



# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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## KERN AUDUBON

Tues. November 2, 2010  
7:00pm - Kern Supt of Schools  
17th & L Sts. (parking garage 18th & K)

### A GLIMPSE AT PERU

Harry & Kathy Love



Come along with the Love's to Machu Pichu! Kathy & Harry, members of Audubon, will be giving a presentation on their April trip to Peru, taking us from the rainforest of the Amazon River, to the coastal capital of Lima and finally to the 11,000 foot region of Cusco. The gem of the program will be a visit to Machu Pichu. Besides the flora and birds of the areas, they will also discuss the history of the areas and the culture and life styles of the Peruvian people...with wonderful photos taken throughout their trip.

Kathy & Harry came to Bakersfield in the 1960's....she from Minnesota and he from Los Angeles. They came to teach, Kathy in elementary and Harry in high school, met each other, married and stayed to raise a family. Now retired, they enjoy traveling (New Zealand, Turkey, Africa), visiting family and still working in the schools. They are proud of their longtime memberships in Audubon and Sierra Club. Their participation in Audubon is one we are proud of!

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### NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

#### **Return of the Cranes Festival - Sat. Nov. 13, 2:30pm**

Take the bus with Kern Audubon to see the Sandhill Cranes at Pixley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge and a fun & informative afternoon with wildlife refuge staff. Refreshments will be served and then we will walk (approx. 3/4ths mile) to the observation platform to see the Sandhill Cranes as they fly-in at sunset from nearby fields to spend the night in the safety of the refuge waters

To make your bus reservations, which are FREE, call Kern NWR 725-2767. For more information call the refuge or Madi at 322-7470.

If you haven't seen the Sandhill Cranes at sunset, it is truly a memorable experience....one not to be missed!

### **Wednesday Walks with Bill Moffat, State Park Ranger**

Wed. November 17, 8:00am Tejon State Historic Park

Meet State Park Ranger and Kern Audubon member, Bill Moffat, who will lead us on a bird walk and an opportunity to visit and learn about Ft. Tejon State Historic Park, which has restored adobes from the original fort, a museum featuring exhibits on army life and local history and a number of beautiful 400 year-old valley oak trees...a great place for history & birds! We will meet at 8:00am at the Park n Ride on Stockdale Hiway (between Real Rd. & Hiway 99) to carpool, returning by noon. Bring snacks, binoculars, warm clothes. Call Roger Coley for more information: 832-1820.

## For the Birds...

The new president of National Audubon decided to start his tenure by spending the first month in office....out of the office! David Yarnold became Audubon's new leader on Sept. 1st and after a week in the corporate office in New York, took a "boots on the ground" approach to getting acquainted with the people and programs that are the strength of Audubon. In 29 days he traveled 15,000 miles, visited 6 Audubon Centers, met 24 chapter presidents and saw 184 species of birds, most of which were new to this "novice" birder.

On October 5th I and four other board members (Ginny Dallas, Deb See, Rod Lee & Bill Moffat) spent 5 hours with David Yarnold and Graham Chisholm, Executive Director of Audubon California, on a field trip through Tejon Ranch, which Yarnold considers one of Audubon's greatest conservation successes. As a small group we were able to share personally our experience of Audubon and of birding. Yarnold listened, asked questions and shared some of his perspectives about this historic environmental organization as well as his hopes for its future.

If you'd like to read about David's 29 days getting to know Audubon, go to <http://magblog.audubon.org>. The morning at Tejon Ranch starts the article and as he told me, it was the highpoint of his travels!

For me, having the opportunity to meet one-on-one with this new president was a privilege....and has given me a connection to this historic environmental organization that I didn't have before. I'll be watching with interest how he proceeds and I wish him the best....and good birding!

Madi Elsea, President

(Below: Yarnold is second from left -Tejon Ranch)



## **KERN AUDUBON EXECUTIVE BOARD 2010 - 2011**

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The Kern Audubon Executive Board meets monthly on the third Wednesday, 7pm. Meetings are open to interested members; contact a board member for meeting locations.

## **NEED INFORMATION ABOUT BIRDS?**

A great website for learning about birds and bird behavior is [www.cornellbirds@cornell.edu](http://www.cornellbirds@cornell.edu). This is the website of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the world leader in the study and conservation of birds.

### **WEBSITES to check out...**

**Kern Birding** For a comprehensive website about Kern Co. birding locations go to [www.natureali.org/birding.htm](http://www.natureali.org/birding.htm).

**Kern County Bird Sightings/photos** For what's unusual in Kern County, go to [kerncobirding@yahoo.com](http://kerncobirding@yahoo.com) You'll find recent bird sightings, reports by Bob Barnes, Michael McQuerry, Alison Sheehey, pictures by Ken Kyle and others.

**Audubon California** has a great website about its activities and organization: [www.Audubon-ca.org](http://www.Audubon-ca.org)

**Audubon in the news** - To find out more about national Audubon happenings through an informative electronic newsletter, email [chapterleaders@audubon.org](mailto:chapterleaders@audubon.org)



## PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE WORKPARTYS

On a warm early October morning, Audubon members came out to work at Panorama Vista Preserve along with Foothill High School Interact Club, led by teacher sponsor and Audubon member Jan Graves. They did the 'grunt' work, carrying mulch in buckets to the trees, which were also being weeded. One section of trees was completed thanks to workers Lynn James, Becky Rule, Madi Elsea, Debra See, and Tucker Moffat. A special 'thank you' goes to Bill McDonald and Clyde Goldner for using their pickups to move the mulch piles closer into the project. A new worker was David Clendenen from Wind Wolves Preserve...welcome!

**Saturday, November 6, 8-10 AM**, is the next workparty at Panorama Vista. Come out and enjoy a fall morning helping get the trees ready for winter. Tasks will be weeding, pruning, and general maintenance. For those who worked last spring, it is a great time to see how much growth the new trees have made during the summer. For further information, contact Harry Love ([love3@bak.rr.com](mailto:love3@bak.rr.com) or 805-1420 (cell). Directions: Take Manor Drive to Roberts Lane and go east to the white, locked gate. Hope to see you there!

## PROPOSITION 21--SAVE OUR STATE PARKS

If California voters support Proposition 21 – the State Parks Access Pass – we will have not only a stable funding source for state parks, but a much-needed boost of \$35 million annually for our state wildlife areas and ecological reserves. The measure would give every Californian FREE day use of state parks in exchange for a new \$18 vehicle license fee. 7% of this revenue would go to public lands managed by the California Department of Fish & Game (DFG).



**Audubon California supports Proposition 21...Vote YES on Proposition 21!!**

### NATIVE PLANT SALE

Sat. Nov. 6, 2010  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
*Sponsored by the Calif Native  
Plant Society*

Native shrubs & perennials

Sale at Environmental Studies Area  
near FACT on CSUB campus  
(Enter on Roadrunner St. off Camino  
Media behind the Marketplace)

*Come early for best selection!*

For information: [decay@att.net](mailto:decay@att.net)

### FEAST FOR THE BEASTS DAY

FRIDAY NOV. 26, 9am - 3pm

The California Living Museum located on Alfred Harrel Hiway (between Hart Park & Lake Ming) invites the public to a free day at the zoo the day after Thanksgiving and the opportunity to help stockpile food for the animals this winter. Individual visitors will be admitted FREE in exchange for one of the following food items for the animals:

- 3 pounds nuts (pecans, walnuts, almonds , peanuts in the shell without salt or flavoring)
- 5 pounds frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 pound jar of peanut butter, jam or honey
- 2 pounds dried fruit (raisins, apricots, banana chips, etc.)
- 5 pound bag of wild birdseed
- 3 - 12 oz. cans of salmon
- 1 - 6" stainless steel pet food dish
- 1 - 12" stainless steel pet food dish

Admission for 2 adults/2 children would be a \$25 gift certificate from any pet, grocery, hardware or office supply store.

Zoo hours are 9am - 3pm. Feast for the Beasts marks the start of holiday season at CALM.

CALM Director Tom Anspach reports that "Everything on this list is vitally needed and helps keep the ever-rising good costs down."

[www.calmzoo.org](http://www.calmzoo.org)

**Looking ahead to Tues. December 7th,**

**6:30pm....**Our holiday meeting will be highlighted by *Bakersfield Californian* photographer CASEY CHRISTIE and his pictures!

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Tues. Nov. 2, 7:00pm ~ Monthly program on "A Glimpse at Peru" with the Love's
- Sat. Nov. 6, 8 - 10am ~ Workparty at Panorama Vista Preserve
- Sat. Nov. 13, 2:30pm ~ Crane Festival at Pixley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge
- Wed. Nov. 17, 8:00am - Ft. Tejon State Historic Park Field Trip

### Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C30)

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*. (11 issues)

\_\_\_\_ New Member \$20      \_\_\_\_ Renewal \$35

Make check payable to **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY** (not Kern Audubon)

Send this form and your check (payable to National Audubon Society) to:

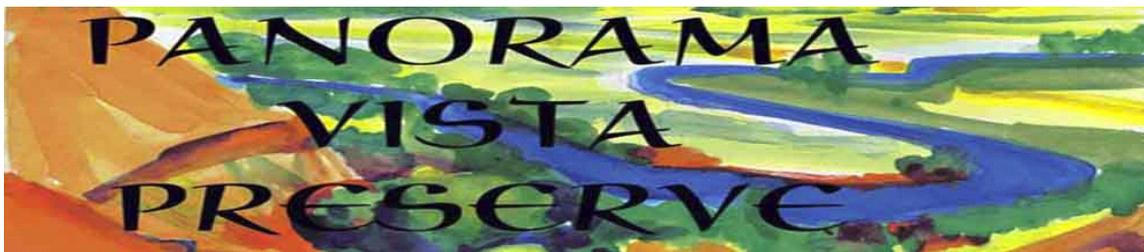
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I am enclosing an additional tax-deductible donation for the work of Kern Audubon in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_. (Check payable to Kern Audubon)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



### THE STORY BEHIND THE WORK

*Last year, Kern Audubon decided to 'adopt' the Panorama Vista Preserve with the commitment that one Saturday a month Audubon volunteers would provide two hours of work. From taking cuttings and planting to weeding and pruning, the work has resulted in over 2,500 new plantings of willow, oak, elderberry, wild rose and other native species on 30 acres. Given this successful first year, some background about the Preserve is helpful to understand the importance of our work and the mission of the Preserve.*

The Panorama Vista Preserve is located on both sides of the Kern River in north Bakersfield. The initial land for the Preserve was acquired in 1997 from ARCO. Although the Preserve is private land, it is held in trust for the public by the Kern River Corridor Endowment & Holding Co. (KRCE). The primary purpose of this non-profit 501(3)c organization is to promote the preservation and scientific understanding of its natural resources and educational benefits as well as appropriate recreational uses consistent with the Preserve's identity as a natural area.

KRCE holds title to 1044 acres altogether, 90% of which is located along the banks of the Kern River, between Panorama Bluffs on the south, the Beardsley Canal and oil fields on the north, Manor Street on the west and historic Gordon's Ferry on the east. Good views of its western portions may be seen from Panorama Park on the top of the bluffs.

Panorama Vista Preserve contains some of the most beautiful wooded land on the river, with numerous species of plants and animals. Over 85 species of birds have been counted, resident species as well as migratory. It is woven with established horseback riding, hiking, and bicycling trails and many local equestrians, walkers, birdwatchers and bicyclists use it year round. It is, in fact, the largest private property component of the Kern River Parkway with three miles of the Parkway's bike path running through the southern edge of the Preserve.

At no time will the property be developed or altered other than in the most minimal way consistent with the maintenance or enhancement of the property as a scenic and natural asset of the community.

The preserve is open for limited low-impact public use. A large parking lot at the western end is provided for public convenience but only authorized vehicles may drive on the property.

Currently projects are underway to revegetate select portions of the land with native trees and shrubs in order to enhance wildlife habitat as well as provide a more beautiful place for people to ride or walk.

For more information and pictures go to [www.panoramavista.org](http://www.panoramavista.org)

Kern Audubon is invited  
to the  
**1st Annual PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE Volunteers Appreciation  
BBQ**

**Saturday November 6, 2 - 5pm**

Location: PVP parking area, East Roberts Lane

Bring your own chair... RSVP: 589-4849

# 2010 - A Great year at Panorama Vista Preserve

L - R, top - bottom: cuttings, pottings, plantings, mulching & growth!!

