



# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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## Kern Audubon's Fall Kick-Off

Tues. September 3, 2013 - 7:00pm  
Kern Supt of Schools, 17th & L Sts.  
(Parking garage at 18th & K Sts. or street parking)

## "CALIFORNIA CONDORS: Recovery Update"

Joseph Brandt,  
US Fish & Wildlife Service Coordinator,  
California Condor Recovery Project

Join Kern Audubon as we begin the fall with a very special update on the ongoing recovery efforts related to the endangered California Condor. Joseph Brandt heads the USFWS' recovery project and will speak about the history of the project as well as what's currently happening with condors. For example, Condor #513 flew from her usual roosting site in Bear Valley Springs to Oakhurst near Yosemite...164 air miles in one day! Unfortunately #513 was later captured and examined for lead poisoning and is now being treated at the LA Zoo for the #1 danger to condors: lead poisoning.

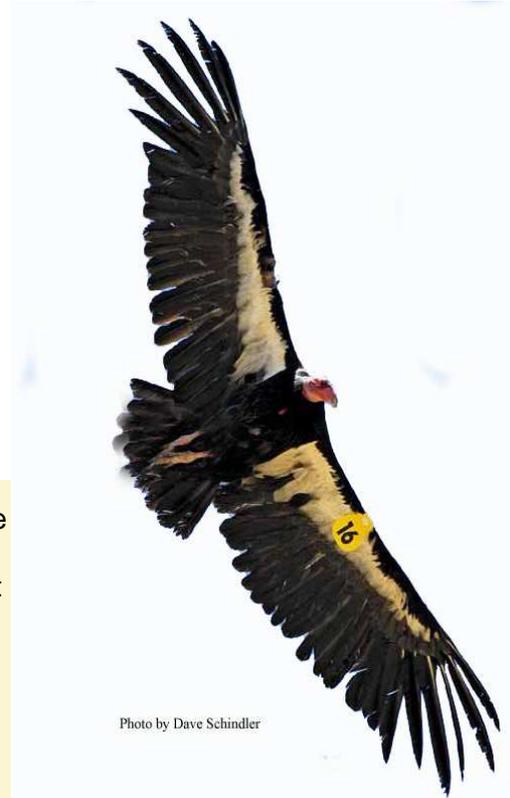


Photo by Dave Schindler

## SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS

### **Wed. Sept 11th, 7:30am - Buena Vista Lake**

Join Ranger Bill Moffat for a morning of birding at Buena Vista Lake about 30 miles west of Bakersfield where we can expect to see migrating songbirds, raptors and shorebirds. Meet 7:30am at the Kern River Parkway parking lot on Stockdale Hiway across from CSUB. Bring water, snacks, binocs, sun hat. We will return after lunch at the Buena Vista golf course (or bring own lunch). Call Deb (805-0232) or Bill (201-9279) for info or [www.kernaudubonsociety.org](http://www.kernaudubonsociety.org)

### **Sun. Sept. 22nd, 6:00am - Ventura County Game Preserve/Wetlands**

Kern Audubon will be joining Santa Barbara Audubon on an outing to the Ventura Game Preserve & Wetlands in Oxnard. Potential to see numerous waterfowl, raptors (including Peregrine falcons), migrating songbirds as well as resident birds. We will be walking approximately 3 miles on flat land. Please bring snacks, water, lunch and dress in layers as it can be cold near the coast. Bring binoculars (some are available to borrow). Meet 6:00am to carpool at the Stockdale Park n Ride (between Real Rd and Hiway 99 next to Kaiser) and bring \$10 for transportation. Contact John Eigenauer for more information: [jeigenauer@yahoo.com](mailto:jeigenauer@yahoo.com).



### **Sat. Sept 28th, 6:45am - Lake Isabella & Turkey Vulture Festival**

On our way to see migrating vultures (thousands!) near Audubon's Kern River Preserve and attending the Turkey Vulture Festival at the Preserve, we will stop by Tillie Creek Campground on the north shore of Lake Isabella to see migrating songbirds, etc. We'll also check out some spots on the lake for shorebirds/waterfowl. Meet co-leaders Bill Lydecker & Madi Elsea at 6:45am at the Albertson's parking lot near the donut shop (Mt. Vernon & Hiway 178). Bring water, snacks, binocs. We will return after stopping for lunch on the way home. Call Bill (281-8273) or Madi (322-7470) for more information.

## **KERN AUDUBON EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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## **RENEWING YOUR AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP**

Membership renewal notices are sent to Audubon members by the National Audubon Society. You can 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](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  
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## **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, the 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](http://www.natureali.org/birding.htm).

**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 go to: [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org) or [chapterleaders@audubon.org](mailto:chapterleaders@audubon.org)

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## **President's Nest**



Thank you very much for your vote of confidence when you approved of me for the office of president of Kern Audubon. I became a member of KAS several years ago. After attending the monthly meetings I noticed how everyone was friendly and the quality of the programs just attracted me, like a magnet, to come back. I hope that I can continue this atmosphere in the coming year.

Your Board is composed of the following people. **Bill Moffat & Deb See**, co-chairs of the Field Trip committee, will continue to schedule great outings for you to attend. **Ginny Dallas**, as program chair, will continue to provide informative, if not fascinating, speakers for our monthly programs. **Gary McKibbin**, as treasurer, will continue to keep our chapter financially sound. **Kathy Love**, Hospitality Coordinator, will still coordinate the great refreshments at the monthly programs. **Carol Gates** and **Angela Guy** will continue as the Tehachapi sub-chapter representatives. **Rod Lee** will stay on as webmaster while **Madi Elsea** continues as newsletter editor. New members to the Board are **Sasha Honig** and **Pat Turner**. Sasha will be the secretary, keeping minutes of board meetings and arranging for meeting rooms for the board and the monthly meetings. Pat assumes the daunting role of membership chair, keeping membership records accurate. However, there is still a vacancy on the Board, that of vice-president. This job entails leading the monthly meetings in my absence and attending the executive board meetings. It is a 'when needed' position, much like that of the U.S. vice-president. I hope you will consider applying for this position.

The past leadership experience of Ted Murphy and Madi Elsea has provided me the tools and guidance to meet my responsibilities and expectations. They are models for excellence. Finally, Kern Audubon is only successful because of volunteers. Hopefully you can find a topic or area for which you can offer your time. Note that with this, you get a large, lasting smile on your face!

Harry Love  
President

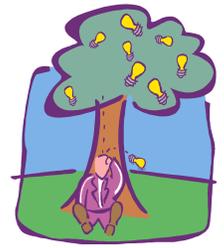
## **Central Valley Bird Symposium**

Interested birders are invited to participate in the 17th annual Central Valley Bird Symposium November 21-24 at the Stockton Hilton in Stockton CA. The symposium is jam-packed with keynote speakers, workshops, and dozens of field trips throughout central California. Kimball Garrett of the American Birding Association is one of the speakers and noted photographer Bob Steele (Kern Audubon's October 1st program!) is leading workshops on bird photography. Several beginning birders workshops will be presented plus there will be artwork and gifts for sale. Registration is \$100.

For more information and to register for this exciting event, go to [www.2013cvbs.org](http://www.2013cvbs.org)

## WORKPARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

On **Saturday, September 14, 8:00 - 10:00AM**, Kern Audubon will have a work party at the preserve located just below the Panorama Bluffs. This begins another year for our members to give two hours of time to help the plants. Even though we took the summer off, the weeds did not...nor the squirrels! Jobs to do are weeding, pruning, planting, and general maintenance. Bring gloves, water, sunhat, shovel/ho. Meet at the gate at the east end of Roberts Lane. If you need directions or other information, contact Andy Honig at 619-4456 (cell) or andym5@bak.rr.com



**BIRD-FRIENDLY BUILDINGS** The state of Minnesota and the city of Oakland, Calif., are the latest local or state governments to approve bird-friendly building design requirements. Oakland has adopted requirements similar to those established in neighboring San Francisco, Calif. in 2011, while Minnesota followed LEED's (Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design) "Reducing Bird Collisions" program. In Illinois, several jurisdictions—Cook County, Highland Park, Lake County, and Evansville—have existing or pending guidelines while national legislation has been proposed in Congress.

"There is a growing awareness of and alarm about the very significant bird mortality that is occurring across the United States as a result of bird collisions with buildings," said Dr. Christine Sheppard, Bird Collisions Campaign Manager at American Bird Conservancy. "Studies suggest that as many as one billion birds die from such collisions each year.

Dr. Sheppard worked extensively with officials in San Francisco, along with Noreen Weedon from Golden Gate Audubon, to develop the city's bird-friendly requirements. Minnesota's bird-safe building guidelines address eight major areas, including: pre-design site selection; schematic design; design development; construction documents; construction administration; construction; correction period; and ongoing occupancy. The guidelines specifically recommend such things as planning deterrent facades for areas that are bird attractants; reducing bird collision "traps"; monitoring of bird impacts during the building's first year; and incorporating Lights Out program concepts.

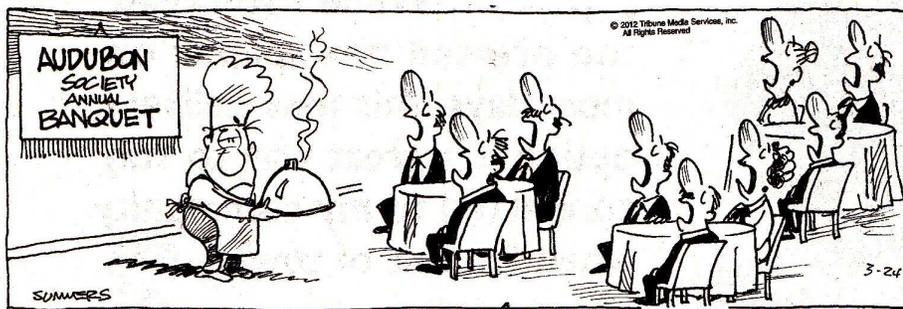
Source: American Bird Conservancy

### KERN AUDUBON ON FACEBOOK

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



### BOUND & GAGGED by DANA SUMMERS



### CARDS, CALENDARS & MORE

If you give to any of a number of non-profit organizations, such as Audubon, Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, etc. you often receive "gifts" of calendars, notecards, holiday cards, notepads. And maybe you don't plan to use them but don't want to throw them away....GOOD NEWS! Friends of the Southwest Library collect them for use in their "store" which supports the library. Barb Coley, Kern Audubon member, will be collecting these over the next few months, so please bring them to our Audubon meetings or email her: bgcoley@att.net for more information.

### KERN AUDUBON LIBRARY

Another year is approaching. Hope everyone got in some good birding over the summer. As the new year starts it would be nice to have all the overdue books back in the library for others to have an opportunity to read. The following is a list of the books that are over due. Please return them at the next meeting. Thank you! David Schaad (428-2841)

*100 Birds and how they got their names*  
*Off the Beaten Path (Stories of Place)*  
*The Grail Bird*  
*To see Every Bird on Earth*  
*Master Guide to Birding#3*  
*Listening to Whales*  
*Enslaved by Ducks*  
*Bird Brains ( A Sierra Club Book)*  
*The Fort Tejon Letters*  
*The Kern Plateau*

### RAFFLE ITEMS

Now that the summer is over and you have may have taken on the task of cleaning out a closet, Kern Audubon is in need of items for our monthly raffle. Maybe a garage sale caught your attention and you found some items that would be great for the raffle. Or was there something on sale that caught your fancy? Get a duplicate item as a gift? If you answered 'yes' to any of these, please consider the monthly raffle. They might become treasures in the eyes of raffle winners!

Looking ahead...Join Kern Audubon for the next meeting, Tues. October 1st, 7pm, featuring nature photographer BOB STEELE on his incredible birding adventure in Southeast Asia, including photos of one of the rarest birds on the planet: the Spoon-billed Sandpiper!

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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

- Tues. Sept. 3, 7:00pm - Fall Program/Meeting
- Wed. Sept. 11, 7:30am - Wed. Walk at Buena Vista Lake
- Sat. Sept. 14, 8 - 10am - PVP Workparty
- Sun. Sept 22, 6:00am - Ventura Co Preserve Field Trip
- Sat. Sept. 28, 6:45am - Kern River Preserve Field Trip

### Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C2ZC300Z)

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**

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Bakersfield CA 93385

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

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