



# Naturalist Series

## Fall Edition



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

AWAKEN YOUR SENSES TO THE NATURAL WORLD AROUND YOU  
BY OBSERVING THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS OF THE BOSQUE.

**August 15 (5-6:30 p.m.)**

#### The Middle Rio Grande and its Fishes - 100 years ago

*Presenter by Steven P. Platania, Associate*

*Curator, Division of Fishes*

Imagine a time when shovelnose sturgeons and American eels swam in the Rio Grande - discover the natural history of the fishes of the Southwestern U.S. and impact to fish over the past 100 years.



takes flight in the night sky? Like clock-work, bats take flight at night; learn about the diversity of bats around the world and locally, as well as their unique ability to fly, feed, drink, and “see” at night.

**October 30 (6-7:30 p.m.)**

#### Eight eyes, eight legs, and sometimes a bad attitude: arachnids in the southwestern US.

*Presented by Dr. Sandy Brantley, Collection Manager, Division of Arthropods*

There’s more to our arachnid diversity than tarantulas and scorpions. Find out about vinegaroons, solifuges, harvestmen and the tiny pseudoscorpions. Our region has over 1000 species of spiders too. What better ways to get into the Halloween spirit?

**September 12 (10-11:30 a.m.)**

#### The Bosque Buzz: Pollinators and Plants; living relationships that color the landscape

*Presented by Phil Tonne and Karen Wright, Herbarium*

Come out for a walk as we take a close look at the flowers of the Rio Grande Bosque and their insect pollinators. Also, learn how Bernalillo County and Master Naturalist volunteers are creating habitat for pollinators at Bachechi Open Space.

**November 21 (5-6:30 p.m.)**

#### Revealing the lives of the parasites among us in the Rio Grande Bosque

*Presented by Mariel Campbell and Dr. Sara Brant, Division of Parasitology*

Hidden in the beautiful bosque ecosystem is a world of unseen diversity of animals: parasites. Parasites most often elicit a response of opposition, fear, or disgust. Learn about the complementary and connectedness of parasites within our bosque resulting in a diverse and dynamic ecosystem.

**October 24 (6-7:30 p.m.)**

#### Bats: Flying with Hands and Seeing with Echo

*Presented by Dr. Ernie Valdez, USGS*

When the sun goes down, do you wonder what

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