

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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Newsletter of **Kern Audubon Society**

A chapter of National Audubon Society

Join us for a Picnic at Yokuts Park Tuesday, June 4th at 6pm

Local veterinarian Frank Virga and his hawks, Zelda and Zella, will educate us on the joy and hard work that goes with having a raptor as a pet.



Cost of our tri -tip and/or chicken meal with all the extras plus dessert and drink is only \$15.

Address 4200 Empire Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93309 off Truxtun Ave.

Announcing the Kern Audubon bird feeder giveaway!

We are going to celebrate another amazing year of Audubon activities at our picnic (June 4th) and want thank all of our members for their support. If you don't know, we were gifted a quantity of bird feeders from Cooper's True Value Home Center (Jeff Cooper) in Taft. We will be giving everybody a chance to win one of these feeders. There are a lot to giveaway. Don't miss this opportunity to get a free bird feeder and spend a little time with your fellow birders. See you there.

GIVEAWAY

Kern Audubon receives a Bakersfield West Rotary - Stroope Family Foundation Community Grant Award

Bakersfield West Rotary awarded Kern Audubon \$600 to help our youth education programs. Our youth projects aligned with there interest in youth education to make this a big win for Kern County students. The grant will be used to purchase educational visuals (photographs) to help share the message we know is important for young people to understand, birds matter.

We have presented our science information to thousands of students and look forward to enhancing their experience thanks to Rotary.

Thurs. June 20, 9:00-11:30 am - Mt Pinos (1hr and 15 mins from Bkfd)

Cool off as summer begins by birding beneath the pines at 8300 feet on Mt Pinos in the Los Padres National Forest. The Chumash people considered Mt Pinos the center of the world, the point where everything is in balance. Mickey Dyke will lead us in looking for Steller's Jays, Pygmy Nuthatches, and Towhees. Afterwards, stop for lunch in nearby Pine Mountain Club. **Directions: From Bakersfield take Hwy 99/I-5 south to exit 205, Frazier Park. Go due west for 11 miles along Frazier Park Mtn Rd, which becomes to Cuddy Valley Rd, to our group's 9:00 am meeting point at the Y road junction with Mil Potrero Hwy, where there are signs for Hwys 33 and 166.** Late or early arriving birders may veer left onto Mt Pinos Rd and drive 9 miles up to the large parking lot where Mt Pinos Rd ends and start birding on the trail behind the Nordic Base cabin. **Bkfd carpoolers meet at 7:30 am near the gas pumps at Costco on Rosedale Hwy at Hwy 99.** Bring layered clothing, water snacks, and binoculars (loaners available). For info: call Mac at (661) 589-7768.

Wed. June 26, 8:15am-Bitter Creek Condor Wildlife Refuge (Maricopa)

US Fish & Wildlife staff plans to be working with Condors at the capture pen. So, we are likely to see Condors up close. We will be on the refuge from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Four wheel or high clearance vehicles are recommended, so carpooling is important. *This trip is limited to 25 people by the USF&W. So RSVP to Kevin Fahey, 661-706-7459 to reserve a place.* **Meet at 8:15am in Maricopa at the gas station on the NE corner of the junction of Hwys 166 and Hwy 33. Carpoolers from Bakersfield may meet at 7:45am in the parking lot across from CSUB at Stockdale Hwy & Don Harte Dr.** Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, and binoculars (loaners available).

Sat. July 13, 8:30-11:30am-Kern River Preserve in Weldon on Hwy 178

Join us for a summer's morning bird walk at this globally significant birding spot managed by Audubon California. We'll look for Black-headed Grosbeaks and a Yellow-billed Cuckoo. **Directions:** Preserve is located on Hwy 178, 12 miles east of the town of Lake Isabella. Its sign and entrance are on the left under a big tree 1+ miles past the junction with Sierra Way. Best bathrooms are at the KOA campground on HWY 178 just before the Preserve entrance. Bring water, snacks and binoculars (loaners available). Join us for lunch at Nelda's in Lake Isabella. **Bakersfield carpoolers meet at 7:00 am** in the Albertson's parking lot on Mt Vernon at Hwy 178. For info: call Mac (661) 589-7768.

CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER**Fisheries: 'There's no doubt things are changing'**

The Gulf of Maine is warming faster than 99 percent of the world's oceans, dramatically disrupting fishery patterns and creating new winners — and losers. Since 1963, Greg Mataronas's family has been making a living catching lobster off of Little Compton, R.I. But as water temperatures have risen rapidly along the coast, there are fewer lobster to be found, prompting a shift to other species, like whelk. The state's lobster haul peaked at over 8 million pounds in 1999. It hasn't exceeded 3 million since 2005. And in 2017, it barely reached 2 million. As a result, a way of life is rapidly changing and, for some, ending. The big question is: What's causing these sudden changes? A number of scientists agree that the Gulf of Maine's rapid warming over the past several years has helped shift the lobster population northward. Some scientists have found that a slowdown of the so-called overturning circulation in the Atlantic is preventing some warm water from reaching higher latitudes and is instead causing the Gulf Stream to dump it at the New England coast

Save the Date!

A RESTORATION JOURNEY FOR OWENS LAKE AND SALTON SEA

Tuesday Sept. 3

Presenter: Andrea Jones,
Director of Bird
Conservation for
California Audubon

When Owens Lake was
blowing toxic dust and
offered no habitat for
birds, Andrea facilitated a
win-win resolution with
LA Department of Water
and Power.



Mark Hodson captures a mother Prairie Falcon leaving her nest to gather food for her 4 hungry chicks. May 25 Field Trip.



Avocets enjoy Owens Lake.



Andrea Jones acknowledges sponsors.



Stunning landscape of the lake.

Birds Sighted by Members

Submitted by Lyde Golden, Lucy Clark,
Wendy Hodash, Ron Worgul



Western Kingbird



Owls



Bullocks Oriole



Hawk and Raven



VOLUNTEER TEAM

Claire and Mike Lahorgue are the perfect Audubon team! They have both helped at the PVP science camps several times. When volunteer lists are passed around at a meeting, they will sign up, many times, for many jobs. Their son, Mike, also comes to events and programs. However, neither one is retired. Claire is a mathematics teacher at Bakersfield College while Mike owns his own commercial refrigeration repair service. But they still find time to help KAS. To them, "Birds really do matter". We thank them for carrying about birds and students!



Mac, Harry, Ginny and Fran are all set up for a grand CALM Birthday full of educational activities. Thank you to all of the excellent volunteers who conveyed the message that **BIRDS MATTER**.

To keep our programs interesting and informative a **PROGRAM TEAM** is forming. We need 5 members. Our purpose is to seek out and schedule speakers for the 2019-2020 year. To volunteer please email or call Ginny Dallas: contact info in "Executive Board Box."

RAFFLE UPGRADE IN PROGRESS

We will again raffle off a crispy clean \$50 dollar bill. Also we will raffle off some of the items donated by True Value Hardware in Taft.

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August Board Meeting TBA

Old Audubon

Magazines Needed

Have copies of your Audubon magazine?

We need them to give to students at Science

Camp. Bring them to any monthly meeting.



Want to know about upcoming outings for Kern Audubon? Want to find out what similar groups are doing? Well, the easy answer is a new social media web site called **Meetup**.

It is very easy to sign up. You get email reminders of events, instructions on how to join, and, the best part, is it free. To become a member of Meetup: go to www.meetup.com/Kern-Audubon-Society and follow the easy instructions. That way you do not have to look at the Warbler for upcoming events. You will get reminders online. Many thanks to **Carly Summers** for updating events on the site.



KERN AUDUBON ON FACEBOOK

Join us and add your comments, photos, bird sightings, and get updates on field trips and programs! Laura Fahey manages our Facebook, email her at: ityzmom@sbcglobal.net.

PHOTOS NEEDED!

Please send photos of birds you have seen on an outing, in your backyard, or anywhere else to **Harry Love** harrylove1944@gmail.com We would like to celebrate birds you have seen!

Please Pitch In!

Kern Audubon Board of Directors meetings are open to any member. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month Aug-May, except Dec. Usually at 6:00 pm in the same location as for our monthly meetings, at Kern Co Sup of Schools at 17th + L Sts. Contact is Harry at 805-1420 harrylove1944@gmail.com

Being on the **Executive Board** is meaningful.

Please talk with an existing board member to volunteer,

We can really use a few more Birders!

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

The basic membership dues cover the cost of your subscription to the Warbler. Please consider joining or renewing at a higher level to support the important environmental education and conservation projects critical to the protection of wildlife and the environment. All of your membership dues will be used to support our local education and conservation efforts.

(Note: Membership in Kern Audubon Society does not make you a member of National Audubon. You must complete a separate membership form with National Audubon on its website. See link at bottom of this page.)

Check all boxes that apply to your membership in KAS.

_____ I am a new member

_____ I am a renewing member

_____ Individual membership \$20

_____ Student \$15

_____ Family membership \$35

_____ Benefactor Membership \$100

_____ Condor life time membership \$1,000

Donations: _____ \$5 supporter (recurring monthly) _____ \$10 sustaining (recurring monthly)

One time: _____ \$30 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ Other amount _____

Print this form. Make your check for membership in KAS and any additional donations payable to **Kern Audubon Society**. Mail check and this membership form to:

P.O. Box 3581, Bakersfield, CA 93385

If you wish to pay by credit card, you may use the Pay Pal button on our web site
(kernaudubonsociety.org)

Name(s): _____

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Kern Audubon Society will not sell or distribute any member information to any other organization.

If you want to also join National Audubon go to: <https://www.audubon.org>