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Kern Audubon Society
TUESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2012 - 7:00PM
Kern Supt of Schools, 17th & L Sts.
Parking on street or garage at 18th & K Sts.

"California & the West - A Photographic Journey" Presented by Dave Schindler, Photographer & Naturalist

Dave Schindler is a professional photographer who has spent the past 30 years photographing the beauty of nature throughout California and the West, including national parks such as Yellowstone and Grand Tetons. He is an avid wildlife and landscape photographer as well as naturalist at Wind Wolves Preserve in southern Kern County. Dave is a contributing photographer to *Outdoor California* magazine and his photographs have been used by the US Fish & Wildlife and Bureau of Land Management. Dave is a member of Kern Audubon and lives in Pine Mountain Club.



OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

Sat. Oct. 6th - Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve

Santa Monica Audubon has invited Kern Audubon for a joint field trip through this excellent spot for shore-birding near Huntington Beach. For more information about the wildlife refuge go to www.stockteam.com/wetlands.html Several options for participating include: going down the night before and staying closer to the refuge and meeting at Bolsa Chica at 8:30am....OR meeting Kern Auduboners John & Cece Eigenauer at 7:00am at the refuge for early birding....OR meeting in Bakersfield at 5:30am at the Stockdale Park n Ride to carpool. For more information call Deb See (805-0232) and please RSVP by email to Deb about your plans so that we have an idea of who will be attending: seemoffats@aol.com

Check the KAS website for more details: www.kernaudubonsociety.org

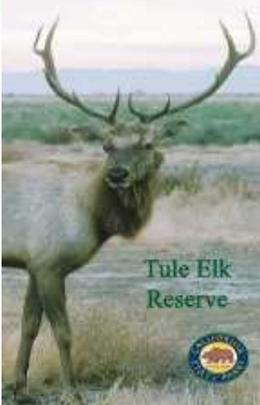
Wed. Walk - Wed. Oct 10th, 7:30am - Buena Vista Lake

Ranger Bill Moffat will lead us on a drive/walk birding expedition around Buena Vista Lake, where last years field trip netted over 40 species of birds Meet at 7:30am at the Kern River Parkway parking lot on Stockdale Hiway & Don Hart Drive across from CSUB to carpool. Bring water, snacks, binoculars, etc. Call Deb or Bill for info: 805-0232.

"Bed and Bugle" -- A night with the Tule Elk

Come spend the night among the Tule Elk at Tule Elk State Natural Reserve, **Sat. Oct 27, 2012**. See the elk in native habitat along with birds, coyotes and other native species...From noon to sunset on Saturday, board the "Elk Bus" for a tour into the Elk Reserve...there will be a campfire program on the life of the elk, stargazing, and a puppet show with "Ranger Fred". A sunrise birding tour will be offered on Sunday. Tent and RV camping space provided in the picnic area. You may attend any of the event activities without camping at the Reserve.

The program is limited to 100 persons; to insure space **please RSVP by October 15, 2012**. **Cost:** \$8.00 per adult (includes camping) . Children 12 and under are free. For more information contact the Reserve at 661--764-6881 or RSVP at bmoffat@parks.ca.gov



Kern Audubon-Tehachapi

Tuesday Oct 30 - 7:00PM
Golden Hills Elementary School
20215 Park Rd. Tehachapi

“The California Condor Recovery Program”
Speaker Joseph Briant, USFWS

Join the Kern Audubon sub-chapter meeting and program this fifth Tuesday in October and future meetings on Tues. January 29 and April 30, 2013. For more information contact Angela Guy (821-7702) or Carol Gates (822-0214) or visit the website: www.kastehachapibird.org Come & bring a friend!



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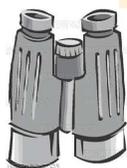
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Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival, January 18-21, 2012

Come to where the birds are and join Morro Coast Audubon Society (MCAS) for our 17th Annual Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival. Located on California's scenic Central Coast, Morro Bay is an important stop on the Pacific Flyway and one of the country's pre-eminent birding spots. The area is recognized worldwide for its diversity of both resident and wintering birds and at last year's festival, over 200 species of birds were identified!

The Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival is sponsored by MCAS and gives you the chance to join local and national birding experts on a variety of field trips and workshops. Field trip group sizes are limited to maximize spotting and identification opportunities. The Festival also offers workshops aimed at sharpening your birding skills, as well as evening programs with outstanding speakers. Our keynote speaker Saturday, January 18th will be Alvaro Jaramillo, presenting a program on how our brains identify birds. Alvaro has authored many books about birds and runs a birding and nature tour company, Alvaro's Adventures.

To register and for more information about the Festival, check out our website at www.morrobaybirdfestival.org. Registration starts on October 1, 2012 and our brochure will be available then. The deadline is January 6, 2013, but early signups are encouraged as the most popular events fill up quickly.



LOST... Lynn McDonald has misplaced her Eagle Optics binoculars. Call her if you have any information: 665-2111. Also, the chapter has lost a binoculars carrying case!

Election 2012 – Is It for the Birds?

As Campaign 2012 shifts into overdrive, environmental issues are conspicuously absent from the public debate. No matter who takes the oath of office in January, the next president is going to have a lot of hot conservation topics on his plate. [Audubon Magazine examines the environmental agenda for 2013 and beyond.](#)

Kern Audubon Society, founded in 1974, is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Its mission is to provide educational programs and services that build awareness of the importance of birds and other wildlife and to promote conservation and restoration of natural habitats, primarily in Kern County.



October Workday at Panorama Vista Preserve

The next scheduled workday at the Preserve will be on **Saturday, October 13, 8-10 AM**. Hopefully fall will have started and the morning will be cool. Jobs to be accomplished: placing mulch around trees and weeding. For last month's workday there was a fantastic number of people who came to work: *Jan Graves who brought a great group of 15 students from Foothill High School's INTERACT Club, Clyde Golden, Lucy Clark, Tony Swan, Phil & Janada Shepard, Vicki Boehning, Al Caetano, Diana Karch, Kasey Culp, Andy & Sasha Honig, Lynn James, Bill Cooper, Marion Vargas, Donna Rodriguez, and Monica Tudor.* A big thanks to all! What to bring on October 13: gloves, water, shovel/hoel/or pitch fork. For additional information, contact Harry Love at love3@bak.rr.com or 805-1420.

KERNCOBIRDING -- A Great Resource

Want to know where the unusual birds are being seen in Kern County? And by whom? Want to see photos of special Kern County birds?

You can if you subscribe to kerncobirding@yahoogroups.com. It's free and you'll get frequent reports, emailed directly to you, of bird sightings and lists from Galileo Hill, California City, Butterbrecht Springs, Kern River Preserve, Bakersfield WWTP, Hart Park, Kern and Pixley Refuges, Tejon Ranch, Canebrake Ecological Preserve, and others, posted by some of Kern's very active birders, including - John Wilson, Bob Barnes, Alison Sheehy, Ken and Brenda Kyle, Susan Steele, Michael McQuerrey - as well as frequent visitors from southern California, the southwest, and many distant locations.

Often a report of a rare bird sighting is sent from the field minutes after the bird was seen. Recent unusual sightings were the Louisiana Waterthrush at Central Park in California City and a Clay-colored Sparrow at Cero Coso College in Ridgecrest.

If you enjoyed the movie "The Big Year" you will certainly enjoy *kerncobirding*. Michael McQuerrey, KAS member and frequent field trip leader, moderates the web site and insures its authenticity.

It's easy to join - go to kerncobirdingsubscribe@yahoogroups.com and soon you will be in the company of birders from all over who are thrilled by the abundance and variety of Kern County's birds.

Ted Murphy (tmurphy@bak.rr.com)

KERN AUDUBON GOALS

For 2011-2012, the Kern Audubon Executive Board developed four program goals which were submitted to the National Audubon Society as part of its annual report. These goals were to (1) support the creation of a satellite chapter in the southern region of Kern County (Tehachapi area); (2) continue sponsorship and support of Panorama Vista Preserve; (3) develop social media tools such as Facebook & Twitter as a means of outreach; (4) develop a tri-fold brochure of birds of the Kern River as an outreach tool for new birders and visitors to Kern County. In July the board evaluated KAS' progress on these goals and felt wonderful progress had been made on all but one goal: developing social media tools. The board still hopes progress can be made in developing a Facebook page for Kern Audubon and is looking for interested persons to help out!

At the board's recent meeting, goals were discussed and three were set for 2012-2013:

--Continue to sponsor and support the development of Panorama Vista Preserve

--Continue the development of Kern Audubon-Tehachapi, the satellite chapter in the Tehachapi area

--Explore the possibility of developing an "ecological study area" along the Kern River near CSUB for use by students and the public

If you have questions or comments about these goals, feel free to contact a member of the board (see roster page 2)

Central Valley Bird Symposium

November 15th-18, 2012, is the 16th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium at the Stockton Hilton in Stockton, CA. Keynote speakers include Ed Harper on "Appreciating Birds of the Central Valley"; Sophie Webb on "Seabirds & Marine Mammals of the Tropical Eastern Pacific" and Carlos Bettancourt on "The Natural Spondor of the Panama Canal." In addition, Joe Morlan, who represents the Pacific region on the National Audubon Board of Directors will present a workshop on "A Century of Field Identification" and there will be a Bird ID Workshop with Jon Dunne, editor of the *National Geographic Field Guide for Birds of North America*. For the line-up of speakers, workshops, and field trips plus information about registration, check out the website at: www.cvbs.org

Tule Elk Reserve Auto Safaris

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month the public is invited to get an "up close & personal" look at the Tule Elk and other wildlife at the Tule Elk Reserve less than 30 miles west of Bakersfield. Interpretive staff will be leading these automobile tours 11am - 12:30pm. Cost is \$8 per car. Call 764-6681 for information and to reserve a space!



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Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Tues. Oct. 2, 7:00pm - Meeting & Program
- Sat. Oct 6 - Bolsa Chica field trip
- Wed. Oct 10, 7:30am - Buena Vista Lake field trip
- Sat. Oct. 13, 8am - Panorama Vista Preserve Workparty
- Sat. Oct 27th - "Bed & Bugle-A night at Tule Elk State Reserve

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)

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