



AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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Kern Audubon's Year-end Gathering
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2015 - 6:00PM
JASTRO PARK

(TRUXTUN & MYRTLE, 3 BLOCKS EAST OF OAK ST.)



VOLUNTER RECOGNITION
&
CALM'S "Ambassador Birds"



PROGRAM STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM

TRI TIP & CHICKEN PICNIC

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ROLLS, DRINKS, COOKIES

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Join Kern Audubon for this end-of-the-year gathering as we elect officers for 2015-16 and recognize our incredible cadre of volunteers....those who helped with programs, outings, educational activities, publicity & mailings. Come & enjoy delightful food and fellowship as we celebrate a great year!

PLUS...DRAWING FOR THE WINNER OF THE 1903 "BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA" BOOK BY JACOB HENRY STUDER (TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PICNIC)

AND....WE'LL BE AUCTIONING A HUGE GARDENING GIFT BASKET!!

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



PRESIDENT'S NEST

About four years ago, the Tehachapi Mountains Birding Club disbanded. Fortunately, several of its members wanted to continue supporting efforts to preserve birds and bird habitat in the Tehachapi area, so they approached Kern Audubon president Madi Elsea about merging with Kern Audubon. Several KAS board members helped them set up an organizational meeting held in June 2011. As a result of that meeting, a vibrant and energetic Tehachapi sub-chapter of KAS was formed. From organizing programs four times a year, getting people to help in local birding activities, scheduling outings and using both email and printed media, the leadership has made the group very successful. They now meet at Golden Hills Elementary School. I would like to thank three people who have made this venture possible: **Angela Guy, Mary Dufrain, and Carol Gates**. We will soon lose Angela to Wichita, Kansas and wish her all the best in her move to the 'purple martin capital of America'. Mary and Carol, along with new volunteers, will continue to lead the Tehachapi group. Kern Audubon is much stronger because of their dedication and work. Thanks to their work, 'Birds matter!' in Tehachapi.

Harry Love, President



Super leaders: Mary Dufrain & Carol Gates



Above: Angela Guy & two friends on a field trip. Always the teacher--thank you, Angela!

June Workparty at Panorama Vista Preserve

Saturday, June 13, 8-10 AM, will be our next and last workday at the Preserve prior to taking our summer recess. It is also **Volunteer Recognition Day** with a continental breakfast of juice and bagels being served prior to work. What to bring: hat, water, gloves, and a shovel/ho. Come to the gate (east end of Roberts Lane) to get our breakfast, served picnic style. For more information contact Harry Love (805-1420; love3@bak.rr.com) We appreciate our many faithful volunteers--everyone's invited!



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

Palm Coast Fl. 32142

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

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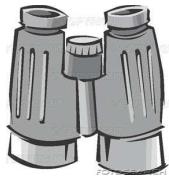


3 fledgling Red-tailed Hawks at Panorama Vista Preserve
Photo by Andy Honig



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!



SUMMER FIELD TRIP-- SAT. JUNE 20, 2015

The final field trip until Fall will be to the Kern River Preserve to see the birds that spend late spring and summer there to nest and raise their young. We will be looking for such migrants as Summer Tanager (the "flying neon tomato"), Vermillion Flycatcher and the often elusive, endangered Yellow-billed Cuckoo. There's also hummingbird activity at headquarters, bluebirds, orioles and more. Bob Barnes will be the field trip leader.

Meet at **6:30am** at the Albertson's parking lot on Mt. Vernon & Hiway 178 near the donut shop. Bring water, binoculars, snacks and \$5, returning late morning. Questions: call Madi: 322-7470.

Kern Audubon Society at CALM

On Saturday, May 16, CALM celebrated its 32nd birthday and KAS was involved with the celebration. We had a booth for children, at which they could make bird feeders, exam bird nests and feathers, and dissect owl pellets. Over 200 children visited our booth, along with their parents! Many thanks to our fantastic volunteers who staffed the booth: **Georgeann Kirkpatrick, Andy Honig, Sasha Honig, Donna Adams, Fran Hersh, Laura Fahey, Paula Mande, and Jo Richards**. And thanks to Harry & Kathy Love for providing the bagels, peanut butter & birdseed!



Action Alert: Proposed Legislation Could Prevent Millions of Bird Deaths U.S.

Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) and Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA-09) have introduced the Federal Bird-Safe Buildings Act (HR 2280). The bill is designed to prevent the deaths of millions of birds by calling for each public building constructed, acquired, or significantly altered by the General Services Administration (GSA) to incorporate, to the maximum extent possible, bird-safe building materials and design features. Many buildings constructed by GSA are already, in fact, bird-friendly. The legislation would require GSA to take similar actions on existing buildings, where practicable.

"Migratory bird season in Chicago reminds us that birds are not only beautiful animals telling us that warmer weather is on its way; but they help generate billions of dollars annually to the U.S. economy through wildlife watching activities," said Rep. Quigley. "However, collisions with glass buildings claim hundreds of millions of bird lives each year in the U.S. The Federal Bird-Safe Buildings Act, a cost neutral bill, would help prevent these deaths by including bird-safe building materials and design features across federal buildings."

Please urge your U.S. Representative to support the 2015 Federal Bird-Safe Buildings Act, which would help prevent the deaths of millions of birds by including bird-safe building materials and design features across federal buildings.

Source: The American Bird Conservancy (www.abcbirds.org)

Excerpt of a letter from Kern County Supervisor Couch's office:

Dear Maricopa and Taft Friends,

Your Supervisor David Couch has some great news about an exciting project coming to your area. We are talking about the first of its kind **Solar Habitat Conservation Project** in the United States...All Federal Habitat Conservation Permits and all State Habitat Permits have been approved by U.S Fish and Wildlife and California Fish and Wildlife (formerly Fish and Game). This project is all privately funded (no federal or state money) by Maricopa Sun LLC which already farms 20,000 acres in the area...This is an excellent green energy project. It consists of nearly 6,000 acres, including close to 3,800 acres devoted to solar energy generation and about 1,895 mitigation acres for the protection of five endangered and threatened species: the San Joaquin kit fox, Tipton kangaroo rat, Nelson's antelope squirrel, Blunt-nose leopard lizard, and the **Western Burrowing owl**. These open space acres will remain forever. They will be managed or overseen by the **Sequoia River Lands Trust**. This project is located about 3 miles east of Maricopa and about 5 miles east of Taft generally in the Copus and Old River Roads vicinity....This Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is good for 35 years; solar panels typically last for 30 years. This HCP can be renewed.... Supervisor Couch has been monitoring this project since he first took office in January, 2013.

May 7, 2015 Mark Salvaggio, Field Representative -3-

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Kern Audubon is pleased to welcome the many folks who joined this chapter of Audubon in the past year (May 2014 - April 2015). 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. 25th, 7pm) as well as on 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!***

Arvin

The Zavalas Family

Frazier Park

Phoebe Prather
Margo Little

Lamont

Valerie Ash

McFarland

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SURPRISE GUEST AT MAY MEETING

The day of our last meeting, May 5th, Dr. George Ross, a Taft veterinarian, received at his vet clinic a young Great Horned Owl that was saved from certain death by stray dogs by a concerned Taft citizen. George, a longtime Kern Audubon member, contacted CALM, which agreed to take the owl and rehabilitate it for release. He & his wife, Joey, brought the owl to the meeting in the hopes someone would transport it to CALM the next day. Coincidentally the topic of the program by Jenna Stanek, was owls! Members got to observe the owl up close and took many photos and Rod Lee volunteered to transport the owl to CALM. Many thanks to the Ross's, to Rod and to CALM!



Tehachapi Birding

Kern Audubon -Tehachapi

Join us for the next meeting:

Tuesday August 25, 2015

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.kernaudubonsociety.org

Contact Mary Dufrain (972-4355) or Carol
Gates (300-1429) for information.

WIN THIS 1903 "BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA"

There is still time to get your ticket for an amazing antique book, "Birds of North America" by Jacob Henry Studer. We will be drawing the winning ticket at our June picnic. Don't miss this opportunity to own a 1903 edition of a beautiful piece of bird history. It has been restored and has a value of up to \$500. Tickets are \$5 or 3 for \$10. It contains 119 full-page chromolithographic plates in rich vibrant colors showing over 700 birds. The plates were reproduced from drawings by Theodore Jasper and appeared in the original 1878 edition. Proceeds will benefit our favorite friends, birds. Questions or tickets, call Kevin Fahey at 706-7459 or you can purchase ticket(s) at the picnic!



Wood Duck plate from 1903
"Birds of North America"

MEETUP Want to know about upcoming outings for Kern Audubon? Want to find out what similar groups are doing? Well, the easy answer is a social media web site called **Meetup**. You get email reminders of events, instructions of how to participate and, the best part, is it's free. To become a member of Meetup: go to www.meetup.com/Kern-Audubon-Society and follow the easy instructions. A big thanks to member, Heather Ellison, for setting up this site for us.



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.

Editor's note: This is the last issue of the *Audubon's Warbler* until the September 2015 issue, which will be mailed in late August. Please check the website for updates about summer field trips: www.kernaudubonsociety.org. The Fall program kicks off on Tuesday September 1st, 7:00pm with Andrea Jones of Audubon California. 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. Record your sightings on eBird.org and remember...**BIRDS MATTER!**

Madi Elsea, Editor

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- Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...
- Tues. June 2, 6:00pm - PICNIC at Jastro Park
- Sat. June 13, 8-10am - PVP Workparty
- Sat. June 20, 6:30am - Kern River Preserve field trip

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)
_____ New Member \$20

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Bakersfield CA 93385

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