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A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

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It's a Rio Bosque tradition. On March 24, environmental science students from Chapin High School were back for the 6th consecutive year to plant native shrubs and grasses grown from seed in their classroom. Included were many seedlings of two native river-valley shrubs – wolfberry and seep-willow – started from seeds collected at the park last



WATER NEWS

After going dry in mid-January, Rio Bosque received water for 2 days in early February and 10 days in late February-early March. Thanks go to El Paso No. 1 and El Paso Water Utilities for making this water available. The water from the second delivery period completely flooded the park's wetland cells and triggered a brief upsurge in waterbird numbers. Since mid-March Rio Bosque has been dry, except for a 0.5-mile segment of the old river bend within the park we've kept wet with water from our well. The annual ritual of hauling water throughout spring and summer to thirsty trees and other recent plantings has resumed. ✂

BOSQUE BANTER

Birds of prey continue to be prominent at Rio Bosque. Once again this year, two pairs of **White-tailed Kites** are nesting. Two groups of **Harris's Hawks** also have active nests. And on March 26, we were surprised to see a **Zone-tailed Hawk** soaring overhead, only the second seen at the park and the first since 2001.

Be sure to visit [Rio Bosque's redesigned website](#). Thanks go to UTEP students Arlette Bujanda and Lorena Mondragon for their excellent work, done as part of a larger makeover of the site for UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management.

On May 18, a new exhibit will open at UTEP's [Centennial Museum](#): "A River Interrupted: Making the Case for Changing How We Manage the Rio Grande." The exhibit, including a section on Rio Bosque, will run through Dec 23. Check it out! ✂

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