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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance



## What does El Niño hold for the coming year?

Bob Rose, LCRA Meteorologist, provides his take on how El Niño will influence the weather through the winter and into spring. Check out [his latest video](#).

Mr. Rose also provides an [informative weather blog](#). Check out what is expected this weekend and why clear skies are important for Sunday. See page 2.



## Reminder - Park Closure

Just a reminder: South Llano River State Park is closed this weekend so that they may offer public hunts to manage game populations. Additional closures (below) will occur through the winter.

Controlling wildlife populations help maintain healthy riparian areas along the South Llano.

\*From 10 p.m. Dec. 11 until 2 p.m. Dec. 14, 2015

\*From 10 p.m. Dec. 20 until 2 p.m. Dec. 23, 2015

\*From 10 p.m. Dec. 27 until 2 p.m. Dec. 30, 2015

\*From 10 p.m. Jan. 11 until 2 p.m. Jan. 14, 2016

\*From 10 p.m. Jan. 25 until noon Jan. 28, 2016

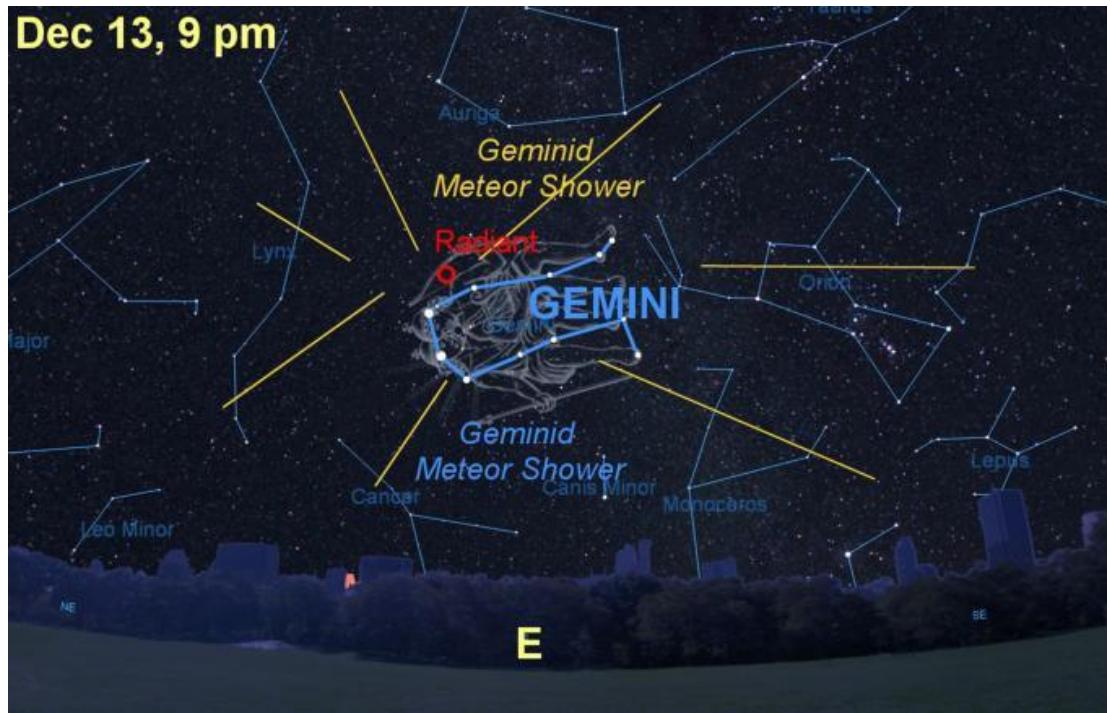
\*From 10 p.m. Feb. 7 until noon Feb. 9, 2016

\*From 10 p.m. Feb. 21 until noon Feb. 23, 2016

The closure is for wildlife management activities.

## Sunday night stargazing

Considered one of the best astronomical events of the year, the Geminids return every December 13 and 14, with dozens of shooting stars per hour lighting up the night sky. And this year's performance promises to be particularly good since the moon will be out of the sky during peak times, creating ideal conditions to view even the faintest of shooting stars.



This year, the peak of the shower—when the hourly rates will skyrocket to as much as 120 meteors per hour—is predicted to occur on Dec. 14, around 2:00 am GMT, just as Earth plunges into the densest part of the debris cloud.



## Texas River Cookies

Megan Bean with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Mountain Home shared this great educational holiday idea: Texas River Cookies.

## Landowner Websites from the Newsletter 2015

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Several readers have asked where to find some of the landowner websites mentioned in this year's newsletters. Here is a compilation of a few of them...



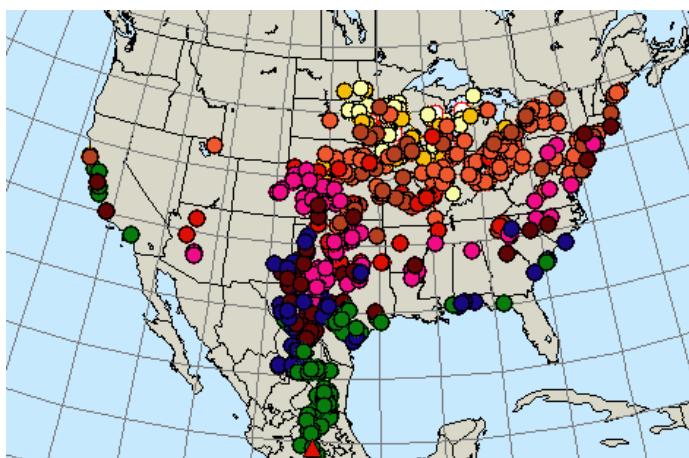
*New website helps you learn about your Watershed*

We all likely know what watershed we live in. But do you know which *subwatershed* you live in? The new [Texas Watershed Viewer](#) from Texas Parks and Wildlife can help you learn.

## Map My Property Website

From the Texas A&M Forest Service, comes the [\*“Map My Property”\*](#) website.

Enter your address and zoom into your property to see the vegetation and soils types. You can draw an outline of your property, clip it out, and then add labels, features, and any points of interest you wish. Once you have finished making your map, you can create a PDF and print out your own map of your place.



## Monarch Migration

Track the [Monarch migration](#) north and south by season with this tracker website.

The website also tracks [Hummingbirds](#) and [other migratory species](#).