



AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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KERN AUDUBON - Tues. January 6, 2015
7:00pm - City Center (17th & L Sts)

"E-Birding & Other Adventures"
Kelli Heindel-Levinson, Presenter



If you aren't familiar with **e-bird** and the potential that it has to offer birders, then you won't want to miss this presentation by Kelli Heindel-Levinson. Kelli will share the basics of how to get started entering checklists, keeping track of bird lists and sharing your sightings with the birding community. She will also show how to access data such as finding hotspots or where to find a single species. Kelli was warned that not all of our attendees are computer nerds so she promised to also talk about some of the more recent rare finds in Kern County and bring along some of her local bird pictures! Kelli is the e-bird reviewer for both Kern and Inyo counties, an editor for California Christmas Birds Counts and the Kern County coordinator/compiler for *North American Birds*. She grew up in a family of naturalists and has traveled to all but one continent. She

PRESIDENT'S NEST

The year 2014 has ended but I do not want it to go without mentioning how eventful the year was for the Kern Audubon Society. 2014 brought many exciting changes to the chapter. An informational sign developed by the CSUB Biology Dept and coordinated by Kern Audubon was placed along the Kern River Parkway highlighting biological merits of the river and its corridor. Using grant money and chapter money, a program to restore habitat for the Tricolored Blackbird was begun in the Kern River Valley and is showing great success. Roger & Barbara Coley are monitoring the effects of the drought on migratory birds at two of our local national wildlife refuges. The science education program at PVP has been expanded with many volunteers teaching the importance of birds in our lives to eight graders. Finally, and most importantly, many members have volunteered to help with the tasks of running an organization with over 450 members, which directly affects the increased number of projects taken on by the chapter. Our strength is in our active members. Therefore, 2015 looks like it will be a banner year for us!

Harry Love, President



JANUARY 2015 FIELD TRIPS

Wed. January 21, 8:00am - Lake Ming Join Roger Coley for a morning of winter birding along Lake Ming (off Alfred Harrell Hiway). Expect to see waterfowl and winter birds. Meet at the first parking lot, dress warm, bring binocs. Contact Roger for more info: 832-1860

Sat. January 24, 8:30am - Panorama Vista Preserve Meet leader Andy Honig at the gate to PVP at the east end of Roberts Lane (off Manor Drive) to enjoy the birds of the preserve. We'll be incorporating e-bird lessons from the program by Kelli Levinson. Walking shoes, binocs, etc. Call Deb for info: 805-0232



EMERGENCY LISTING OF TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS The California Fish and Game Commission has recently approved an emergency listing of the Tricolored Blackbird under the California Endangered Species Act. This follows a statewide survey last summer showing a 44 percent decline in Tricoloreds since 2011. The loss of 90 percent of historic habitat is likely the main cause of its decline, so Tricoloreds often create huge colonies on dairy farm fields. In recent years, Audubon California has supported efforts to create agreements with dairy farmers to delay harvests to allow young birds to fledge. These agreements with farmers have saved many thousands of birds, including a colony of 20,000 birds at a dairy farm in Madera County.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

• Join **KERN AUDUBON** for these activities...

- Tues. Jan. 6, 7:00pm - Meeting & Program
- Sat. Jan 10, 9-11am - PVP Workday
- Wed. Jan 21, 8am - Lake Ming field trip
- Sat. Jan 24, 8:30am - PVP field trip

HOLIDAY AUCTION A SUCCESS

This year's holiday auction at our December meeting was a great success with over \$1500!! The success of the event is attributed to three members solicited items from the business community for the auction. Many thanks to **Heather Ellison, Patty Richardson & Barbara Long** for their hard work and for everyone who donated items for the sale and made a purchase! Please thank these businesses and encourage patronizing them for their support! Rosemary's Ice Cream Parlor, Dewars, The Meoldrama, Urrichio's, Rosa's Restaurant, Wildlands Conservancy, Loma Linda Cafe, CALM, Tractor Supply Co., Kukos Folk Art, Chef's Choice Noodle Bar, Tahoe Joe's, Condors Hockey, Cindy's Restaurant, Marie Calendars, Sequoia Sandwich Shop, Tejon Ranch Conservancy.



WORKPARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

A great way to begin the New Year is to come out to Panorama Vista Preserve on **Saturday, January 10, at 9AM**. With winter here, it is time to get the trees & plants ready for the return of spring. Bring hat, gloves, water, and a shovel. Meet at the gate at the east end of Roberts Lane. If this is your first workday, please contact Harry Love (805-1420) for information. We hope the *new year* brings out *new faces!*

Tehachapi Birding



KERN AUDUBON-TEHACHAPI
Tuesday Evening, Jan. 27, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Golden Hills Elementary School
20215 Park Road

"Wind Wolves Preserve"
Megan Lundin, Naturalist

Wind Wolves Preserve is a 95,000 acre preserve owned and operated by Wildlands Conservancy in southwestern Kern County. It has grasslands as well as the San Emigdio Mountains and is home to Tule Elk, Pronghorn, abundant bird & animal life, all in a beautiful setting. Megan is a member of Kern Audubon and passionate about wildlife!

Join us for an informative evening plus refreshments & raffle!
(972-4355 or 823-4305 for info)