

# Naturalist Series

## Spring Edition



### Bachechi Open Space 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Awaken your senses to the natural world around you by observing the plants and animals in the bosque.

**March 14 (5-6:30 p.m.)**

#### **Mammals of the Middle Rio Grande Valley**

*Presenter - Dr. Jon Dunnun, Collection Manager, Division of Mammals, MSB*

Explore the diversity and natural history of the mammals living in our backyard where the middle Rio Grande valley contains an interesting assemblage of ecosystems, each containing a unique community of mammals.

**March 21 (1-2:30 p.m.)**

#### **Freshwater algae of the Middle Rio Grande and other wet places in New Mexico**

*Presenter - Dr. Becky Bixby, UNM Biology and Museum of Southwestern Biology*

Learn about the amazing diversity of algae and how they are adapted to living in interesting, (often) extreme environments including our own New Mexican rivers and springs.

**April 18 (6-7:30 p.m.)**

#### **Amphibians and Reptiles of the Middle Rio Grande Bosque**

*Presenter - Dr. Tom Giermakowski, Collection Manager, Division of Amphibians and Reptiles*

Find out about salamanders, frogs, toads, spadefoots and turtles, lizards and snakes... There are many species of both amphibians and reptiles living in the Rio Grande valley and we'll focus on where and when to find, record and photograph these unique animals. Bring a flashlight!

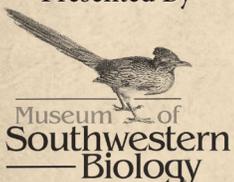
**May 9 (5-7 p.m.)**

#### **Birds of the Rio Grande Bosque**

*Presenter Andrew Johnson, Collection Manager, Division of Birds for the Museum of Southwestern Biology*

Learn about the natural history of birds of the Middle Rio Grande Bosque.

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