

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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Newsletter of **Kern Audubon Society**
A chapter of National Audubon Society

Join us for our..

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK, AUCTION, AND FUNDRAISER

Date: December 4th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: First Congregational Church
(Corner of Real Road and Stockdale Hwy)

We have fine items for the Silent and Live Auctions including Bird Houses by Al, Quilts by Randi, and an outstanding framed Egret photo by Casey Christie. Plus tons of other outstanding items. Our favorite carolers from BHS will spread holiday cheer along with our dynamic auctioneer Bill Moffat! Bring your favorite dish to share and be ready for the food and fun.



Joy to the World!



Sat. Dec. 1, 7:30 am-11:30 am--Tillie Creek Campground, Sequoia National Forest, Wofford Heights, CA

Ali Sheehey will lead a leisurely paced bird walk through paved, open and closed areas of Tillie Creek Campground along the shore of Lake Isabella. Bring lunch or enjoy lunch at any of the fine eateries in Kernville. We'll be looking for abundant Phainopeplas as well as White Pelicans, Merlins, Buffleheads, and Mergansers among the 90 species found in the area in November/December. Dress warmly in layers; bring water, scopes, cameras, and binoculars (loaners available). **Directions:** Tillie Creek Campground is located just south of the community of Wofford Heights on Hwy 155 at the junction with Old State Rd. From Bakersfield, take Hwy 178 east up to Lake Isabella; then take Hwy 155 north toward Kernville for 8-9 miles and look for the campground's sign. Campground is on the right. Carpoolers from Bakersfield meet at 6:15 am at Albertson's parking lot on the north side of the junction of Hwy 178 and Mt Vernon. **For info: call Mac McCarthy at 589-7768.**

Sat. Dec. 8, 8:00 am-Panorama Vista Preserve in Bakersfield.

Join Kern Audubon for our monthly bird walk on PVP's 900 acres of riparian and restored woodland habitat along the banks of the Kern River. PVP is located below Bakersfield's Panorama Bluffs. We should be finished by around 9:30. Some birders may then want to join PVP volunteers working that morning. Dress warmly in layers; bring water and binoculars (loaners available). **Directions:** take Union Ave north, veering left onto Manor St when Union Ave ends. After crossing the Kern River, take the Roberts Ln onramp. At the top of the ramp, turn left (east) onto Roberts Ln. Proceed ½ mile, past horse stables on your right, and meet at the gate at the end of Roberts Ln. **For info: call Mac McCarthy at 589-7768.**

Sun. Dec. 9, 9:00 am – Tejon Ranch

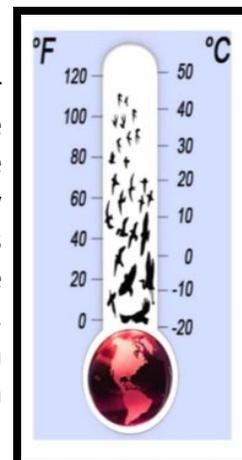
This will be a docent-led outing on the San Joaquin side of Tejon Ranch ending by 2:00 pm. Outing is limited to 10 participants who sign up in advance. \$20 per person registration fee. Tejon's docent will be Steve Justus. Kern Audubon's birder leaders will be Deb See and Bill Moffat. Meeting place will be at the ranch's Sebastian Gate. If interested, RSVP to Mac (589-7768) as waivers need to be completed before arrival. Dress warmly in layers. Bring water, snacks, and binoculars (loaners available). **Directions:** from Bakersfield, take Hwy 99 south to Bear Mountain Blvd (Hwy 223). Drive east on Bear Mtn for 5+ miles and turn right(south) onto Wheeler Ridge Rd.; drive south 10 miles and turn left (east) onto Sebastian Rd.; drive east 9 miles to roads end at Tejon Ranch's Sebastian Gate.

Sat. Jan. 5, 8:30 am-Canebrake Ecological Reserve (Cap Canyon), South Fork of the Kern River east of Isabella Reservoir.

Mickey Dyke will lead a morning bird walk along the South Fork of the Kern River at Canebrake Ecological Reserve. Trails wind through two thousand acres of riparian and woodland habitat. Look for Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Western Bluebirds, and Hermit Thrushes among the nearly 100 species found at Canebrake in January. Afterwards, stop for lunch at the historic Onyx Store on 178 for a made to order sandwich from its well-regarded deli and its huge selection of old fashioned sodas and candies. **Directions:** Canebrake Reserve is on Hwy 178 about 15 miles east of the Isabella Reservoir. Reserve's sign and parking lot will be on the left about 5 miles east of Onyx. Carpoolers from Bakersfield meet at 6:15 am at Albertson's parking lot on the north side of the junction of Hwy 178 and Mt Vernon. For info: call Mac McCarthy at 589-7768.

Climate Corner: Message from the California Utilities Commission

"This month your utility bill will include a credit identified as the "California Climate Credit." Your household and millions of others throughout the state will receive this credit on your utility bills. The California Climate Credit is part of California's efforts to fight climate change. This credit is from a state program that requires power plants and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits. The credit on your bill is your share of the payments from the State's program. The Climate Credit is one of many programs resulting from landmark legislation called the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Together, these programs are cutting pollution, creating jobs, and investing in cleaner energy and transportation. Your Climate Credit is designed to help you join in these efforts. For more information about climate change science and programs to reduce carbon pollution, visit www.climatechange.ca.gov."



Trump Administration Plan to Reverse Progress on Car Fuel Standards a Huge Mistake

Transportation is now the greatest source of carbon pollution; rolling back fuel efficiency standards undermines one of the most effective federal policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions in the U.S. "California has long been a leader in protecting our people, birds and natural beauty from the dangers of our changing climate, and the White House's effort to thwart that progress is a huge mistake," said Sarah Rose, executive director of Audubon California. "Reducing emissions from cars is one of the single best ways we can protect the health of our communities, and reduce carbon pollution overall. California's ability to set our own fuel standard is the best tool we have to act on climate. We don't have time to waste," said Rose.

The proposed plan would freeze fuel economy standard goals at 2020 levels, 43.7 mpg on average for any company's fleet of vehicles; the plan would also eliminate the Obama-era goal of 54.5 mpg by 2025. The plan would also revoke California's authority, under the Clean Air Act, to set its own standards; that state's higher standards are currently followed by more than a dozen other states. *"This misguided plan is bad for the environment, expensive for consumers and needlessly disruptive for the auto industry and its suppliers. Manufacturers and suppliers, in particular, were geared up to make huge improvements that would be good for birds and the environment. This is just one more example of the administration's blind rush to undo anything related to Obama's legacy — and even the new head of the EPA has expressed reservations about this reckless decision,"* said David Yarnold, Audubon's president.

"The growing political consensus around taxing carbon emissions shows widespread understanding that there is a real cost to this kind of pollution that we can no longer afford to bear. The transportation sector is now the biggest source of greenhouse gases and we are finally reducing its impact. We cannot afford to play games with policies on which our kids' and our planet's future quite literally depend." Given the urgent threat our changing climate poses to birds and people, Audubon supports common-sense, bipartisan solutions that reduce carbon emissions at the speed and scale necessary.

To learn more about Audubon's Climate Initiative, please visit: www.audubon.org/climate

Audubon Challenge #2

Avoid idling your vehicle (more than 10 seconds)

Pass up Drive-Throughs. Save money and help the environment !

Why stop idling? Everyday millions of cars and trucks idle needlessly, spewing out the same pollutants as moving cars.

- 1) These pollutants are linked to illnesses including asthma, heart disease, chronic bronchitis, and cancer. Kids are especially susceptible!
- 2) One pound of carbon dioxide is produced every 10 minutes your engine is running. An EDF report (edf.org) shows that in New York City alone, idling produces 130,000 tons of carbon dioxide a year.
- 3) An idling car uses between 1/5 to 7/10 of a gallon of fuel per hour (up to \$70-650 a year). An idling Diesel engine burns about 1 gallon of fuel per hour.
- 4) Idling can damage the modern engine because fuel is only partially combusted during idling which leads to a build up of fuel residues on cylinder walls. Today's cars warm up more efficiently when driving rather than idling. (<https://sustainableamerica.org/blog/10-reasons-to-turn-off-an-idling-car/>)

I hope you will join me this month in consciously stopping idling and doing your part to help save our air.

Susan Castle

List of Kern County Christmas Bird Counts.

The first table is alphabetized by Location and the second table is organized by Date.

Kern County Christmas Bird Counts

Location	Compiler	Email	Phone number	Date of Count
Bakersfield	John C. Wilson	jcwilson@lightspeed.net		Wed, December 19
Bear Valley Springs	Ron Melin	er2melin@gmail.com	310-540-2775	TBD
Buena Vista Lake*	Alison Sheehey	natureali@gmail.com		TBD
Butterbredt Spring	Charles Bragg Jr.	cgbjr67@gmail.com		Sat., December 15
California City	Alexia Svejda	alexiasvejda@gmail.com		Fri., Dec 14
China Lake	Peter Woodman	Kivabio@aol.com		Sun., December 16
Kern River Valley	Tim Ludwick	tjludwick@gmail.com		Sun., December 30
Pixley NWR	Joan Parker	blueoakpark@gmail.com		Tues., December 18
Red Rock Canyon	Jean Rhyne	Jean.Rhyne@parks.ca.gov		Fri., Jan 4
South Fork Valley	Denise LaBerteaux	eremico@aol.com		Sat., December 29
Tehachapi	Larry Parmeter	lwparmeter@aol.com	559-276-8753	Tue., December 18
Tejon*	Ben Teton	bteton@tejonconservancy.org		Sun., December 16

* contact compiler for additional information

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Location	Compiler	Email	Phone number	Date of Count
California City	Alexia Svejda	alexiasvejda@gmail.com		Friday, December 14
Butterbredt Spring	Charles Bragg Jr.	cgbjr67@gmail.com		Saturday, December 15
China Lake	Peter Woodman	Kivabio@aol.com		Sunday, December 16
Tejon*	Ben Teton	bteton@tejonconservancy.org		Sunday, December 16
Pixley NWR	Joan Parker	blueoakpark@gmail.com		Tuesday, December 18
Tehachapi	Larry Parmeter	lwparmeter@aol.com	559-276-8753	Tuesday, December 18
Bakersfield	John C. Wilson	jcwilson@lightspeed.net		Wednesday, December 19
South Fork Valley	Denise LaBerteaux	eremico@aol.com		Saturday, December 29
Kern River Valley	Tim Ludwick	tjludwick@gmail.com		Sunday, December 30
Red Rock Canyon	Jean Rhyne	Jean.Rhyne@parks.ca.gov		Friday, January 4
Bear Valley Springs	Ron Melin	er2melin@gmail.com	310-540-2775	TBD
Buena Vista Lake*	Alison Sheehey	natureali@gmail.com		TBD

* contact compiler for additional information

Raffle Items Needed

Have more than one item at home? Received a gift that you do not need? If you answered 'yes' to one of these questions, please bring the item (or buy one) to our monthly meeting.

We need more items for our raffle.



PHOTOS NEEDED!

Please send photos of birds you have seen on an outing, in your backyard, or anywhere else to Harry Love (harrylove1944@gmail.com). We would like to celebrate birds you have seen!

KERN AUDUBON 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

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

Old Audubon Magazines Needed

Have copies of your Audubon magazine? We need them to give to students at Science Camp. Bring them to the any monthly meeting.

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. 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.

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Board Meeting Dec. 18, 2018 6PM



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Good Ol' Audubon Fun!



Photo by
Dixie Coutant



Joseph Brandt, head of the
Condor Recovery Team, giving
program in Tehachapi



Outing to see condors
led by Kevin Fahey



Birding at Brite
Lake led by Greg
Hargelroad



White crown warbler
taken by member
Mike Iseman



Jan and Dawn of the Tehachapi Group.
Dressed as "Nerd Birders" for Halloween
at meeting



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 I am a renewing member

Individual membership \$20 Student \$15

Family membership \$35 Benefactor Membership \$100

Condor life time membership \$1,000

Donations: \$5 supporter (recurring monthly) \$10 sustaining (recurring monthly)

One time: \$30 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other amount _____

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)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Kern Audubon Society will not sell or distribute any member information to any other organization.

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