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KERN AUDUBON'S YEAR-END GATHERING
TUESDAY JUNE 5, 2012 • 6:30PM
JASTRO PARK

(Truxtun & Myrtle, 3 blocks east of Oak St.)

TRI TIP & CHICKEN PICNIC

with all the extras

Catered by Too Fat Sandwich Co.
\$10/adults & \$5/children

Musical Entertainment with Rod Lee, Keyboardist

Plus...

**F.A.C.T. Coordinator Marlene Hensley-Benton
and Rescued Baby Birds**

**“Facts about F.A.C.T. (CSUB’s Facility for Animal Care &
Treatment) and It’s Mission”**

Join Kern Audubon for this end-of-the-year gathering as we elect officers for 2012-13, enjoy a talented musician, learn about FACT’s bird rehabilitation program & see some of its birds, enjoy delightful food and fellowship! Come & bring a friend!

Pictured at right is Marlene Hensley-Benton and her assistant, Erica, as they clean oil from a rescued barn owl. Marlene has been FACT’s Program Coordinator since 1999 when she was hired following the retirement her mentor and our own Dr. Ted Murphy, the Founding Director of FACT and CSUB’s Environmental Study Area. She has enjoyed rehabilitating a variety of species from crows to eagles and the occasional San Joaquin Kit Fox in her 12 years with FACT. Marlene received her BS in biology from CSUB In 1995.



KERN COUNTY'S BIG BIRDING WEEKEND

72 hours of birding May 4-6th resulted in 240 species being counted in Kern County for the "Birdiest Inland County" competition. We won't know whether Kern County will repeat as the "birdiest" county until later this summer, but over 80 individuals participated in the count weekend. Special thanks goes to Bob Barnes, Kern County Count Coordinator, and to these members of Kern Audubon Society for participating in the weekend's fun: *Gordon Black, David Blue, Lance & Shelley Borgstrom, Barbara & Roger Coley, David Davis, Madi Elsea, Debby Kroeger, Kelli Heindel Levinson, Lynn McDonald, Jean Moore, David Schaad & family, Sonja Swenson, Don & Yvonne Turkal, Deb See & Bill Moffat, John Wilson, Marcia Wolfe*



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CALIFORNIA CONDOR OUTREACH & VIEWING BOOTH

What: The Friends of the California Condors Wild and Free is bringing back its summer outreach booth on Cerro Noroeste Road where it runs through Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge! This is an opportunity for guests and volunteers to learn about California Condors and possibly see some out in the wild! ***Please consider volunteering one Saturday.***

When: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, June through September, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: At the upper Bitter Creek NWR sign on Cerro Noroeste Road between Maricopa and Pine Mountain Club.

Directions: Take US-5 SOUTH to exit 225/ CA-166 toward Taft/Maricopa. Follow CA-166 west for about 33 miles then left on Cerro Noroeste Road. This will be past Maricopa. The booth is on Cerro Noreste Rd. about 9 miles at the second Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge sign.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Helen Johnson at: hj_swampgirl@hotmail.com.



HUMMINGBIRD FEEDERS

Hummingbird solution must be changed every 2-3 days in the summer as it sours very quickly in the heat. Please refresh your solution and thoroughly clean your feeders with a light mix of vinegar & water each time. Spoiled sugar water is bad for the birds! Remember to use a sugar solution of 4 parts water to one part sugar (e.g. 1 cup boiled water/1/4 cup white sugar. Red coloring is unnecessary. Extra solution can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 10 days.

Kern Audubon Society, founded in 1974, is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Its mission is to provide educational programs and services that build awareness of the importance of birds and other wildlife and to promote conservation and restoration of natural habitats, primarily in Kern County.



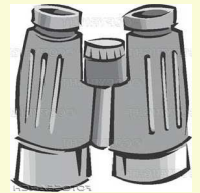
JUNE WORK PARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA

On **Saturday, June 2, 8-10 AM**, Kern Audubon will be having its last workday at Panorama Vista Preserve before our 'summer vacation'. Many thanks to those who came out in May: Andy Hoenig, Clyde Golden, Bill & Lynn McDonald, and Madi Elsea (escorted by Lucy, her four-legged friend and work partner). Andy's mission this time is to weed and eradicate new tumbleweed plants, which are highly invasive). Please come to make the Preserve 'healthy' for the summer. What to bring? hoe/shovel, sun hat, gloves, and water. Meet at the east end of Roberts Lane. For more information, contact Harry Love (love3@bak.rr.com or 805-1420.

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

Sat. June 9th - Paradise Valley Rd., Tehachapi

This is a great Tehachapi hike that begins at the Norbertine Monastery and continues to the top of Paradise Valley Road. We should see many resident birds, such as Golden Eagles (rare), Western Wood-Pee-wee, Western Tanager, and MacGillivray's Warbler. Also possibly Band-tailed Pigeon, Brown Creeper, and Mountain Quail. Bring water, snacks, binoculars. Bakersfield birders meet at **6:45am** at Stockdale Park n Ride (between Real Rd & Hiway 99); Tehachapi birders gather at Burger King parking area near Kmart, **7:30am**. For information, call Angela 304-6816.



Sat. July 14th - Kern River Preserve This is our annual summer field trip to see the summer migrants: Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Summer Tanager, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Vermillion Flycatcher and many more. We will leave from the Albertson's parking lot (Mt. Vernon & Hiway 178) at **6:30am**, so arrive at 6:20am. Bring water, snacks, hat, sunscreen, etc. Noted birder Bob Barnes will provide birding leadership and we will stop for lunch at Nelda's Diner on the way home. Cost is \$10/person. Call Madi for info: 322-7470.

Sat. August 25th - Sycamore Canyon Trail in Bear Valley Springs

We did this trip in May but we'll appreciate the cool, wooded, streamside trail in the hot August weather. We'll be looking for Tehachapi's resident birds. We will meet at the Whiting Center parking lot in Bear Valley at 8:00 am. You will need a Bear Valley gate pass so be sure to RSVP to Angela (304-6816 or angelaguy@att.net). Bakersfield folks should meet at the Stockdale Park n Ride at 6:45 to carpool; \$10 for transportation.

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT KERN AUDUBON YEAR!!!

June is the end of Audubon's program year and it's been another wonderful year made possible by the energy and enthusiasm of a great Executive Board and many folks who have volunteered in a variety of ways. Below is a list of persons who have helped make Kern Audubon such a great organization and presence in Kern County. Thank you to each of you and with apologies for names we may have forgotten! Madi Elsea, President

Hospitality & Raffle: Dick & Donna Adams, Sasha Honig, Lucy Clark, Barbara Coley, Monica Price, Lynn McDonald, John & Cece Eigenauer, Louise Clay, Roger Coley, Bill McDonald, Patty Richardson, Gary McKibbin, Ginger & John Moorhouse, Maria Polite, Mark Van Voorhis, Al Caetano

Newsletter mailings: Linda Greene

Meeting arrangements with Kern Supt of Schools - Lynn McDonald

Field trip leaders: Michael McQuerry, Roger Coley, Kelli Levinson, Bill Moffat, Scott Frazier, Madi Elsea, Angela Guy

Speakers Bureau: Dr. Ted Murphy

Annual Auction Coordinators: Donna & Dick Adams

CALM Birthday Bash KAS display: Harry & Kathy Love, Lynn McDonald, Roger & Barb Coley, David Schaad, Irene Heath

Panorama Vista Preserve Workparties: Al Caetano, Andy Honig, Bill Cooper, Bill and Lynn McDonald, Carol Gates, Dana Adams, David Schaad, Jan Graves and the Foothill High School INTERACT Club, Jerry Kay, Joe Bugni, Lucy Clark, Clyde Golden, Lynn James, Madi Elsea, Rod Lee, Rich O'Neil, Scott Frazer, Harry Love

Websites: Rod Lee (www.kernaudubonsociety.org); Richard Sparks (www.kastehachapibird.org)

Kern Audubon Executive Board: Bill McDonald, Deb See, Ginny Dallas, Al Caetano, Harry Love, Kathy Love, Tim Lynch, Rod Lee, Angela Guy, Carol Gates, Ted Murphy, Madi Elsea

Editor's note: This is the last issue of the *Warbler* until September. Please check the websites for updates:
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Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Sat. June 2, 8am - Panorama Vista Workparty
- Tues. June 5, 6:30pm - Picnic @ Jastro Park
- Sat. June 9 - Paradise Valley field trip
- Sat. July 14, 6:30am - Kern River Preserve
- Sat. August 25 - Sycamore Canyon field trip

Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C2ZC300Z)

If you would like to be part of a grass-roots conservation organization with a distinguished history, join the National Audubon Society and Kern Audubon! Please complete the form below and send with your check !

Membership includes *Audubon Magazine* (6 Issues) and the *Audubon's Warbler* (10 issues)

____ New Member \$20

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Kern Audubon
PO Box 3581
Bakersfield CA 93385

Name(s) _____ Amount enclosed _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Please indicate if you would like to receive your *Audubon's Warbler* electronically: ____yes ____no