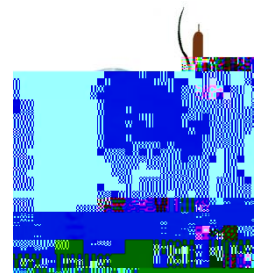


## **BOSQUE IN BLOOM**

Please join us at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park on **Sunday, April 17** for [Bosque in Bloom!](#) It's a celebration of both our annual spring wildflower display and the "blooming" of the park made possible by the water El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) can now deliver to Rio Bosque in spring and summer via the new pipeline from the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant. The event sponsored by the Friends of the Rio Bosque with support from EPWU and UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management takes place from **1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Park at [Pan American Dr. and Winn Rd.](#) then take a free shuttle to the park.

Join us for a free event with fun activities for the whole family. Learn about our river valley environment through tours, presentations, exhibits and interactive fun for kids.



## ¡GRACIAS!

We continue to enjoy superb help at the park. We greatly appreciate and thank

The members of **Girl Scout Troop 50251**, who planted coyote willow poles along the old river channel on Jan 23.

The **Destination Imagination Team** from Mission Early College HS, who cleared a sizeable accumulation of old broken glass on Feb 13.

**Epson El Paso**, who printed much-needed new interpretive posters for the display panels at the park's visitor center, a major upgrade over the previous sun-bleached, weather-damaged material.

The **Friends of the Rio Bosque**, whose generous support made possible the printing of updated

editions of the self-guided tour brochure for the three loop trails at the park. ✂

## WILD NOTES

Last year, after fledging their second set of young in August, Rio Bosque's nesting pair of **Whitetailed Kites** remained at the park through mid-September. After Sep 14, just one bird was being seen. On Oct 6, a massive hail storm hit the area, flattening vegetation, stripping leaves off trees and destroying the kites' second nest. The lone remaining bird was seen once more, on Oct 18, then it was gone. This year, we've seen a lone bird on 5 and on three dates in early March, each time near last year's two nest trees. Will the pair be back in 2016? Stay tuned. ✂

### RIO BOSQUE CALENDAR

Join us at Rio Bosque for a free walking tour or to help with habitat management, park maintenance or faunal monitoring. Coming up:

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

9 (Sat.)