018755452/)

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**Hill Country Conservancy’s Birding and Nature Hike**

Hill Country Conservancy invites you to join us for our monthly Birding + Nature Hikes at Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve. Led by Mikael Behrens, Emerging Professionals in Conservation (EPIC) Member and Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Docent, these hikes are $5.00 per attendee and open to the public. All hikes are weather permitting. There are no restroom facilities on the preserve. Please leave any pets in the comfort of your home. Please note that unregistered parties will NOT be able to join the hike. You MUST register through this site to attend.

About Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve:
The 35-acre Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve is not only an environmental treasure, but an important habitat restoration project situated on the banks of the Colorado River. The preserve was donated to Hill Country Conservancy in December 2000 by the Nalle Family who wished for years to preserve the beloved “Bunny Run” for the public to enjoy. The conservation management of this preserved Lake Austin waterfront and proximity to Austin make the Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve a visual and environmental masterpiece.

Wildlife is vitally important to the health of an ecosystem and is central to the Preserve’s mission to enhance habitat. The Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve is managed primarily for the benefit of songbirds, small mammals, and for migratory, wintering and breeding waterfowl.

To ensure proper wildlife management of this vital piece of habitat, the Preserve is only open to the public through guided hikes such as these monthly birding and nature hikes. Hill Country Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

What to wear/bring
- Comfortable, closed-toed hiking or athletic shoes
- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Bottle of water
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars (if you have a pair)

**Date:** 8/17/2019
**Location:** Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve, 4615 Bunny Run, Austin, TX 78746

**Cost:** $5

**Link:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthly-birding-nature-hike-tickets-54728379055](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monthly-birding-nature-hike-tickets-54728379055)

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"Saving FROM a Rainy Day" Rain Barrel Class (Cedar Hill)

This program covers the basics and benefits of rainwater harvesting and the effects stormwater has on the environment. Participants will learn how to collect and utilize rainwater at home and have the opportunity to construct their very own 55 gallon rain barrel. Rain barrels are recycled food-grade containers and are roughly 24" wide by 36" tall. Texas AgriLife Extension Service is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Date:** 8/17/2019

**Location:** Cedar Hill Government Center  
285 Uptown Blvd.  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

**Cost:** $50

**Link:** [https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_Ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=11141](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_Ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=11141)

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**Family Fun Days: Where is the Wetland in the Water Cycle?**

Family Fun Days: Nature Studies for the Entire Family! Where is the Wetland in the Water Cycle? Is the wetland where you think it is? Come find out! Event details: Time- 10am-12pm, Cost- $6 per child, parents free. John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner. Pre registration Required

**Date:** 8/21/2019
How Gardens Tell the Story of Water Through the Lens of Place

Tenna Florian, Associate Architect at Lake Flato Architects, will highlight four gardens from diverse climates—Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh; Naples Garden in Naples, Florida; Santa Fe Botanical Garden in Santa Fe; and Shangri La Botanical Garden in Orange, Texas—to demonstrate how each garden integrated the celebration of water into their landscapes. Florian will discuss the designing process of these water systems, how they are integral to the garden experience, how the story of water can also be a story of place, and the lessons learned. Participants will gain a better understanding of the value of water features, new perspectives on engaging the public around the issue of water, and a new appreciation for the way the story of water is told in the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Sponsored by San Antonio Water System. San Antonio Botanical Garden is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 8/22/2019

Location: 555 Funston Place San Antonio, TX 78209

Cost: $10 ($9 member)

Link: [https://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/](https://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/)

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Texan Plants

There’s a growing trend to incorporate native plants in landscapes not only for their ability to save water, but also for the incredible beauty and the countless ecosystem services they provide! Learn how to grow our favorite native wildflowers, trees, shrubs as well as perennials with lush
vibrant colors and textures. Texas Agrilife Extension Service is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Date:** 8/24/2019

**Location:** Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland St Denton, TX 76201

**Cost:** Free

**Link:** [https://wateruniversity.tamu.edu/events/](https://wateruniversity.tamu.edu/events/)

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**The Best Trees for Your San Antonio Landscape**

Trees represent an enormous asset in any landscape so choosing trees that will work in your soil, light, and climate is very important. Join author Mary Irish as she discusses trees that are native to our region, their characteristics, and requirements for success. At the end of the class Mary will lead a walk in the Garden identifying the trees covered. Participants will also receive a free plant and a list of suggested trees. Sponsored by San Antonio Water System.  
San Antonio Botanical Garden is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Date:** 8/24/2019

**Location:** 555 Funston Place San Antonio, TX 78209

**Cost:** $15 ($13.50 member)

**Link:** [https://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/](https://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/)

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**Clean Streams: Cottonwood Creek Clean-Up**

Sponsored by North Texas River Runners and Grand Prairie.
The launch point is on the SW corner of the SE 14th Street Bridge. Parking is available at Hobbs Williams Elementary 1635 SE 14th Street.

Come join us with an event that will get you on the water while helping the environment. This event, jointly sponsored by North Texas River Runners and Grand Prairie Adopt-A-Stream Clean up is all water based. If you love to paddle it is a great chance to improve your skills. If you have a boat, bring it. If you need a boat, let us know as their may be rental boats or loaners available.

YOU MUST PREREGISTER WITH THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE FOR THIS EVENT. (see the link below)

Lunch will be provided to all registered volunteers.

The Trinity River and its tributaries run through Grand Prairie, providing habitat for our native wildlife and recreation through fishing and boating opportunities. Unfortunately, these streams can become polluted with litter. The majority of this litter is made up of plastic bottles, plastic bags, and Styrofoam. This litter is called ‘floatables’ because the majority of it floats on the surface of the water creating an eyesore for the community. You can do your part by not littering and by assisting with stream cleanups during the stream cleanup season which runs from mid-October through mid-March each year. Trinity Nature Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

PFD’s are required. Long pants, layers appropriate for weather, and close-toed shoes are recommended. Sunscreen and insect repellent are also recommended. Volunteers are asked to preregister.

For more information, please email: alindbergh@gptx.org or call: 972-237-4546.

https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/86fa1030-b644-41bd-9af5-0a6645f43c8e/Activity/61a598b5-5a96-4777-b723-38ef2bc295c0/1

There may be discounted rental boats available. If you need a boat, call Teresa at 214 478-7856.

Date: 8/24/2019

Location: 1635 SE 14th St, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Cost: Free

Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/458357438229066/

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Soil Regen Forum

The USDA-NRCS / TEXAS AGRILIFE 2-day soil regen forum provides a unique opportunity to learn first-hand from leading farmers, ranchers, and scientists with extensive experience in soil health and regenerative agriculture. Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Date: 8/28/2019
**Location:** Summers Mill Retreat & Conference Center, 7441 FM 1123, Belton, Texas 76513

**Cost:** $100 registration fee

**Link:** [https://www.agsoilregen.com/soil-regen-forum](https://www.agsoilregen.com/soil-regen-forum)

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### David Rogers' Big Bugs

They're big, really big. David Rogers' Big Bugs stand as tall as 25 feet and have wing spans up to 17 feet wide, and they are coming to the San Antonio Botanical Garden. This gigantic exhibit opens Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31 – Sept. 1) and will be on display through Dec. 8. David Rogers' Big Bugs is a nationally prominent touring exhibit. Visitors will see 10 larger-than-life insect sculptures, all made from natural materials, positioned throughout the 38 acres of the Botanical Garden. San Antonio Botanical Garden is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Date:** 8/31/2019

**Location:** 555 Funston Place San Antonio, TX 78209

**Cost:** Regular admission rates apply

**Link:** [https://www.sabot.org/david-rogers-big-bugs/](https://www.sabot.org/david-rogers-big-bugs/)

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### Trinity River Volunteer Day: August Cleanup & Seedball Workshop

Join us on Saturday, August 31st from 9:00 – 11:00 AM for a fun, family-friendly volunteer trash cleanup and seedball making day in Harold Simmons Park! Meet us at the Trinity Overlook Park at Commerce Street and Beckley Avenue.
The Great Seed Bomb will be leading the Seedball Workshop where you can get your hands dirty and make native grass and wildflower seedballs that will be dispersed in different areas along the Trinity River Corridor. Sowing seedballs helps to reinforce habitats vital to the migration of monarchs, the well-being of bees, and adds beauty to our green spaces. Trinity Park Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

Sign up for this event today on Eventbrite, call 214.740.1616 or email volunteer@trinityparkconservancy.org with any questions. Thank you for caring for our Trinity River!

Date: 8/31/2019
Location: Trinity Overlook Park 110 W. Commerce St., Dallas, TX 75205
Cost: Free
Link: https://trinityparkconservancy.org/event-posts/august-cleanup-seedball-workshop/

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Trinity on the Trinity : Day One

Looking for an amazing Labor Day Weekend adventure that’s still close to home? Join us for 3 days of discovery, paddling on the Trinity River paddle trail. We will paddle a different tributary of the Trinity each day. Each segment will be about 5 to 6 miles in length and will be beginner friendly. You can choose to do one, two, or all three days. The folks who manage to paddle all three days will be rewarded with a prize at the picnic on Labor Day after the last paddle trip. A limited number of rental boats are available, or you can bring your own! Trinity Nature Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

(We reserve the right to change the locations or cancel due to changes in weather or water levels)

DAY 1: Saturday August 31
West Fork/ Clear Fork

9:00AM -1:00 PM
White settlement Trailhead Park
4570 White Settlement Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76114

We will paddle the West Fork of the Trinity River from White Settlement Trailhead Launch to panther island, break for bagged lunch at panther Island, then continue on to the Clear Fork past the Tilley Memorial Footbridge to take out below the Double Drop Chute. Those who wish to play on the chute may do so. This trip is easy beginner level, about 5 ½ miles very slow water.
We will meet at the Trailhead at 9:00 AM to drop boats, then take all vehicles to the take out in Trinity Park. We will bring the drivers back to the put in and launch. A shuttle vehicle is provided but others willing to shuttle drivers are always welcome.

You must pre-register for this event and leave a phone number for changes. Rental boats are available for this event at $40 per person (includes boat, paddle, vest, and guide) from Adventures Unlimited Paddling Company. Follow this link to reserve a boat. Supplies are limited.
http://www.adventuresunlimitedpaddling.com/shop/trinity-river-tours

You must bring sack lunch, drinking water, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, shoes that can get wet (no flip-flops). Optional items: Bug wipes, camera, snacks to share.

This event is FREE if you have all your own equipment.

Most likely sightings: Nutria, Egret, Great Blue Heron, Turtles, Red Tail Hawk. The Fort Worth city skyline.

Questions? Call Teresa 214 478-7856

Date: 8/31/2019
Location: 4570 White Settlement Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76114-3810, United States
Cost: Free
Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/1399892643486529/

Violet Crown Trail Cleanup at Spyglass Trail Head

Join members of Emerging Professionals In Conservation (EPIC) as we clean up the Violet Crown Trail (VCT) in some of the spots where folks leave behind their trash. This volunteer opportunity is open to anyone, and is a great way to get involved on the VCT!

We will spend 1.5-2 hours cleaning up and enjoying a hike. Sunday September 8th from 10:00AM-12:00PM

***Please RSVP to ensure you receive important details and updates about this event***

Location: Spyglass Trailhead | 1600 Spyglass Dr, Austin, TX 78746

Weather: If this event needs to be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather, we will send an email 12 hours before the event.
About EPIC: EPIC, a program of Hill Country Conservancy, a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner, is an outdoors club dedicated to exploring and preserving the natural beauty of the Texas Hill Country. Membership dues go to support Hill Country Conservancy’s projects in and around Austin and the Hill Country, including the Violet Crown Trail.

**Date:** 9/8/2019

**Location:** Spyglass Trailhead, 1600 Spyglass Dr, Austin, TX 78746

**Cost:** Free

**Link:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epic-vct-cleanup-at-spyglass-tickets-66918155003](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epic-vct-cleanup-at-spyglass-tickets-66918155003)

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**The 13th Annual Hill Country Nights**

Hill Country Conservancy's 13th annual Hill Country Nights fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the iconic Austin City Limits Live at The Moody Theater. Hill Country Nights is more than just your standard gala event—it's the Hill Country’s party of the year! Enjoy an evening of exciting live and silent auctions, a delicious dinner from The Salt Lick and a best-in-class concert by The Texas Gentlemen—all in support of Hill Country Conservancy's mission to preserve vital natural resources through conservation, community collaboration and engagement to sustain our region now and forever! Hill Country Conservancy is a Texan by Nature Conservation Partner.

**Ticket Prices:**

- $125 for Individual Mezzanine seats to the concert–includes 2 complimentary drinks
- $500 for Date Night Table to the concert–includes a private table to for 2 on the Mezzanine level, plus pre-concert bites and cocktails
- $3,500 for a Buttercup Mezzanine Seat block to the concert–includes Mezzanine-level seating for 12 guests, and pre-concert cocktails and bites
- $5,000 for a Prickly Pear Private Mezzanine Suite to the concert–includes a private Mezzanine-level suite for 12 guests, a dedicated usher for the suite and pre-concert cocktails and bites

**Date:** 9/13/2019

**Location:** Austin City Limits Live at The Moody Theatre, 310 W Willie Nelson Blvd #1B, Austin, TX 78701

**Link:** [https://one.bidpal.net/hcn13/welcome](https://one.bidpal.net/hcn13/welcome)

**For all media inquiries:**
New Texas Land Trends report shows changes in Texas borderlands over time

Changes in population density, rapid urbanization and rising land values have altered much of the historically rural landscape of the Texas borderlands, according to a recent Texas Land Trends report.

The report, “Trends in Land Ownership Along Texas Borderlands,” was produced by the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, or NRI, in collaboration with the Borderlands Research Institute, or BRI, at Sul Ross State University.

It evaluates changes in population density and examines how land ownership patterns and use have changed over the last few centuries within Texas borderland counties due to these drivers of change. It also identifies regions where more rapid transformations have occurred and where similar changes may be expected to occur in the future.


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Texas Wildlife Radio Show features new Private Land Stewardship lessons

Thanks to friends at Texas Farm Bureau and to Gary Joiner for producing the latest announcement of our Texas A&M NRI's new Private Land Stewardship Lessons.

You can listen to each segment on the Texas Wildlife Radio Show as we preview the new PLS lessons available now allowing users to learn critical stewardship information in interactive ways!


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First endangered mussels successfully raised in captivity by NRI researchers

The NRI freshwater mussel research team at the AgriLife Dallas Center were successful in the first captive raising of an endangered mussel in the state. A sneak peek at what's going on under the mussel team's microscope this week: the first Popenaias popeii, or Texas Hornshell, raised in a lab.

These little ones measure around 200 micrometers in the photos, and if you look closely, you can see a foot extended outside the shell. This is a difficult feat (mussels are finicky). More to come!


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More voices urge Turn Around Don't Drown

In 2018, 91 children drowned in Texas – children ranging in age from 7 months to 17 years. The El Paso Fire Department, El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, National Weather Service and Drowning Prevention Coalition of El Paso joined EPWater to spread the urgent message that intense rains can quickly turn treacherous.

[Link](https://epwater.org/about_us/newsroom/news_from_the_pipeline/more_voices_urge_turn_around_don_t_drown)

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El Paso seniors benefit from AguaCares

The new program administered by Amistad helps El Paso Water customers who are low-income seniors with emergency financial assistance and conservation support. So far, more than 100 El Paso Water customers have been helped and hundreds of water-efficient showerheads have been distributed.

[Link](https://epwater.org/about_us/newsroom/news_from_the_pipeline/el_paso_seniors_benefit_from_agua_cares)

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Wildlife abounds at EPWater TecH2O Center habitat

An array of flora and fauna welcome up to 5,000 visitors annually to El Paso Water’s TecH2O Learning Center’s wildlife habitat, where desert cottontail, bobcats and rattlesnakes roam freely. Oh, my!

Link: https://epwater.org/about_us/newsroom/news_from_the_pipeline/wildlife_abounds_at_tech2o_center_habitat

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