



# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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

## **KERN AUDUBON PROGRAM Tues, February 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION** First Congregational Church 5 Real Rd.

➔ (Real Rd. and Stockdale Hwy.)



### **A Monumental Legacy: The Antiquities Act and the American West**

For over 100 years, the 1906 Antiquities Act has empowered American presidents, beginning with Teddy Roosevelt, to create national monuments to protect and preserve America's natural and cultural heritage. Doug Dodd's illustrated talk will discuss the origins of the preservation ideal, the conservation movement, and the development of America's system of national monuments, such as the Sequoia National Monument in Kern & Tulare Counties. The Antiquities Act has recently come under fire as the Interior Department has sought to decrease the size of some national monuments created in the last decade. Doug Dodd will discuss the history of the Antiquities Act and update us on recent developments related to national monuments.

*Dr. Douglas Dodd is an Associate Professor of History at CSU Bakersfield, where he teaches U.S. history, environmental history, and the history of the American West. His work focuses on the history of federal public land management policy and more recently on the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in California's national parks, 1933-1942. Dr. Dodd is a member of Kern Audubon.*

## **FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS**

### **Sun. Feb. 4th, 1:00pm - Kern & Pixley National Wildlife Refuges**

Want a SUPER field trip instead of a Super Bowl?! Then join us for birding at two area wildlife refuges. Geoff Grisdale, Kern NWR Wildlife Biologist, will lead the afternoon and early evening outing to Kern & Pixley refuges. We will view shorebirds & waterfowl at Kern, then drive to Pixley NWR to see the Sandhill Cranes before they fly north for the spring and summer, viewing the cranes at sunset and twilight as they return to the safety of the refuge for the night.

Meet at the Costco on Rosedale Highway near the gas station at 1:00pm to carpool. Bring \$10 for transportation, water, snacks, binoculars and a sack dinner (optional). We will return to Bakersfield by approximately 7pm. Contact Madi Elsea, for more information: 322-7470. *If you haven't seen (or heard) the Sandhill Cranes at sunset, it is truly a wonderful experience!*

### **Sat. Feb 10, 8am-12pm - Cesar Chavez National Monument, Keene CA**

The National Park Service has invited Kern Audubon & Kern Audubon-Tehachapi to a morning of birding the 117 acre Cesar Chavez National Monument in Keene, located between Bakersfield and Tehachapi on Highway 58. Ruben Andrade, Monument Superintendent, will speak briefly at 8:30am and Linda Mutch, Science Communications Specialist with the National Park Service will orient birders to the goal of the outing, which is to help provide a bird list for the monument. Bill Moffat & Greg Hargleroad will provide leadership for Kern Audubon and KAS-Tehachapi birders.

Tehachapi birders should meet Greg at the Tehachapi Burger King at **8:00am** to carpool to the monument.

Bakersfield birders meet at the Stockdale ParknRide located between Highway 99 & Real Rd at **7:45am** to carpool.

Birders can also go directly to the Chavez National Monument, 29700 Woodford-Tehachapi Rd., Keene, arriving **by 8:30am**. Bring water, snacks, binoculars and a picnic lunch. Participants are welcome to visit the memorial gardens and the visitor center at the conclusion of the event.

Questions? Contact Bill or Deb: 805-0232 or Greg: 818/645-3664

### **Tues. Feb. 20, 8:30am - Truxtun Lake**

Al Caetano will lead this morning of birding around Truxtun Lake. Meet in the parking lot along Truxtun Extension near the painted water tower west of Mohawk Drive. Bring water, snacks, binoculars (loaners available). Questions? Contact Al: 833-6705

# The Great Backyard Bird Count

## Feb 16-19, 2018



The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at **birdcount.org**. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.

**The Great Backyard Bird Count is a citizen science program of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and The National Audubon Society.**

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**Board Meeting Feb. 20, 2018 7PM**

### 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:

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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***

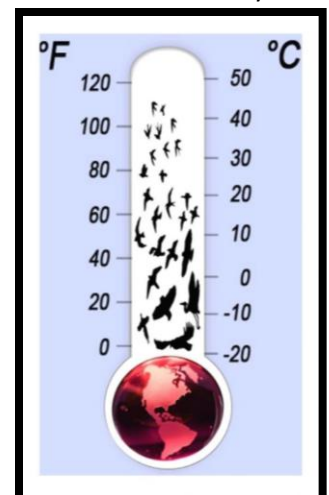
Many thanks to **Carly Summers** for updating events on the site.



### CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER: 100% Committed

With the cost of clean energy dropping every year, it's never been easier or more affordable to leave dirty fossil fuels behind and shift to renewables. Or, as we like to say, 100 percent renewable is 100 percent doable. In 2017, we welcomed 12 cities and business as *100% Committed* partners, including Moab, UT, Boulder, CO, Avon, CO, and South Lake Tahoe, CA – all of which have committed to go to 100-percent renewable electricity!

The bottom line is this: even as the White House keeps shaking hands with fossil fuel CEOs and trying to take the country back to the nineteenth century, towns, cities, and communities across the US are looking forward and joining with *100% Committed* to work for a clean energy future. Both popular support and market forces stronger than any politician are with us and as former US Vice President Al Gore says, “We’re going to win this. The only question is how long it takes.”





**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 for 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Nature Festival at Wind Wolves Preserve  
 March 3-4<sup>th</sup>. Please email [gillian.a@twc-ca.org](mailto:gillian.a@twc-ca.org) for shift availability and positions needed!



## SCIENCE CAMP AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

On February 23, March 2, March 9, and March 16 (All Fridays), each day there will be a science camp at PVP from 8AM-12PM. We are hoping you can join the great team of volunteers for this very rewarding activity. No experience needed! All materials and training provided on site! This activity shows the community KAS at its best. You can come for as little as just one day. If interested or if you have questions, please email HARRY LOVE ([harrylove1944@gmail.com](mailto:harrylove1944@gmail.com)) or call (661-805-1420). **SIGN IN TODAY!**



**YEAR-END APPEAL...** Once again there has been a generous response to the end-of-the-year appeal in the amount of **\$1845!!** The Kern Audubon Executive Board wishes to acknowledge and thank the following persons for your extra gifts toward KAS' continuing efforts to "create a culture of conservation in Kern County" in 2018...

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## GOING PAPERLESS WITH KERN AUDUBON!

The Executive Board is considering ending the paper/mailed version of this monthly newsletter to save printing and postage costs as well as trees. Your feedback is helpful but especially helpful is to have your email addresses so that you will receive the e-Warbler. Please send your email address to [rodmlee@aol.com](mailto:rodmlee@aol.com).

If you have concerns about the transition to receiving the Warbler by e-mail or would like to continue to receive a printed Warbler please contact:  
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 Give feedback to any member of the Exec Board!

## WORKPARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

Saturday, Feb. 10, @ 9am

East end of Roberts Lane.

Bring water, a hat, gloves and a shovel if you have one. If you have any questions please contact David S. at: [davidws@pacbell.net](mailto:davidws@pacbell.net).



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- Sun. Feb. 4, 1pm - Kern & Pixley National Wildlife Refuges field trip
- Tues. Feb. 6, 7pm - KAS Program
- Sat. Feb. 10, 8am-12pm - Cesar Chavez National Monument field trip
- Sat. Feb. 10, 9am - PVP Work Day
- Tues. Feb. 20, 8:30am - Truxtun Lake field trip

## Membership Application – KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C4ZC300Z)

If you would like to be apart 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.

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