

## WE'RE ALL WET

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park is now in the middle of its wet season. Water deliveries began Oct. 29 and, except for a week in early December, have continued steadily since. As always, we thank El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 and El Paso Water Utilities for cooperating to make this water available.

If you want to see the Park at its winter best, now is the time to visit. Last year, water deliveries ended Feb. 14. In 2005, they ended Feb. 28. ✕

## WE'RE ALSO FOR THE BIRDS

Waterfowl numbers at Rio Bosque have fluctuated this fall and winter. Low through most of November, they jumped to 2,000+ birds after a late-November cold snap, then plummeted when the Park went dry briefly in early December. By late December, they had rebounded to 2,000-2,500 birds. As **Cave Swallows** have overwintered in record numbers this year, with over 200 birds observed in late December.



## BOSQUE BANTER

A stand of tornillo on the west side of Rio Bosque



Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bosque Buddy (12 and under)	\$4
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$8
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (62+)	\$8
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bosque Booster	\$50
E-mail:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Commando	\$75-\$249
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration Patron	\$250-\$499
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands Society	\$500+

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