KERN AUDUBON GATHERING
Tuesday MAY 1, 2007 - 7:00PM
Location: Kern Superintendent of Schools (17th & L Sts.)
(Street parking or in the lot at 18th & K)

"The San Joaquin Valley: The Way It Was"
John Lindsay - photographer, birder, teacher/administrator
John Lindsay is Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Kern County, and an accomplished biologist, birder and photographer as well. He will be presenting a program on the San Joaquin Valley and its habitat and wildlife---the way it was in pioneer days! John is a long-time member of Kern Audubon and will bring us a fascinating look at our "Valley"

Refreshments served and great RAFFLE prizes...come and bring a friend!!

Sat. MAY 5 - Field Trip
KERN RIVER PRESERVE
"Migrant Corner"
Bob Barnes, who led a great trip to Butterbredt Spring in April, will help us see some of the thousands of migrant songbirds passing through the Migrant Corner of the Kern River Preserve in Weldon, Saturday, May 5. According to Bob, the peak of migration should be around May 5!
Meet to car pool at 5:15am so that we can leave by 5:30am!! We are leaving early in order to get there for the best viewing time! Meet at the Shell Station/Jack in the Box on the northeast corner of Brundage Lane and Union Ave. (Union Ave. exit off Hiway 58). We will have an early lunch (11-11:30AM) at the Sierra Vista Restaurant and be home by early afternoon. If you prefer, bring a lunch.

Call Ted Murphy (325-0307) or Madi Elsea (322-7470) for information or see http://www.kernaudubonsociety.org/

Upcoming Field Trips...
Kern Audubon will be having several field trips during May in addition to the Kern River Preserve "Migrant Corner", but dates, leadership and locations are still being arranged. Possibilities are Poso Creek and the Kern Nat’l Wildlife Refuge to view Tri-colored blackbirds. Go to the website or look for an email update for information! We will likely schedule trips on Sat. May 12 & May 19...

http://www.kernaudubonsociety.org
**The Verb ‘To Bird’**

You will surely enjoy this special book, *The Verb ‘To Bird’: Sightings of an Avid Birder* by Peter Cashwell, an English teacher by profession and avid birder by inner calling. (www.petercashwell.com).

Selected by Barnes and Noble as the "Discover Great New Writers" selection for Summer 2003, the book, according to the publisher, is: "Part memoir, part natural history, part apology...and... will enlighten and entertain anyone who’s ever wandered around wet fields at the crack of dawn with dog-eared field guides crushed against the granola bars in their pockets. But you don’t have to know the field marks of an indigo bunting to appreciate Cashwell’s experiences with non-lending libraries, venomous insects, sports, marketing, and animated Christmas specials.

When you read this book you will learn about birds, birders, and birding; grammar, history, literature, and psychology. You’ll chuckle or laugh, nod in agreement, and maybe a “hmm” of enlightenment ... this book is hard to put down!

Kern Audubon has acquired copies at a discount and will make it available to Chapter members for only $10, $5 off the list price. Pick up your copy at the May 1st meeting and field trips. It will make a great gift for a friend who is a birder, even better for someone you wish to join you in this adventure.

Makes a great gift for Mother’s Day!!!

**TUESDAY BIRDERS**

The Tuesday Birders will meet Tuesday mornings May 1 & 15. Beginning birders as well as the experienced are welcome! Contact Brenda Kyle (871-4867) for meeting time and place.

**Kern Birding Website** For a comprehensive web site covering numerous Kern County birding locations go to www.natureali.org/birding.htm.

**Kern County Bird Sightings/photos** What’s unusual in Kern County birding? Go to kerncobirding@yahoogroups.com for recent bird sightings, reports by Bob Barnes, Mike McQuerry, Alison Sheehy, pictures by Ken Kyle and others.

**ASK AUDUBON...**The newest addition to Audubon’s Newswire: submit questions re: consumer choices and the effect on the environment; cblayer@audubon.org.

**Environmental News...**for updates on environmental matters, check out these excellent sources: Grist Magazine (Gloom and doom with a sense of humor) www.grist.org/cgi-bin/signmeup.pl? ENS WORLD NEWS www.topica.com/f/v.html

http://birdingtonthe.net/mailinglists/KERN.html

**GOT E-MAIL?**

If Kern Audubon doesn’t have your email address and you would like to receive updates about field trips and other announcements between newsletters, send your address to madielsea@aol.com.

e-Warbler...if you would like to receive the Kern Audubon Warbler as a pdf file instead of the hardcopy, send an e-mail with PDF Warbler as the subject to tmurphy@bak.rr.com.

**BIRD BANDING OPPORTUNITY...**

Dr. Meese, UC Davis, is working on the Tricolored Blackbird situation and will be banding birds for the next few weeks. Volunteer helpers are need. If you are interested in being involved, call Scott Frazer, KNWR, 661-725-2767 for details.

**Upcoming Bird Festivals**

**May 4-6, 2007** - YOSEMITE BIRDING FESTIVAL in the incomparable Yosemite Valley...see diverse habitats and great birds! Go to www.yosemite.org/seminars


**August 1-5, 2007** - Southwest Wings Birding & Nature Festival at the base of the Huahuca Mountains in southern Arizona (Sierra Vista)....the best birding in Arizona! Call 520-678-8237

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CALM’S 24th birthday is Sat. May 19th, 10am - 4pm with lots of activities and special presentations. Support our local zoo and enjoy a fun day! Go to www.calmzoo.org for information.
-looking ahead to JUNE 5, 6:00PM.... The June meeting of Kern Audubon will take place at FACT (The Facility for Animal Care & Treatment), located on the CSUB campus. We will have a BBQ and potluck PLUS tours of FACT and the Desert Tortoise Compound! This will be a special evening of food and fun, so put it on your June calendars! More info to follow...
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
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Make check payable to National Audubon Society

Send check & form to ...Kern Audubon
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Bakersfield CA 93385

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