



# AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*



**KERN AUDUBON**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

*Kern Supt. of Schools*  
*1300 17<sup>th</sup> st. Bakersfield*  
*(street parking or in lot at 18<sup>th</sup> & K)*



By using spotting scopes students learn that the birds are all around us.

## SAVING THE PLANET ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

For 112 years the Audubon Society led the way on bird protection and environmental issues. Come Tuesday, January 9, to learn about our founding, purpose, and successes, such as the twice-yearly Science Camp. You'll learn about ways birds have influenced our culture in sports, phrases, and humor. Each member is an ambassador for Audubon Society, so come find out more about this premier organization

Plus... Harry Love, Kevin Fahey, and Susan Castle spark enthusiasm for our environment as they demonstrate to youngsters and adults that birds matter through our Science Camp. This meeting will show us the extent of Kern Audubon's community outreach and the tremendous volunteerism present in Kern Audubon. You will see the variety of hands-on materials and experience some of the motivational



techniques our team of volunteers use to develop students and adults who truly know how to care for our planet. Participation in our projects is action based and offers a concrete way to make a difference! *It's guaranteed you will have fun, especially as we see Susan Castle's Ambassador Puppets!* **Start 2018 with Kern Audubon on Tuesday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

## JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

### Fri . Mon. Jan 12-15, Morro Bay Bird Festival

Join over 500 other birders for bird watching on our beautiful Central Coast. About 200 species are usually sighted during the Festival weekend. *For more information go to: [morrobaybirdfestival.org](http://morrobaybirdfestival.org)*

### Sat. Jan 20, 8:30am - Lake Ming

Roger Coley will lead us on a morning of winter birding along Lake Ming. Expect to see waterfowl and winter birds. From Alfred Harrell Highway turn east at the fire station onto Lake Ming Drive and follow it down to the lake. Meet at the first parking lot, dress warm, bring binos, water, snacks. *Contact Roger for more info: (661)832-1820.*

### Sat. Jan. 27, 8:00am - Tehachapi Area Ponds

We will be touring some of local ponds looking for winter migrants. Dress WARM, bring water, snacks, etc. We will meet at the Tehachapi Burger King on Tehachapi Blvd. at 8 am and proceed to local groundwater discharge ponds and other local wetlands. *Contact Greg Hargleroad (818)645-3664 or [gregory.hargleroad@hotmail.com](mailto:gregory.hargleroad@hotmail.com) for more information.*

## Holiday Program

On Tuesday, December 5, Kern Audubon has its annual Holiday program and auction. This year over 80 members attended. Besides donations from local businesses, there were many beautiful items donated by members. The Bakersfield High School Carolers provided us with many Christmas carols, much to the delight of the audience, all of which gave a standing ovation. The live auction portion had many memorable items, from a quilt and guitar to a member made work of art. Many thanks to Gary McKibbin for being the MC and to Bill Moffat performing as the auctioneer. Much appreciation to the volunteer group that set up the room. A wonderful night, indeed! The total raised from the auction was \$1,864.00!

**Thank you for your generous support!**

### Show Your Appreciation!

Our Annual Holiday silent auction was very successful thanks to the many local businesses that donated gift cards for the event. They have all been long time sponsors. Please show your appreciation by patronizing the following business: **Spencers Restaurants, Dewars, Sequoia Sandwich Shop, John's Incredible Pizza, Fruggattis, Gaslight Melodrama, and Too Fat Sandwich.** And, if you have the opportunity, mention that you are a member of the Kern Audubon Society.

**Plants for Birds:** Want to know what to plant in your garden

next spring to attract birds? If so, visit the following website: <http://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>



### 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: [itzimom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:itzimom@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.



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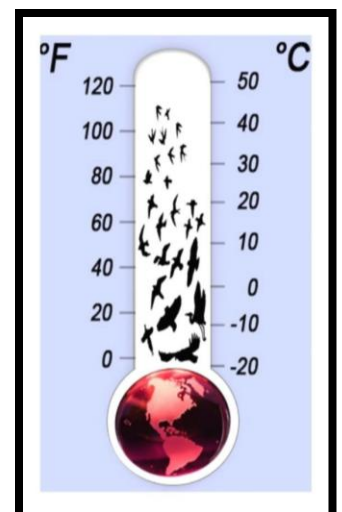
**Board Meeting Jan. 16, 2018 7PM**

### CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER:

#### The Big Melt-Climate Change in the Alps

It took a long time (44 million years) for the earth to create the Alps. It has taken a very short time for humans to wreck them. From 1960 to 2017, the Alpine snow season shortened by 38 days. Europe experienced the warmest-ever winter in 2015. Last December was the driest in 150 years of record keeping. Green and brown are the new white across the southern European peaks, with snow cover in the French Alps just 20% of normal. This environmental change has strong economic consequences. Many regions depend on the ski industry to support the local economy. Thus, climate change has an economic effect.

(Source: Time Magazine, December 11, 2017)



Refreshments  
and a  
fundraising  
raffle are an  
added bonus!

## Kern Audubon-Tehachapi

Tuesday Evening, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

At 7:00 p.m.

Golden Hills Elementary School Cafeteria

20215 Park Road

Guest speakers Bob and Susan Steele

### *"Chasing spring on the Pacific Crest Trail"*

In 2016 Bob and his wife Susan thru-hiked the 2,650 mile-long Pacific Crest Trail with a different goal than anyone else—counting all the birds. Their trek passed through magnificent scenery, diverse habitats, and afforded the chance to see birds moving northbound, from spring migration to summer breeding. With stunning photography and storytelling, this evening presentation will take you along the mountainous spine of the West Coast, winding from

Mexico to Canada With a keen eye toward natural history and birds. Share in the joy and

challenge of backpacking 140 days on one of the most famous trails in the Western Hemisphere, and glimpse some of the 200 species of birds found along the way.



### WELCOME TO NEW WARBLER EDITOR

I have had the privilege of being the editor for Kern Audubon's *Warblers* since the Spring of 2006 when Ted Murphy & I helped re-start the chapter after a 5 year hiatus. After serving as Co-Chair with Ted and then as President, it's been incredible to see the new leadership that has emerged and the amazing growth and outreach of Kern Audubon. There are too many folks to name, so I won't even try but want to say a heartfelt thank-you to all of you who have dedicated (and continue to do so) time, talent & enthusiasm for the mission of Audubon, especially here in Kern County. I have recently retired so we look forward to doing lots of traveling as we also figure out what "retirement" means! Rod enjoyed his work as webmaster for [KernAudubonSociety.org](http://KernAudubonSociety.org) and me as editor of the newsletter and we are grateful to Jake Abel for taking over the website and for our new Communications Coordinator.....

So, it's time to introduce **LINDA VASQUEZ**, who will be taking a new position created by the Executive Board of Communications Coordinator. Linda is now the editor of the *Warbler* and will handle all the aspects of Kern Audubon's communications outreach through publicity and working with our great volunteers who mail the newsletter, do our social media sites and the website. She will also serve as an *ex-officio* member of the KAS Executive Board. Linda brings wonderful background as Outdoor Education Coordinator at Wind Wolves Preserve where she also edits the WW newsletter. She is also finishing her degree at CSUB in Liberal Studies and a minor in Child, Adolescent and Family Studies. And she's the mother of a 9 year old daughter, who loves birds! Learning to edit the newsletter was a learning experience for me as I'm sure it will be for Linda. Please introduce yourself to her at the next meeting and feel free to give her suggestions and feedback. Welcome to Kern Audubon, Linda!

Remember, BIRDS MATTER!

Sincerely, Maqi Elsea



### 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)**. Give feedback to any member of the Exec Board!



### **WORKPARTY AT PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE**

**Saturday, January 13 9am-11am**

We will be continuing unearthing drip lines to keep the squirrels and gophers from chewing on them. We will meet, as usual, at the parking lot at the east end of Roberts lane at 9 a.m. and work for a couple of hours. Bring gloves, water, and a light jacket. January is winter time (?)

If you have any questions please contact David S. at: **[davidws@pacbell.net](mailto:davidws@pacbell.net)**.

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**Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities:**

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- *Tues. Jan. 16, 7pm - KAS Executive Board*
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**Membership Application – KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C4ZC300Z)**

If you would like to be a 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)***

\_\_\_ New Member \$20     \_\_\_ Renewal \$20

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Kern Audubon  
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Bakersfield CA 93385

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