



# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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## Kern Audubon

Tuesday November 4, 2014 - 7:00PM

City Center 17th & L Streets

(Kern Superintendent of Schools)

Parking garage 18th & K Sts. or street parking

### "Tejon Ranch Conservancy: Providing Access to this Historic Property" Scot Pipkin, Public Access Coordinator



With a mandate to provide significant public access to the conserved lands of Tejon Ranch, the Conservancy is working to develop a diverse array of opportunities. Currently, we are focusing our efforts on cultivating a robust corps of volunteers to help lead trips, gather scientific data, and assist with stewardship projects. The ultimate goal is to have a public access program where visitors to Tejon Ranch can observe and participate in leading-edge conservation work on one of the most superlative properties in the state.

Scot Pipkin is the Public Access Coordinator for Tejon Ranch Conservancy. A native of southern California, Scot has worked throughout the state as a naturalist and outdoor guide. He began birding while living in Tucson, Arizona and working for the National Park Service and US Forest Service both in southern Arizona and New Mexico. Scot has led several of our field trips to the ranch and has a heart for birds!

### NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

#### **Sat. November 8 - Atwell Island & "Return of the Cranes" Festival**

This promises to be a great afternoon & evening of birding in southern Tulare County. We will meet at **12:30pm** at the Costco on Rosedale near the gas station to carpool. Eat lunch before you come and bring a SACK DINNER, snacks & water, binoculars and jackets for the evening. After birding at Atwell Island (a Bureau of Land Management restoration project near Alpaugh), we will head to Pixley National Wildlife Refuge for the "Return of the Sandhill Cranes Festival" starting at 4:00pm, hosted by NWR staff. There will be a 1/2 mile walk to the observation deck at sunset, which is the best time to see the Sandhill Cranes as they fly back to the protection of the refuge for the night. Bring flashlights! Carpoolers are asked to donate \$10 for drivers.

*Those wishing to only attend the Sandhill Crane event can meet at Pixley NWR at 4pm. It's a 45 minute drive from Bakersfield to Earlimart via Hiway 99. Go west at Avenue 56 approx 5.7 miles to sign to refuge. Turn right & north 1 mile*  
Contact Bill Moffat (201-9279) or Deb See (805-0232) for more information

#### **Sat. Nov. 8th, 7:30am - Brite Lake, Tehachapi**

Brite Lake hosts many migrating or wintering duck and shorebird species as well as grebe & heron species. Upland and wooded areas should also host migrating and wintering song birds. Migrating warblers, Red-shouldered hawks, loons, and Bald Eagles are also possible. Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Tehachapi Blvd. near Burger King at **7:30** am to carpool from there. RSVP to Angela Guy at [angelaguy@att.net](mailto:angelaguy@att.net) or 304-6816. Dress in layers and bring water, snacks, lunch, binoculars. If you have a spotting scope you should bring that as well.

#### **Sat. Nov. 15, 6:30am - Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita (\*\*see page 2 for details\*\*)**

#### **Tuesday Walk, November 18, 7:30am - Ft. Tejon & Quail Lake**

Ranger Bill Moffat will lead this fall migrant birding field trip to the Ft. Tejon vicinity and Quail Lake. Meet to carpool across from CSUB at Kern River Parkway parking lot on Stockdale Hiway & Don Hart Drive at 7:30 am. or at the Fort Tejon State Historic Park main parking lot at 8:30 am. Bring snack/lunch, (optional group lunch at Mexican restaurant in Gorman) water, binos, layered clothes. We will return after lunch. \$5 gas donation for drivers. Call Bill for more info at 661-201-9279.

## WORKPARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

**Saturday, November 15, 9-11 AM** will be the next workday at the Preserve. For this month only it has been changed to the third Saturday. With the onset of winter, the chores will be maintenance of the trees and looking after those that were planted in October. What to bring: sunhat, gloves, water, and a shovel/hoe. To illustrate our workers' dedication, Al Caetano saw a lone tumbleweed and proudly said "It is all mine!" and attacked it with vigor.

For more information you can contact Harry Love, 805-1420 or [love3@bak.rr.com](mailto:love3@bak.rr.com) Meet at the east end of Roberts Lane off Manor Drive at the locked gate. Just 2 hours of your time!



### "SAVE THE SONGS" T-SHIRT

Interested in having a "Save the Songs" T-shirt commemorating Audubon's Climate Change campaign? You can get one for the Pacific Flyway and even have Kern Audubon printed on it. Go to: [www.audubon.org/tshirt](http://www.audubon.org/tshirt). Be sure to use promo code MEMBER at checkout to get the shirt for only \$30.



### **\*\*\*Sat. NOV. 15TH Field Trip to Towsley Canyon**

Learn about autumn birds that pass thru this region to our south, sponsored by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and led by San Fernando Valley Audubon's Roger McClure, 8-10am. Meet Deb See at the Kern River Parkway parking lot on Stockdale Hiway & Don Hart Drive across from CSUB at **6:30am** to carpool. Walk is a gradual slope. Bring water, snacks, \$10 for drivers, binoculars. Call Deb for info 805-0232

### BIRDING AT PVP

Panorama Vista Preserve is a neat place to go birding locally. Pictured at right are a pair of American Kestrels on a kestrel nest box (photo by Andy Honig) that was an Eagle Scout's project last year. Also sighted recently were:

- Spotted Sandpiper
- Osprey (eating a carp)
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Phainopepla
- Northern Flicker
- Nuttall's Woodpecker
- Anna's Hummingbird
- White-crowned Sparrow



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Birders can access PVP from the east across from Derrell's Storage on China Grade Loop or from the west on Roberts Lane where it ends at the parking lot. Walkers, bicyclists & horsebackriders are welcome on the preserve. Questions? Call Andy at 619-4456 or [www.panoramavistapreserve.org](http://www.panoramavistapreserve.org)

### GET THE E-WARBLER

We are asking 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! PLEASE take a few moments to send your email address to: [rodmlee@aol.com](mailto:rodmlee@aol.com)....thank you!!

### WEBSITES to check out...

**Info about birds?** To learn more about birds, go to [www.birds.cornell.edu](http://www.birds.cornell.edu), the website of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, world leader in the study/conservation of birds

**Kern Birding** For a great website about Kern County birding spots: [www.natureali.org/birding.htm](http://www.natureali.org/birding.htm).

**Audubon California** has an excellent website: [www.Audubon-ca.org](http://www.Audubon-ca.org)

**Audubon in the news** - To learn about National Audubon go to: [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org) or [chapterleaders@audubon.org](mailto:chapterleaders@audubon.org)



## PRESIDENT'S NEST



The Kern Audubon Society, like any other organization centered on environmental issues and activities, is dependent on volunteers. We have no paid staff. All of the Executive Board members serve because they know that to get things organized someone needs to take the time to do it. From outings to meetings it takes a team, a team of volunteers. And they sacrifice private time, family time, even vacation time to work for a cause. We should all be very thankful of this sacrifice.

Finally I want to give credit to those members who volunteer their time to work with community groups, other organizations, and take a role to convince policy makers of the merits of Audubon's advocacy for birds and people. They volunteer in a variety of ways, from working at Panorama Vista Preserve to writing letters and helping out at our meetings, both in Bakersfield and Tehachapi. And some take action by donating money. Thus, volunteering takes many forms. This is the real meaning of what it means to be a member of the Audubon Society.

Harry Love, President

### TREE PLANTING AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

On Wednesday, October 15, Kern Audubon members participated in the initial planting of new shrubs and trees at the western extension of the Preserve. The event attracted volunteers from a variety of organizations and was funded, in part, by a generous contribution from PG&E (see photo below). Hundreds of more plants are ready for future planting events. This extension of the Preserve is possible through the cooperation of an adjoining property owner to share water from his well. Since all of the new plants came from native stock, in years to come, the view from the Panorama Bluffs will be one of a native forest, reminiscent of what earlier settlers like Thomas Baker viewed. Many thanks to Bill Cooper, Al Caetano, David Schaad, Andy Honig, Sasha Honig, Clyde Golden, and Harry Love! There will be more plantings, so please plan to come out & help!



### 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 on the address label of this newsletter or *Audubon* magazine. You can also check your membership status and renew membership online at [www.audubon.org](http://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



### 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!

### ALL BIRDS WILL REJOICE!

Plastic bags washing up on the beach! Plastic bags blown against fences and building! Yuck! This ugly sight will soon disappear in California due to the first state-wide ban on single use plastic bags.

Many communities in California, including San Luis Obispo County, have already passed ordinances prohibiting the use of these bags.

The law first targets large grocery stores and supermarkets (the largest users) with annual sales of two million dollars or more. The first phase of the law begins July 1, 2015. Small retail business must comply beginning in 2016. The law encourages businesses to sell reusable plastic film bags. However, be prepared for an effort to place this topic as a proposition on a future ballot. If this happens, you get to reaffirm this protection of birds at the ballot box. For more information go to: [www.cawrecycles.org](http://www.cawrecycles.org)



### HOLIDAY POTLUCK & AUCTION

Looking ahead to Tuesday, December 2, 6:30pm for Kern Audubon's annual Holiday Potluck & Auction...A beautifully handcrafted quilt by Randi Hodson will be auctioned as well as many other items for holiday gift-giving!

How can you help? Please consider items you'd like to donate or perhaps there's a vendor you might approach to donate gift certificates or other items for the auction.

Please contact Heather Ellison, Auction Committee Coordinator at 319-4721 or email [hk\\_ellison@yahoo.com](mailto:hk_ellison@yahoo.com) for information or to let her know what you'd like to donate. It's a good cause and a lot of fun!!

This annual event will be highlighted by a performance by the Bakersfield High School Chamber Choir. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

- Tues. Nov. 4th , 7:00pm - Monthly Meeting/Program
- Sat. Nov. 8th, 12:30pm - Atwell/Pixley NWR field trip
- Sat. Nov. 8th, 7:30am - Brite Lake field trip
- Sat. Nov. 15th 9 - 11am - PVP Workparty
- Sat. Nov. 15, 6:30am - Towsley Canyon field trip
- Tues. Nov. 18, 7:30am - Ft. Tejon 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

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: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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