



# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

Vol. 41 no. 5 - MAY 2012

Newsletter of Kern Audubon Society  
A chapter of National Audubon Society

[www.kernaudubonsociety.org](http://www.kernaudubonsociety.org)

[www.kastehachapibird.org](http://www.kastehachapibird.org)

Kern Audubon Society  
**Tues. MAY 1, 2012 - 7:00pm**  
Kern Supt of Schools  
17th & L Sts. Bakersfield

**"Wind Wolves Preserve...Link in the Chain  
of Wilderness Conservation"**

Dave Schindler, Naturalist &  
Wildlife Photographer



David Schindler is a naturalist at Wind Wolves Preserve and will discuss the history, wildlife, and conservation efforts underway at the preserve, located about 45 minutes south of Bakersfield. The preserve is home to several endangered species, including California Condors (photo above by Dave), Blunt Nosed Leopard Lizard, San Joaquin Kit Fox, Buena Vista Lake Shrew, and Bakersfield Cactus. He is also an avid wildlife and landscape photographer and has spent the past 30 years photographing the beauty of nature throughout California as well as Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the Southwest. He is a contributing photographer to *Outdoor California Magazine* and his photographs have been used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and BLM. Dave is a member of Kern Audubon and lives in Pine Mountain.

## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

### **SAT. APRIL 28 - BUTTERBREDT SPRINGS & SAGELAND RANCH**

For details about this field trip, go to [www.kernaudubonsociety.org](http://www.kernaudubonsociety.org). Bakersfield participants will meet at 6:00am at the Stockdale Park n Ride (between Real Rd. & Hiway 99) and Tehachapi folks will meet at 7am at the Burger King parking lot on Tehachapi Blvd. Angela Guy & Richard Sparks are the co-leaders. Contact Angela for information: 871-7702.

### **WED. MAY 9, 7:30AM - LOKERN NATURE PRESERVE**

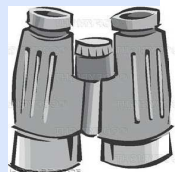
Bill Moffat will lead a field trip to this preserve in western Kern County in the northern part of the Taft Hills IBA (Important Bird Area), which draws attention to the last large population of San Joaquin Le Conte's Thrasher. The Lokern Preserve, operated by the non-profit Center for Natural Lands Management, serves as a land bank for mitigation of impacts to endangered species habitat in the region. Meet at Kern River Bike Path parking area on Stockdale Hiway across from CSUB at 7:30am. Bring snacks, water, binoculars. Some hiking but not strenuous and we will return by 12noon. Info: call Deb See (805-0232) or Bill Moffat (201-9279).

### **SAT. May 12, 8am - SYCAMORE CANYON TRAIL (Sponsored by Kern Audubon-Tehachapi)**

Meet at the Tehachapi Blvd. Burger King parking lot to carpool for a morning of birding in the Tehachapi mountains. along a wooded, stream-side trail in Bear Valley Springs. Remember to dress in layers and bring water, snacks & binocs. Bear Valley residents can meet us at the Whiting Center at 8:30. Contact Angela Guy 304-6816 for info.

### **SAT. MAY 19, 7:00AM - KERN RIVER PRESERVE MIGRANT CORNER**

In the spring, this "corner" of the Kern River Preserve is awash with migrating songbirds as well as year-round residents. This should be a beautiful morning for birding! We will meet at the Mt. Vernon Albertson's parking lot near the donut shop at 7am to carpool. Bring water, snacks, binocs, \$10 for gas and a lunch or eat out at one of the local restaurants, returning after lunch.. Call Madi (322-7470) for information.



For additions & changes to the field trip schedule, go to our websites for information:  
[www.kernaudubonsociety.org](http://www.kernaudubonsociety.org)      [www.KAStehachapibird.org](http://www.KAStehachapibird.org)

## **KAS NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with KAS By-Laws, a nominating committee has been established to develop a slate of executive officers (president/co-chairs, vice-president, secretary, treasurer) for 2012 - 2013. Committee members are Dr. Ted Murphy, Chair (325-0307); Ginny Dallas (831-8188) and Lynn McDonald (665-2111).

If you are interested in being nominated for one of these positions or to serve on one of the committees that are so important in carrying out Audubon's mission (field trips, conservation, programs, education), please contact one of the committee members for information. A vital Audubon chapter needs an active & involved membership...YOU!!

## **KERN COUNTY BIG BIRDING WEEKEND**

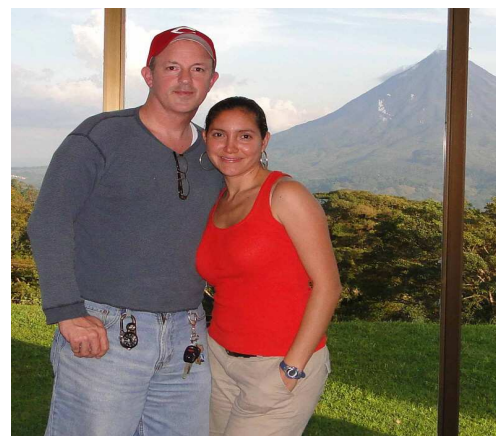
**MAY 4 - 6, 2012**

For the past 8 years, Kern County has won the distinction of being America's "Birdiest Inland County" with a total of 245 species counted during last year's weekend count and 242 in 2010. The 2012 Kern County effort will be the first weekend in May over 72 consecutive hours, beginning Friday morning. All bird species observed during any of the 72 consecutive hours may be contributed to the overall list, as long as the sightings are made in Kern County. The list of areas needing coverage can be found in the April *Audubon's Warbler* or on the website: [kernaudubonsociety.org](http://kernaudubonsociety.org) and click on newsletters. Or you may email Bob Barnes at [Bbarnes@lightspeed.net](mailto:Bbarnes@lightspeed.net) for a list and to report your sightings! Kern Auduboners are welcome to participate!



## **BIRDING PANAMA**

John Eigenauer (pictured with Cece at right) is a Kern Audubon member and experienced birder who has birded extensively in Panama. John is planning a birding excursion to Panama next December and invites interested Kern Auduboners to join him & Cece on this post-Christmas trip. The dates are December 28 - January 7 and would focus on areas in and around the city of Panama in the central part of the country. Cost is approximately \$3000 for two people sharing a room plus airfare. If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please contact John: [jeigenauer@yahoo.com](mailto:jeigenauer@yahoo.com). Include your phone # in your email so he can contact you. John would like to get an idea of persons who may be interested so that he can continue to make plans!



## **KERN AUDUBON EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**2011 -2012**

Madi Elsea, President  
*madielsea@aol.com; 322-7470*  
Al Caetano, Vice-President  
*alvic@bak.rr.com; 833-6705*  
Debra See, Executive Secretary  
*seemoffats@aol.com; 805-0232*  
Bill McDonald, Treasurer  
*WJLJMCD@aol.com; 665-2111*  
Harry Love, Conservation  
*love3@bak.rr.com; 589-6245*  
Ginny Dallas, Programs  
*vdallas@bak.rr.com; 587-6323*  
Lisa Twiford, Program Secretary  
*letwiford@aol.com*  
Tim Lynch, Publicity  
*Lynchtim1968@yahoo.com; 428-4455*  
Kathy Love, Hospitality  
*kathylove64@gmail.com; 589-6245*  
Madi Elsea, Warbler Editor  
*madielsea@aol.com; 322-7470*  
Carol Gates, Tehachapi Rep.  
*Carolgates18@gmail.com; 822-0214*  
Angela Guy, Tehachapi Rep.  
*Angelaguy@att.net; 304-6816*  
Ted Murphy, Past President  
*tmurphy@bak.rr.com; 325-0307*

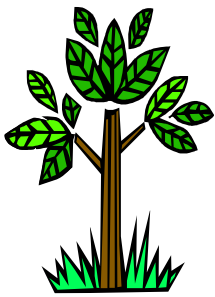
Kern Audubon Executive Board will meet on Tues. Sept. 20th, 7pm and is open to interested members. contact a board member for locations.

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to these members of Kern Audubon who helped out at Standard Schools recent science event for middle schoolers at the Panorama Vista Preserve:

Andy & Sasha Honig  
Bill Cooper                      Al Caetano  
Scott Frazer                      Maria Polite  
Deb See & Bill Moffat

Editor's note: Apologies if I've forgotten anyone!



### **MAY WORK PARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA**

On **Saturday, May 5, 8-10 AM**, come and join other Audubon members to help do maintenance work at Panorama Vista Preserve. The great rains of April have helped the trees and bushes to grow and since the last month's workday was cancelled, Mother Nature has a two month lead on us! Come and help plant, weed, mend waterlines, and to help get the Preserve into first class order. What to bring?: hat, gloves, water, a shovel and a smile. For more information, contact Harry Love ([love3@bak.rr.com](mailto:love3@bak.rr.com) or 805-1420).

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO KERN AUDUBON BY-LAWS**

The Executive Board of Kern Audubon has recommended the following amendments to the Kern Audubon Society By-Laws, which will be voted upon at the May 1, 2012 meeting. (Re-numbering of current by-laws will be necessitated.)

#### **Article 6: Officers**

*Section 2. Eligibility for the Executive Board shall require active chapter membership in good standing. The President (or Co-Chairs) shall have been an active member in good standing of the chapter and held an Executive Board position, committee chair, or an at-large appointment for at least one year.*

*Section 9. Removal of Officers – Any or all officers may be removed without cause by the general membership at a general meeting by a majority of vote of members present.*

If you have questions about these recommended additions, please call Al Caetano, Vice-President (833-6705). The complete by-laws may be viewed on the website: [www.kernaudubonsociety.org](http://www.kernaudubonsociety.org)

#### **WEBSITES to check out...**

**Kern Birding** For a comprehensive website about Kern Co. birding locations go to [www.natureali.org/birding.htm](http://www.natureali.org/birding.htm).

**Kern County Bird Sightings/photos** For what's unusual in Kern County, go to [kerncobirding@yahoo.com](mailto:kerncobirding@yahoo.com) You'll find recent bird sightings, reports by Bob Barnes, Michael McQuerry, Alison Sheehey, pictures by Ken Kyle and others.

**Audubon California** has a great website about its activities and organization: [www.Audubon-ca.org](http://www.Audubon-ca.org)

**Audubon in the news** - To find out more about National Audubon happenings through an informative electronic newsletter, email [chapterleaders@audubon.org](mailto:chapterleaders@audubon.org) or go to [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

We thank Joseph V. Higbee for the Audubon's Warbler photo used as the newsletter logo. Used by permission. ([www.pbase.com/jvhigbee](http://www.pbase.com/jvhigbee))

## *Tehachapi Birding*



### **Kern Audubon-Tehachapi**

**Wed. May 30, 2012**

**7:00pm**

**Alpine Forest Chalet**

**18900 Alps Drive, Tehachapi**

### **"The California Living Museum"**

**Presented by Dr. Don Robertson  
with Ambassador Birds**

Come & enjoy the quarterly meeting and program of the Tehachapi area sub-chapter of Kern Audubon! If you have questions, contact Angela Guy (821-7702) and check the website for directions to the meeting location at Alpine Forest Chalet: [www.KAStehachapibird.org](http://www.KAStehachapibird.org)

## New Federal Guidelines a Step Forward for Bird-Friendly Wind Development

On Friday, March 23, 2012, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe released unprecedented federal wind guidelines intended to improve siting of wind development across the country and reduce impacts on birds and other wildlife.



The guidelines were developed with the assistance of a 22-member Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee which included experts from the National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, Defenders of Wildlife, Massachusetts Audubon and Bat Conservation International. The committee, created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) in 2009, worked with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to recommend guidelines to avoid or minimize impacts to birds and their habitats by land-based wind energy facilities.

Audubon was instrumental in making sure the guidelines address habitat fragmentation, one of the most significant potential impacts of wind development on birds. As a result, wind developers who cooperate with the guidelines will be expected to avoid approaches that cut up and divide important habitats like forests and grasslands and make them less suitable for wildlife.

Audubon is now urging strong implementation of these guidelines across the country. See examples of Audubon's work to advance properly-sited wind power around the country in the November/December 2011 issue of *Audubon Magazine*.



### Spring Migration

As you read this, billions of birds are traveling along the Pacific Flyway. Now is a great time to get outside and enjoy the birds, whether in Kern County or anywhere you may be traveling. For more information about the Pacific migration, go to Audubon California's blog: [www.audublog.org](http://www.audublog.org)



Migrating Western Sandpiper

### CALM'S BIRTHDAY BASH - May 19, 2012

It's the California Living Museum's 29th birthday and the public is invited for a day of activities, presentations & entertainment for everyone! CALM members get in free and guests may bring "gifts" in lieu of admission fees. These are some of the "gifts" that are needed:

- 5 pounds frozen chicken thighs or legs
- 2 - five pd. bags of apples
- 2 bags of walnuts, pecans or almonds without salt or flavorings
- 2 - four pd. bags frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 bags frozen blueberries
- 2 boxes of Ziplock quart freezer bags



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Kern Audubon is pleased to welcome the many persons who joined this chapter of Audubon in the past year (April 2011 - March 2012). You are invited to participate in the informative, enlightening and fun meetings & programs presented on the first Tuesday of the month in Bakersfield and quarterly in Tehachapi as well as in the many field trip offerings monthly that explore Kern County and the birds that live and migrate through this rich area. If you have questions about your membership (such as when it expires), please contact Rod Lee at 322-7470 or by email: [rodmlee@aol.com](mailto:rodmlee@aol.com). *Birds matter, so we invite you to get involved! You'll meet great people and be enriched by the Audubon experience!*

### Arvin

Helen E. Eberle

### Bakersfield

Pamela Ablin  
Karen Berk  
Wayne Berkshire  
Patricia Blue  
Patricia Bonas  
Gloria Botsford  
Pamela Bradford  
Harvey Brockmeyer  
Joe M. Bugni  
Cyndy Cannon  
Nadine Chichester  
Kenneth Correa  
Christine Crites  
Joanne Davidge  
Winnifred L. Davis  
Elaine Downing  
Ed Drewry  
Fern Dubois  
Lisa Duncan-Purcell  
Belinda Durham  
Lynelle Echeverria  
John & Cece Eigenauer  
Mylon Filkins  
Diana Fisher  
Jim A. Ford  
Mr. John Fowler  
Lorna Frost  
Howaida Girgis  
Kathleen C. Goldsmith  
Mildred Grant  
Lynne Green  
James Gretlein  
Theresa Grove  
The Hails  
Laura Harp  
Cheryl Hilzer  
Elizabeth Hinkle  
Francis Hobin  
Steve & Laura Houchin  
Mary Hulsey  
Lynn James

Suzette Joan Clerou

Helen Jones  
Bonnie L. Kelly  
M. A. Kolendo  
Vicki Kunkel  
John Laird  
Anne Lee  
G. Letchworth  
Bakersfield C. Lib  
Marjorie R. Lindsey  
Judy Long  
Robert Martin  
Mark Martin  
Lois Martinez  
Daniel R. McKeel  
Meredith McKnight  
Virginia McLeod  
William Meyer  
Terri Miller  
Scott Monroe  
Ray Morris  
Gary Ornellas  
William Prewett  
F. Y. Ramey  
Fran Rice  
Mark Roberson  
Judith Russler Robertson  
Elizabeth Saba  
Mark Salvaggio  
Dewey Scales  
David Schaad  
Emily Searson  
Deedee Soto  
Ms. Joanie Steckel  
Annette Teagarden  
Mr. & Ms. Arthur Titus  
Ernestina Vela  
Joy Voelkers  
Joann Conard /Dan Walker  
Robert C. Wall  
Fay Walters Judah  
Rebecca Wattenbarger  
Carol Weaver  
Marcia Wolfe  
Katherine Zimmer

### Caliente

Clarence Chinn  
Virginia Shinn

### Frazier Park

Mary J. Gilman  
Mary T. McDevitt  
Pamela McGee  
Tyler Zefton

### Lebec

M. Engel

### Lamont

Maria Elizarraraz  
Mountain Center

Annie Sampson  
Shafter

Linda Bayless  
Brenda Phillips  
Robert Romanini  
Frankie Siemens

### Tehachapi

Larry Carlson  
Carol Casey-Newell  
Richard & Christine Sparks  
Mary Dufrain  
Denice Fern  
Gail Gewain  
Donna Grier  
Bruce & Carol Harvego  
Alicia D. Hayden  
Dave Jones  
Jean Moore  
Harold Morgan  
Sandra Murray  
William Murray  
Toxie Myers  
Carol Overstreet  
Karen Pestana  
Rosa Romero  
Martha J. Roubanis  
Melissa Schlothan  
Nancy Vanderheide  
Carol Youny

## AUDUBON'S WARBLER

Kern Audubon Society  
PO Box 3581  
Bakersfield CA 93385



www.kernaudubonsociety.org

Non-Profit Org  
US Postage  
PAID  
Bakersfield CA  
Permit #93

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Tues. May 1, 7pm - Program: Wind Wolves Preserve
- Sat. May 5, 8am - Panorama Vista Workparty
- Wed. May 9, 7:30am - LoKern Nature Preserve
- Sat. May 12, 8:00am - Sycamore Canyon/Bear Valley Sp
- Sat. May 19, 7:00am - Kern River Preserve

### Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C30)

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

Make check payable to **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**

Send this form and your check for \$20 to:

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