

A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park
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FRIENDS OF THE RIO BOSQUE

TOURS

Twice each month, UTEP offers free walking tours at the Park. Coming up:

9 a.m.-noon	Sat., April 5	Birds
4-6 p.m.	Sun., April 13	Introductory
4-6 p.m.	Sun., April 27	Introductory [special El Paso Heritage Week Festival tour]
4-6:30 p.m.	Sat., May 10	Birds
9-11 a.m.	Sun., May 18	Introductory
8-11 a.m.	Sun., June 8	Birds
9-11 a.m.	Sat., June 14	

water-short year, it is worth keeping in mind that, historically, periodic drying was a factor shaping natural wetland and riparian habitats in the El Paso region. This dry year, stressful as it may be, will also be part of the restoration process at the Park.

The absence of water does not mean our restoration activities have ground to a halt. We are trucking water to the site to maintain recent plantings. Removal of saltcedar continues. We're taking advantage of the dry conditions to perform maintenance on the water-delivery system. The processes that are gradually re-shaping Rio Bosque's ecosystems continue.

GRACIAS

We laugh in the face of adversity at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, and we did a lot of laughing on

February 8. For our annual Day at the Bosque event, we chose the coldest, least hospitable day in El Paso this past winter. Still, thanks to the organizational efforts of the Friends of the Rio Bosque; support from the City of El Paso, Socorro Independent School District, El Paso Zoo, El Paso Electric Co. and Epsom El Paso; the active participation of many of our partners; and the expertise of our