



# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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Kern Audubon Society

**TUESDAY MAY 4, 2010 - 7:00PM**

Location: Kern Sup't of Schools  
17th & L Sts. Bakesfield  
(street parking or lot at 18th & K)

**"WHAT A HOOT!  
All about Owls & Hawks"  
Presented by Burleigh Lockwood,  
Fresno ZOO**



"WHAT A HOOT!" is the May 4th 7:00pm program featuring Burleigh Lockwood of the Fresno Zoo Education Department, who will present a comparison of owls & hawks, their habitats and adaptations, with a hands-on demonstration. Lockwood is a wildlife biologist with a BS in Environmental Biology from Cal Poly SLO and has worked for the US Forest Service while studying the Spotted Owl in the Sierra Nevada. She was a volunteer with the zoo for 12 years prior to coming on staff in 1993. Public is invited! Contact Ted Murphy (325-0307) for more information.

## MAY FIELD TRIPS

### **Sat. May 8, 7:00am - Panorama Vista Preserve**

Join us for a cool morning walk through this beautiful preserve along the Kern River below Panorama Bluffs and a good opportunity to see resident birds such as California Thrasher, summer residents (Bullock's Oriole) and migrating songbirds...maybe a Western Tanager or Blue-gray Gnatcatcher! Meet trip leader Bill Lydecker (900-8595) at 7:30am at the parking area near Derrell's Storage on China Grade Loop. Take China Grade Loop east of Manor Drive for approximately 3 miles or access from Panorama Bluffs (Mt. Vernon to Alfred Harrell Hiway toward Oildale.) Check the Panorama Vista website for a map: [www.Panoramavista.org](http://www.Panoramavista.org). Trip will end about 10am. Bring water, binocs, snacks and good walking shoes.

### **Sat, May 15, 8:00am - Lake Truxtun**

In the past we have seen quite a large number of species in the area of Lake Truxtun and the surrounding groves and overflow pond at this time of year, including 4 - 5 species of warblers, orioles, Western tanagers, etc. Hopefully we'll be as fortunate on this field trip, which will last 2 - 3 hours. Meet in the parking lot on Truxtun Extension, east of Mohawk, opposite the Auto Club/AAA building. Call Roger Coley at 832-1820 or 342-9309 for more information. Bring sunscreen, binoculars, water, snacks, etc. .

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

## UPCOMING CALIF BIRD FESTIVALS

Sat. May 1, 2010  
Kern River Valley Spring Nature Festival  
<http://kern.audubon.org>

May 7-9, 2010  
Calif Redwoods Bird & Nature Festival  
Crescent City

If you like travel, birding, fun and education, consider a birding festival. For more information:

[www.birdwatchersdigest.com](http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com)  
[www.Americanbirding.org/festivals](http://www.Americanbirding.org/festivals)



### 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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:kerncobirding@yahoogroups.com) You'll find recent bird sightings, reports by Bob Barnes, Michael McQuerry, Alison Sheehy, 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)

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## SPRING WORKDAY PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

The next Kern Audubon workday at Panorama Vista Preserve will be THIS Saturday, **May 1st, 8-10 AM.** Spring has arrived at the Preserve...tall grasses, trees leafing out and work to do. We will continue to plant cuttings we made in December which have rooted and are waiting to be put in the ground. The irrigation system is in and now we needed loving, caring planters. A good start was made last weekend and over half the trees were planted, but more volunteer help is needed. Please come and enjoy a great morning at the Preserve. We need YOU!!!

Directions: Take Roberts Lane off Manor Drive and turn left (east) and follow it to the locked gate. The planting area is just across the road past the gate. Bring gloves & shovels. Contact Harry Love (805-1420) or email [love3@bak.rr.com](mailto:love3@bak.rr.com) for more information.



## NATURALLY GREEN DAY - CALM

Kern Audubon was represented at the Calif Living Museum on Sat. April 24th by (above) Madi Elsea, Allie Madrid, Barbara Coley in the front row, Rod Lee & Trude Frazer (back row) and Roger Coley (photographer). Thanks for your help!

**THANK-YOU'S...**to the Nominating Committee: SASHA HONIG, DEB SEE, DON TURKAL...to DENNIS FOX for donating a wood duck box for Panorama Vista ...to JOANN PHILLIPS for donating a case of all-weather suet, which was given out at the April meeting... to dedicated organizers of the plantings project at Panorama Vista who are also Kern Audubon members: ANDY HONIG, BILL COOPER & RICH O'NEILL...to our webmaster, ROD LEE, who does such a great job on the website ([Kernaudubonsociety.org](http://Kernaudubonsociety.org))...and to BILL LYDECKER for the great photos he provided for KAS's presentation for CALM's Naturally Green Day!

**State Park Initiative**...Audubon California reports that the California State Parks Initiative has qualified for the November ballot with over 760,000 signatures submitted, well over the 433,931 needed. Election officials have until June 25 to certify the signatures. Over 65% of Audubon CA chapters participated in the campaign, including Kern Audubon!

**Looking ahead to the JUNE 1, 2010 6pm KERN AUDUBON BBQ**...put this year-end event on your calendar as we enjoy a catered DEEP PIT BBQ at FACT and keyboard entertainment by Kern Audubon's talented Rod Lee!!!

**KERN RIVER VALLEY SPRING NATURE FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY MAY 1st - Kern River Preserve, Weldon CA**

The 16th Annual Kern River Valley Spring Nature Festival exhibits and activities will take place on Saturday May 1, 2010 at Audubon's Kern River Preserve in Weldon. Unfortunately, the evening program and ice cream social have been cancelled but there are many activities taking place at preserve headquarters, Go to the website for more information about events and field trips: <http://kern.audubon.org/KRVSNFactivities.htm>. These are some of the activities taking place:

- 6M - 1pm Target Birding Field Trips
- 9 - 11am: Kern River Preserve Bird Walk
- 9 - 11am: Habitat Enhancements & Stewardship at the Preserve
- 10 - 10:30am: Southwestern Pond Turtles
- 10am - 4pm: Children's activities
- 10:30am: Bird Feeding Workshop
- 11am - noon: Native Plant Gardening Workshop
- Noon: Wildlife calling contest
- 1pm: Basic Bird Identification
- 2 - 3pm: Nature Walk

*There will be musical entertainment throughout the day and many other activities!  
Check the website for more information: <http://kern.audubon.org/KRVSNF.htm>*

The Kern River Parkway Foundation with Kern County Parks and Recreation present

# *Kern River Parkway Festival* 2010

## Saturday, May 22nd

10:00am. to 6:00pm. at Hart Park

*It's fun for the whole family....  
Music, entertainment, food booths  
kid's activities, demonstrations  
cash drawings and prizes!*

**BEST OF ALL .... ADMISSION IS FREE!**

Contact Greg Iger 327-2768 or [gregiger@aol.com](mailto:gregiger@aol.com) for information.

or [krpfestival@gmail.com](mailto:krpfestival@gmail.com) ....BECOME A FAN ON FACEBOOK

*Everyone is encouraged to carpool or ride a bike*



*Join us to kick off this new tradition  
Celebrating the beauty and bounty of our river!*

Join  
Kern  
Audubon  
in supporting  
the first  
annual  
**KERN RIVER  
PARKWAY  
FESTIVAL**  
Sat MAY 22  
10am - 6pm  
**HART PARK**  
Section 7  
near the old  
Ranger  
Station  
Sign up to  
help staff  
our booth by  
calling Madi  
322-7470 or  
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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities....

- Sat. May 1, 8am - Panorama Vista Workday
- Tues. May 4, 7:00pm - Meeting/program featuring Burleigh Lockwood on owls
- Sat. May 8, 7:00am - Panorama Vista Preserve Birding Field Trip
- Sat. May 15, 8:00am - Truxtun Lake Birding Field Trip
- Sat, May 22, 10am - 6pm KERN RIVER PARKWAY FESTIVAL at Hart Park

## Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C9ZC300Z)

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 check & form to ...Kern Audubon  
PO Box 3581  
Bakersfield CA 93385

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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