

A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park
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BOSQUE IN BLOOM

Please join us at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park on **Sunday, April 23** for **Bosque in Bloom**, a celebration of the fantastic display of wildflowers we enjoy at the Park each spring. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Rio Bosque, takes place from **1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** We'll set up at a spot where the wildflower display is at its best. Enjoy free hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill while they last. There will be bird, butterfly, wildflower and wildlife-tracking tours for the whole family. The bitterweed (*Hymenoxys odorata*)

BOSQUE BANTER

In April, **KDBC-TV** will run a 30-second “4 Your Community” spot on Rio Bosque Wetlands Park throughout the month. Be sure to look for it. We thank KDBC for this excellent publicity.

On the wildlife front, the male **Eurasian Wigeon** that arrived at the Park in November stayed through February 16.

Rio Bosque has long been a Mourning Dove stronghold. **White-winged Doves**, despite big increases in the El Paso area over the past 2 decades, have remained uncommon at the Park, and we have no records of them nesting. Until this year. In March, an active nest was in saltcedar just off the Bosque Trail.

Speaking of **saltcedar**, more areas of the Park are now saltcedar free thanks to