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Newsletter of **Kern Audubon Society**

A chapter of National Audubon Society

KERN AUDUBON PROGRAM Tues, October 2nd 7pm

PLEASE NOTE: October's meeting will be held at
Bill Lee's Bamboo Chopsticks Restaurant: 1203 18th St.

PLANTS FOR BIRDS: GROWING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR BIRDS AND PEOPLE

In 2009 John was hired by New York City Audubon to direct citizen science and outreach. Then in 2013 he was hired by National Audubon Society, first working on the Toyota Together Green Program. Guided by the principle that we can improve our communities by providing birds with food, shelter, safe passage and places to raise their young, John helped Audubon launch a nationwide program that provides resources and support to communities as they put native plants in the ground. Research is demonstrating that even small patches of habitat planted with natives can benefit birds – something we all can do. His focus will center on a better life for Central Valley birds.

BIRDS MATTER!

John Rowden, PhD. – National Audubon: Director of Community Conservation

October Field Trips

Sat. Oct 13th 7:30am-Kern National Wildlife Refuge

Ali Sheehey has arranged a special access trip for Kern Audubon at Kern NWR, 17 miles west of Delano. The Refuge provides habitat for thousands of waterfowl migrating along the Pacific Flyway, shorebirds, and other wetland dependent species. We will be going to a closed part of the Refuge to view ponds that very few people can access. If you have a scope, bring it. We should be finished by 12:00, but everyone is welcome to continue birding all day with Ali. Meet Ali at 7:30am at the Refuge's HQ, located at the junction of Garces Hwy and Corcoran Rd. **To carpool from Bakersfield, meet at 6:30am at the Rosedale Costco** parking lot near the gas station. Bring \$5.00 for gas, binoculars (loaners available), water, snacks, sunscreen, a hat and wear layered clothing. For questions call Mac McCarthy at 589-7768.

Tues. Oct. 23rd 8:00am – Buena Vista Lake

Join Al Caetano for a morning of birding at Buena Vista Lake, 30 miles west of Bakersfield. We'll be looking for migrating songbirds, raptors, waterfowl and shorebirds. A great location for new birders. Loaner binoculars available. **Meet at 8:00am at the Kern River Parkway parking lot on Stockdale Hwy at Don Hart Dr. across from CSUB to carpool** or at 8:30am at the Buena Vista Aquatic Rec. Area. There is a \$6.00 entry fee per car, so, it's a good idea to car pool. Bring water, snacks, binocs, a hat, sunscreen, and \$5.00 for gas. Lunch optional at the BV golf course cafe or BYOL. Return after lunch. Call Al (833-6705) for more information.

Sat. Oct. 27th 8:00am - Birding at Brite Lake

Meeting at the Burger King in Tehachapi to carpool to nearby Brite Lake. We hope to see various waterfowl and raptors. A great trip for beginning birders. We will park next to the water company facility and walk around the shore of the reservoir.

Save The Dates!

Mon. Oct 1 Registration opens for the San Diego Bird Festival (Feb 27-Mar 3) This fun, well organized festival attracts dedicated birders from all over the world. Festival headquarters is conveniently located on Mission Bay, next to I-5 and within walking distance to hotels. The dozens of field trips, ranging from pelagic outings to east county desert trips, fill up very quickly. So, sign up close to Oct 1. <https://sandiegoaudubon.org/events/bird-festival>.

Tues. Oct. 16--Thurs Oct 18 8am - Science Camp at Panorama Vista Preserve. Spend the morning showing the beauty of birds to young kids from local school districts. Contact is Kevin Fahey at (661) 706-7459 or email: kjfahey@sbglobal.net

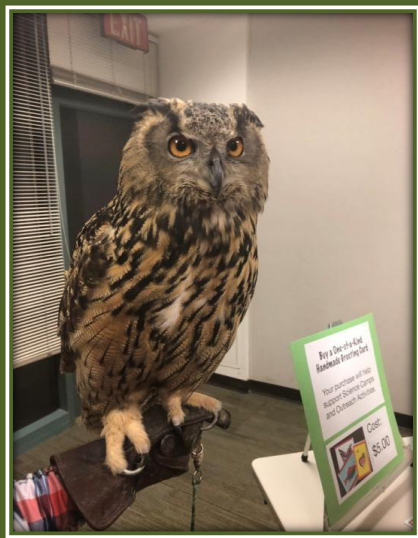
Thurs. Nov. 3 - Registration opens for the Morro Bay Bird Festival (Jan 18-21) On Martin Luther King weekend, join over 500 California bird festival lovers at Morro Bay, a Globally Important Bird Area, to see, photograph, and learn more about birds. This nearby festival is a favorite of Kern Auduboners. Over 200 bird species usually seen during the festival. Field trips mostly fill up right after registration opens on Nov 1. <http://morrobaybirdfestival.org>.

Quick Announcements from Kern Audubon!

Kern Audubon Board of Directors meetings are open to any member. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month Aug-May, except Dec. Usually at 6:00 pm in the same location as for our monthly meetings, at Kern Co Sup of Schools at 17th + L Sts. (unless stated otherwise) Contact is Harry at 805-1420
harrylove1944@gmail.com

Kern Audubon's website is looking for members' bird photos. If you've taken bird photos in Kern County that might look good on our website, send them to Harry Love at harrylove1944@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name, the name of the bird, and where you took the photo.

Ready to recycle your National Audubon or other birding magazines? Kern Audubon wants your old copies of *Audubon* or *Nature Conservancy* for use at our Science Camps. You can drop them off at KAS's monthly membership meeting. Thank you.



At our September 4th meeting, speaker, Chris Sharp, brought an Asian-European owl from the Fresno Zoo.
It is the largest owl in the world.



AUDUBON CHALLENGE #1

Did you know, according to Worldcentric.org, an estimated 40 billion plastic utensils are used every year in just the United States? Most of these are thrown out after just ONE use and end up in our landfills and waterways.

My sister and I carry a utensil in our purses that we use when we go out for frozen yogurt, rice bowls.....We challenge you to purchase a few (we also each have one in the car and in our day packs). They are very reasonably priced, come in different colors and are easily washed. We could save Audubon money by bringing our own spoon/fork to our Christmas dinner and Summer Picnic in the park. Plus we would be helping the environment ALL year long. Are you up for the challenge?

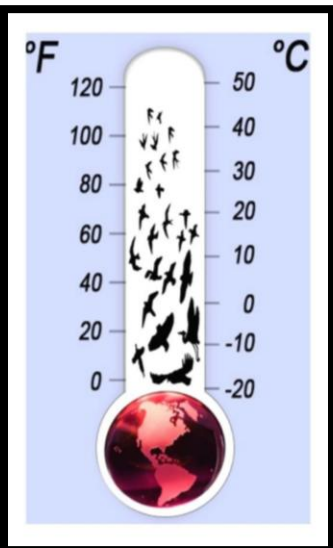
California Environmental Legislation

Ensuring that California will continue its leadership on climate change, the State Assembly two days ago passed Senate Bill 100, which sets an aggressive goal for 100% renewable energy by 2045. This is great news for the 170 California birds threatened by climate change, as well as the people of California, who will benefit from the cleaner air and clean energy. Another bill that passed was Senate Bill 834, which will ensure that pipelines and other infrastructure needed to support new oil development in federal waters cannot be built in California waters, effectively making new drilling impossible. This was a much-needed move to block the federal government, which is now pushing for new oil leases off our coast. But Californians have seen enough damage from oil spills. Both of these bills are now headed to the Governor's desk because of broad coalition support. We're proud that we were able to play a role in getting YES votes. Big thanks go out to the many thousands of Audubon activists who sent emails to their legislators, and those who actually visited district offices to speak out for these important measures. Birds have a voice in the legislature, and that voice is yours.

NO SCHEDULED DATE FOR WORKPARTY THIS MONTH...STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT

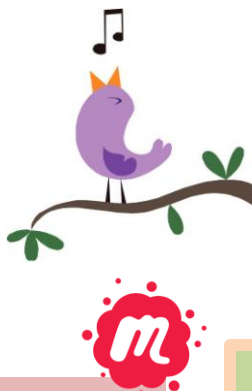
Climate Change Corner: Colorado State University

CSU is the country's premier university for all things sustainable – and it's got the numbers to prove it. The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Ratings System (STARS) ranked CSU as the greenest campus in America. Which makes sense. Its location is ideal, nestled against the Rocky Mountain foothills on sunny, windy plains. And the commitment to sustainability is found everywhere across campus. It was first college to receive the coveted STARS platinum rating, and it was also the first to use solar energy to power an air conditioning and heat system. CSU is especially dedicated to sustainability in the classroom. More than 90 percent of CSU departments conduct sustainability-related research. NASA developed CloudStat technology to help CSU students conduct climate change research. It has pioneered a Master of Greenhouse Gas Management and Accounting program that is the first of its kind in the country. The list of academic commitments goes on...



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ON FACEBOOK**

"Like" us and add your comments, photos, bird sightings, and get updates on field trips and programs! Laura Fahey manages our Facebook, email her at: ityzmom@sbcglobal.net.



Want to know about upcoming outings for Kern Audubon? Want to find out what similar groups are doing? Sign up for **Meetup!**

[www.meetup.com/
Kern-Audubon-Society](http://www.meetup.com/Kern-Audubon-Society)

Many thanks to
Carly Summers for updating events on the site.



California: Bird By Design

California is famous for the spirit of its people, farms that feed millions, innovation that transforms the world, our magnificent coastlines, and Hollywood, to name a few. Audubon California would add our abundant bird life to that list. The more than 600 bird species that have been spotted in California make up about two-thirds of all birds species in North America, including the tiny Calliope Hummingbird, the elegant Black Phoebe, and the great California Condor. More commonly seen California birds total around 450 species, making our state one of the country's most diverse. The natural habitats that draw millions of breeding, migrating, and resting birds to California – the shorelines, wetlands, oak woodlands, deserts, and forests – include 175 places most important to birds (Audubon calls them Important Bird Areas), the most of any state in the Lower 48. Birds are crucial components of healthy natural systems, serving as pollinators, predators, scavengers, seed dispersers, and engineers in riparian, wetland, and coastal habitats. Birds are indicators of broader ecosystem function and environmental health because they respond rapidly to climatic and other changes, and are relatively easy to see and study. Birds and humans need the same things – clean air, water, and land – so the future health of birds and that of humans is inextricably linked.

California is a linchpin of the Pacific Flyway, the migratory route traveled by millions of birds every year. California wetlands, beaches, and other areas provide important habitat, stop over, feeding, and nesting sites for birds that travel from the Arctic to spots over 7,000 miles away in Chile, sustaining species that can be found throughout the Flyway.

Source: Audubon California

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The basic membership dues cover the cost of your subscription to the Warbler. Please consider joining or renewing at a higher level to support the important environmental education and conservation projects critical to the protection of wildlife and the environment. All of your membership dues will be used to support our local education and conservation efforts.

(Note: Membership in Kern Audubon Society does not make you a member of National Audubon. You must complete a separate membership form with National Audubon on its website. See link at bottom of this page.)

Check all boxes that apply to your membership in KAS.

_____ I am a new member

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Print this form. Make your check for membership in KAS and any additional donations payable to **Kern Audubon Society**. Mail check and this membership form to:

P.O. Box 3581, Bakersfield, CA 93385

If you wish to pay by credit card, you may use the Pay Pal button on our web site (kernaudubonsociety.org)

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If you want to also join National Audubon go to: <https://www.audubon.org>