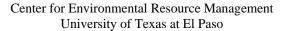


RIO BOSQUE NEWS

A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park





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SUMMER WATER

For the first time in 7 years, we have some water – at least intermittently – at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park during the growing season. Since late April, we've been testing the park's new water-supply well, operating it for up to a week at a time. We're learning its capabilities and trying to maximize the distance water from the well can travel in the park's main channel.

That channel follows an old bend of the Rio Grande that was cut off when the river was straightened in



park since January 12.

White-tailed Kites are a recent addition to the El Paso-area avifauna, first documented locally in October 2000. The first record from the Rio Bosque area came in June 2001. Most subsequent local records have been from Rio Bosque.

The kites built their first nest at the park in an isolated tornillo. Unfortunately, that nest was not