

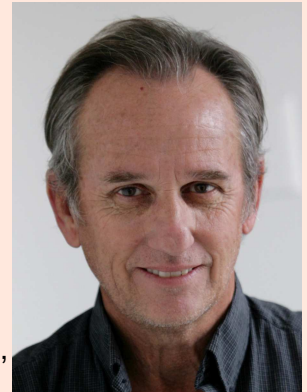


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Kern Audubon
ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING & POTLUCK
Tues. DEC 6, 2011 - 6:30PM
University Square - 20th & K Sts.
(Note the change in location & time!!)

WILDLIFE BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS
Felix Adamo, Chief Photographer
Bakersfield Californian



Felix Adamo's work reflects his 30 years as a photojournalist in California's Central Valley. Whether still life or portraits, his images are never constructed but rather are captured as they "construct themselves" during the natural events of everyday life. Adamo's work has been published in Life, Newsweek, Time, Sports Illustrated, the LATimes, SF Chronicle, Rolling Stone and other publications throughout the US and world via Associated Press and Zuma Press. In addition to his work as Chief Photographer for the Bakersfield Californian, Adamo owns adamopictures, a company which contracts out for documentary work with a focus on the arts.

Mr. Adamo will discuss and show examples of his work during this program he calls: "Wildlife Between Assignments"

Bring a POTLUCK ITEM to share:
main dish (serving 8-10), salad or dessert
Table service & drinks provided

There will also be an AUCTION, both live & silent!

These are some of the items you can bid on:
American Game Birds plate collection by artist Jim Killen (left)
17X24" Giant book: *Birds of the World* (National Geographic)
Massage Gift Certificates
Art Deco flamingo figurines
Duck family figures (carved resin)
Atlas of Bird Migration



Contact Donna & Dick if you have items to donate: 321-9527
Bring cash or checkbook as we don't do credit

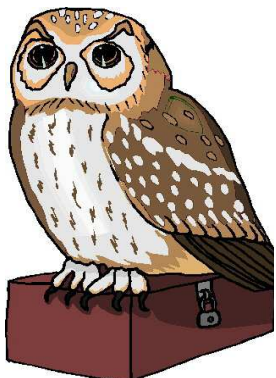
Remember : We will NOT be meeting at Kern Supt of Schools!
Join us at University Square, 20th & K at 6:30pm

BIRDING FESTIVALS

Bird festivals are fun! You meet other birders, visit new places, see lots of birds, hear interesting presentations, support local economies and much more. For information about festivals around the country, go to...

www.Americanbirding.org/festivals
www.birdwatchersdigest.com

For information about festivals in California, go to...
www.natureali.org/nature_festivals.htm



Kern Audubon - Tehachapi

Thurs. Dec. 1, 2011 - 7:00pm

Join our new sub-chapter, Kern Audubon-Tehachapi for its first quarterly meeting & program, which will be held at the Tehachapi Valley United Methodist Church, 20040 Backes Lane (go to www.tehachapiumc.org for directions to the church). Guest speaker is Lynn Stafford, an owl expert and wildlife consultant who will discuss the roles of various owl species in the habitats in which they occur as well as his personal experiences with some of them, such as Spotted, Barn & Burrowing owls. He will also will discuss the problems/successes the different species are having surviving human invasions into their realms.

Mr. Stafford has worked on a variety of large projects in California that have involved owls, including forestry, land development, California Aqueduct, wind /solar power, oil and gas pipelines, power lines, waste disposal plants. In these projects, he has usually represented the public agency, CDF&G, CPUC, (California Public Utility Commission) Angeles National forest, SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District), several counties, and the Army Corp of Engineers.

Lynn loves audience participation so bring your owl questions!

Need more information? Call Angela (821-7702).

No field trips are planned for December because of the Christmas Bird Counts (see p.3 for info about how to participate in a CBC). For information about future KAS-Tehachapi outings, go to www.KAStehachapibird.org

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Kern Audubon Executive Board will meet on Tues. Sept. 20th, 7pm and is open to interested members. contact a board member for locations.

13th Annual

SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL

January 26-29, 2012 Chico, CA

- Over 65 fieldtrips & workshops
- Fun, FREE kids activities
- Pacific Flyway Art Exhibit
- Saturday night banquet with

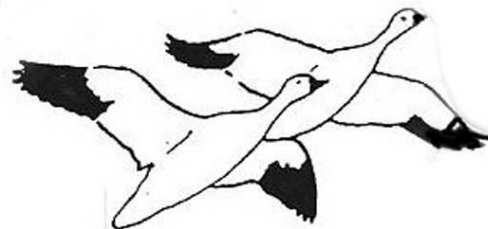
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

GREG MILLER - Famed birder portrayed by Jack Black in *The Big Year*

Online registration begins in December

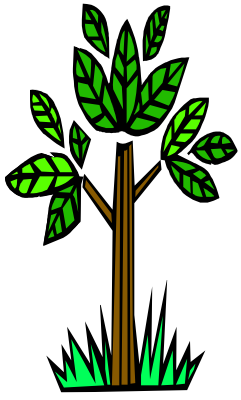
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December Preserve Workday is Cancelled



PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

The next workday at Panorama Vista Preserve will be **Saturday, December 3, 9-11 AM**, the first month for our winter schedule. It gives you time to sleep longer and the morning sun will warm you up!. November's workday was fantastic! New to the work party for Audubon was **Jerry Kay**. Welcome, Jerry! Other members were Al Castano, Bill McDonald, Lucy Clark, Clyde Goldner, Andy Honig, and Jan Graves. Jan brought her workers from the Foothill High School Interact Club. In addition, about ten members of the Wildlife Club from North High School came to get community service hours. With such a fantastic workforce, over sixty trees were planted!

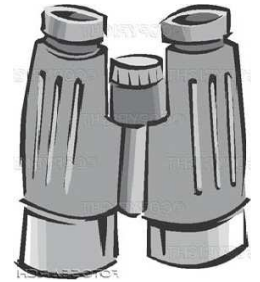
Workday Cancelled

Come out in December! Bring a shovel, water, and gloves. Hope to see you on December 3. For information about location, etc. email Harry Love at love3@bak.rr.com or cal 805-1429.

DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Sat. December 10, 8:30am - Kern Water Bank

Join us for a morning of birding around the Kern Water Bank's recharge ponds. This time of year there is lots of water and lots of waterfowl, raptors and shorebirds. Meet at 8:30am at the Kern River Parkway parking lot across from CSUB (Stockdale & Don Hart Dr.) or at 9am at the entrance to the water bank on Enos Lane (Hiway 43). Go west on Stockdale Hiway to Enos, turn left (south) to the green gates on the west side of Enos, approx. 2 miles south of Stockdale. Bring snacks, water, binocs. We will return around 11:30am. Call Madi for info (322-7470)



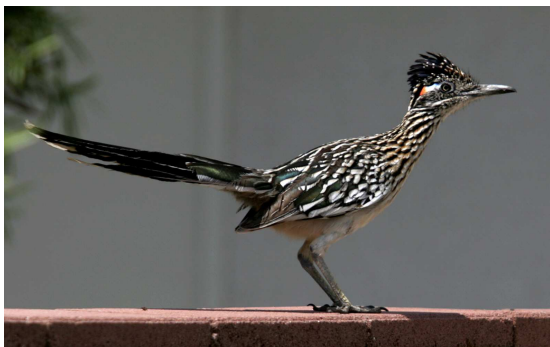
Wednesday Walk, Dec. 14th, 9:00am - Birds & Bikes

Park Ranger Bill Moffatt will lead this birding & biking adventure along the Kern River Parkway. BYOBB - Bring your own Binoculars & Bikes! Meet at The Park at River Walk, Stockdale Hiway & Buena Vista, at 9am. Bring water & snacks. Call Bill (832-1820 or Deb (805-0232) for information. Return by noon.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

One of the traditions long-associated with the National Audubon Society is the annual Christmas Bird Count. Even older than Audubon itself, the CBC began in 1900 as an alternative to the traditional Christmas BIRD HUNT, in which teams shot as many birds as possible. The first count included 27 people in 25 locations, but they were armed with pencils and binoculars! The CBC is the oldest bird census in the world with over 50,000 volunteers in 2000 locations, providing one of the most important bodies of information on wildlife data in the world. The goal is to count all the birds in a 15 mile radius with teams being assigned to a section in that radius. If you are interested in participating in these daylong counts, you may view contact information about the compiler on Alison Sheehey's website: <http://www.natureali.org/cbcs.htm>

- Wednesday, December 14, 2011 - Bakersfield CBC – John Wilson, compiler
- Friday, December 16, 2011 - Buena Vista – Alison Sheehey, compiler
- Saturday, December 17, 2011 - Butterbredt CBC – Chuck Bragg, compiler
- Sunday, December 18, 2011 - China Lake CBC – Peter Woodman, compiler
- Monday, December 19, 2011 - No CBC scheduled
- Tuesday, December 20, 2011 - Tehachapi CBC – Larry Parmeter, compiler
- Wednesday, December 21, 2011 - Bear Valley Springs CBC, Alison Sheehey, compiler
- Saturday, December 31, 2011 - South Fork Valley CBC, Denise La Berteaux, compiler
- Sunday, January 1, 2012 - Kern River Valley CBC, Alison Sheehey, compiler



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities.

- Sat. Dec 3, 9am - Panorama Vista Workparty
- Tues. Dec 6, 6:30PM - Holiday potluck/auction & program with Felix Adamo, *Bakersfield Californian*
- Sat. Dec 10, 8:30am - Kern Water Bank field trip
- Wed. Dec 14, 9am - Birds & Bikes - Kern River Parkway

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* (10 issues)

___ New Member \$20

Make check payable to **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**

Send this form and your check for \$20 to:

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PO Box 3581
Bakersfield CA 93385

Name(s) _____ Amount enclosed _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Please indicate if you would like to receive your *Audubon's Warbler* electronically: ___yes ___no