



AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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Kern Audubon's Year-end Gathering
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SPECIAL PROGRAM:
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Join Kern Audubon for this end-of-the-year gathering as we elect officers for 2014 -15, learn about the California Living Museum and one of its feathered friends, enjoy delightful food and fellowship!

Come & bring a friend!

QUESTIONS? CALL HARRY & KATHY LOVE (589-6245)



Editor's note: This is the last issue of the *Audubon's Warbler* until the September 2014 issue, which will be mailed in late August. Please check the website for updates about summer field trips: www.kernaudubonsociety.org. I hope you have a fun and safe summer and that you will enjoy birding wherever you are: backyard, mountains, the beach, wildlife refuges, vacation, etc. Consider signing up to record your sightings on eBird.org and remember...**BIRDS MATTER!**

Madi Elsea, Editor

PRESIDENT'S NEST



June marks the end of my first year as president of Kern Audubon. It has been an honor to be your president. The accomplishments of the past year have been remarkable: a \$12,000 grant from Audubon California for tricolored blackbird habitat restoration, a continued increase in membership, a large number of volunteers to help at science camp and CALM, a vibrant Tehachapi sub-chapter, tremendous outings, and excellent programs. Kern Audubon has also made tremendous growth in its role in the community and contact with government officials. All of this could not have been accomplished without the work of a diligent and energetic Executive Board. But, in the end, it comes down to the members. You have devoted your time and money to make all of these things possible. Come September, we will see an even more vibrant chapter, one that meets the challenges but also leads by example.

Harry Love, President

June Workparty at Panorama Vista Preserve

On **Saturday, June 14, from 8-10 AM**, Kern Audubon will have its monthly workday at Panorama Vista Preserve. This will be the last one until we begin again in September. Jobs will be weeding, maintenance, and work in the nursery. And, since it is also Flag Day, your work will improve our country's environment. If you have not been out to the Preserve in a long time you will be amazed by how well the plants have grown. What should you bring? Water, hat, gloves, and your favorite weeding tool. If you have any questions, contact Harry Love (805-1420, love3@bak.rr.com). Please come out to help this gem of Bakersfield flourish---just 2 hours!



RENEWING YOUR AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal notices are sent to Audubon members by the National Audubon Society. You can also find the expiration of your membership by checking the date on the address label of this newsletter or the *Audubon* magazine. You can also check your membership status and renew membership online at www.audubon.org and click on "Member Center" at the **very top of the homepage**. Or send your renewal check in the amount of \$15 (one year), \$25 (two years), \$35 (three years) to: National Audubon Member Center

PO Box 422250

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You can also contact Kern Audubon's membership chair, Pat Turner (see box to the left for contact info).



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WEBSITES to check out...

Info about birds? To learn more about birds, go to www.birds.cornell.edu, the website of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, world leader in the study and conservation of birds

Kern Birding For a great website about Kern County birding spots: www.natureali.org/birding.htm.

Audubon California has an excellent website: www.Audubon-ca.org

Audubon in the news - To learn about National Audubon go to: www.audubon.org or chapterleaders@audubon.org



KERN AUDUBON ON FACEBOOK

"Like" us on FACEBOOK and add your comments, photos, bird sightings, etc. as well as get updates on field trips and programs!

SAT. JUNE 14, 2014 - KERN RIVER & MOUNTAINS FIELD TRIP

Join BOB BARNES, one of Kern County's best birders, on a partial day or all day birding adventure to the Kern River Valley and the Greenhorn Mountains, areas internationally known and visited by birders--and it's right in our backyard!

THREE segments will cover the day and you can choose to participate in any or all segments: early morning (5:30am - on your own for transportation) -- mid-morning (carpooling--see below) --and afternoon (noonish to late afternoon - on your own for transportation). A fun day awaits!

5:30 am - Early morning birding with Bob to explore a new trail through the heart of the South Fork Wildlife Area's cottonwood and willow forest bordering west side of the Kern River Preserve. Meet Bob at the Preserve headquarters in Weldon. Overnight camping is available or motels. Contact Deb See (805-0232) for more information.

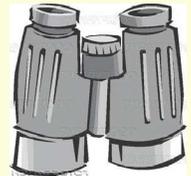
6:15am - The "formal" start of the trip will be at Albertson's parking lot (Mt. Vernon & Hiway 178) near the donut shop at 6:15am for those who would like to carpool or caravan. We will meet Bob at the Kern River Preserve at 7:30am to bird a new trail completed in 2014 alongside Fay Ranch Rd and toward KRP headquarters.

Bring picnic lunch, binocs,snacks, water, bug repellent, hat. \$5 suggested donation for drivers.

12:30'ish - After picnic at the Preserve, new arrivals and those who wish to continue birding will caravan up into the Greenhorn Mountains for afternoon birding in cooler temperatures. In the mountains we'll look for Pileated Woodpecker, Pacific Wren and many other species. On the way to or from the mountains there will be a stop at Lake Isabella to look for water birds and Slippery Rock Launch for American Dipper.

Bring your own snacks, water, hat, etc. Porta potties will be available about every 2 hours!
Questions? Contact Deb: 805-0232

All participants are asked to contribute \$5 for Bob's travel expenses. Deb See will collect.



BUTTERBREDT SPRINGS - 5/10/14

6 Kern Audubon members (Deb See, Bill Moffat, Al Caetano, Andy & Meghan Lundin, David Chilton) braved 50 mile an hour winds and a night on the ground at Butterbredt Springs in Jawbone Canyon and they say it was worth it! With Alison Sheehey's excellent leadership, they identified 93 species of migrating birds---with a count total of around 10,000 birds in 4 hours of birding this desert oasis!! The winds caused the birds to fly low up Butterbredt Canyon providing a stellar birding experience...Thank you, Ali!!

(Left - photo by Alison Sheeley)



TWILIGHT AT TULE ELK on May 19th was a great success with 25 folks enjoying a beautiful evening and the hospitality of Deb See & Bill Moffat at the Tule Elk Reserve where Bill is Park Ranger (right). The elk were in close proximity (females with 3 new calves) for excellent viewing and the tules boasted 50+ Yellow-headed Blackbirds (left), several thousand Tricolored Blackbirds, hundreds of Red-winged Blackbirds and at sunset, Lesser Nighthawks! The cacophony of bird sound was awe-inspiring!
tos by Mary Dufrein)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kern Audubon is pleased to welcome the many folks who joined this chapter of Audubon in the past year (March 2013 - April 2014). We hope you will join us for the end-of-year gathering on Tues. June 2nd as well as the fun & informative meetings and programs presented on the first Tuesday of the month in Bakersfield (beginning in September) and quarterly in Tehachapi (Tues. Aug. 26th, 7pm) as well as in the many field trip offerings that explore Kern County and the birds that live and migrate through this rich area. If you have questions about Kern Audubon and our sub-chapter Kern Audubon-Tehachapi, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board (listed on page 2). ***Birds matter and so do you!*** Get involved and be enriched by the Audubon experience!

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Tehachapi Birding

Kern Audubon -Tehachapi

Join us for the next meeting:
Tuesday August 26, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Golden Hills Elementary School Cafeteria
20215 Park Road, Tehachapi

Program, raffle & refreshments

Check the website for updates about the August meeting & summer field trips:
www.kastehachapibird.org

Contact Mary Dufrain (972-4355) or Carol Gates (823-4305) for information.

TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD GRANT

In April, the Executive Board voted to apply for a grant from Audubon California to help improve the habitat for Tricolored Blackbirds in Kern County. The grant in the amount of \$9,000 was approved with \$6,000 from Audubon California and \$3,000 from KAS. This money will be used to place a solar powered pump in the Bob Powers Gateway Preserve located near the junction of Hiways 155 & 178 in Lake Isabella. Of the \$3,000, \$2,500 will come from our treasury and the remaining \$500 will come from future fundraising events. Kerncrest Audubon, which covers eastern Kern County, including Lake Isabella and Ridgecrest, applied jointly with us. This means that the entire grant will be \$18,000, with both chapters contributing \$6,000. The Bob Powers area is a historical breeding area for the birds. However, with three years of drought, the normal surface water for the area has disappeared. The well will restore the water and allow the needed nesting vegetation to grow. This is another example of how your donations will allow Kern Audubon to help an endangered bird population -- *THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*



BLUEBIRD TRAIL - Helpers needed

A program to assist in the recovery of Western Bluebirds has been going on for more than 10 years at Indian Hills Ranch in Tehachapi. Karen Pestana and a group of dedicated volunteers have maintained and monitored over fifty boxes, collecting data and submitting it to Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch program. In 2011 this group was recognized by Cornell as one of the "Top Twenty NestWatch All Stars" in the country!



Karen is finding that more volunteers are needed to assist during the nesting season, once or twice a month for a few hours. If you are interested, please give Karen a call: 972-6897 (cell) or email: kptehachapi@sbcglobal.net

GET THE E-WARBLER

US Postal Service regulations requiring a heavier weight paper for bulk mail has meant an increase in paper and mailing costs, probably an additional \$25 per month. We are asking that everyone with email **to receive your Warbler electronically** to save money as well as trees! *Plus, the eWarbler is in color!* You can read it online or print your own copy! If we don't have your email address, PLEASE take a few moments to SEND THE ADDRESS TO rodmlee@aol.com....thank you!!

HUMMINGBIRD FEEDERS

Hummingbird solution should 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 hot 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.



BIRDS MATTER! KIDS MATTER!

During the month of May, many volunteers for Kern Audubon Society participated in programs to let children know about the importance of birds in our lives. These programs are also a way to reach future birders and environmentalists. The first event was at CALM on May 17, CALM 's 31st birthday & Endangered Species Day. Children of all ages made bird feeders, tested their knowledge of birds, found out about how birds are named, and ended up dissecting owl pellets. They also received a bird coloring book and had the chance to have their photo taken next to a cut-out of an owl. On May 21, at Panorama Vista Preserve, KAS participated in its third science camp. The above events were repeated but with more details and facts for the students from an underserved elementary school.

Many thanks to our volunteers at these events: Louise Clay, David Schaad, Donna Adams, Paula Mande, Barbara Reifel, Kevin Fahey, Margaret Duriga, Kathy and Harry Love!!

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- Tues. June 3, 6:30pm - PICNIC at Jastro Park
- Sat. June 14, 8-10am - PVP Workparty
- Sat. June 14 - Kern River area birding w/Bob Barnes

Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C4ZC300Z)

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)

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