

AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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End of Year GATHERING

Tuesday JUNE 1st
DEEP PIT BBQ 5:30 - 7:30PM

F.A.C.T/Environmental Studies

Area at CSUB

(Turn north on Runner Drive from Camino Media, then right into the parking lot. Go thru parking lot onto dirt road to the fence.)



5:30 pm - Tours of FACT (Facility for Animal Care & Treatment),

Cactus Garden & Desert Tortoise Compound

6:30pm - Catered DEEP PIT BBQ - \$10/adults; \$5 under 8

Dinner entertainment: Keyboardist ROD LEE

Come & enjoy Kern Audubon's Webmaster and talented musician, Rod Lee,

at the Keyboard providing dinner music and special

entertainment...maybe even some requests!

Come enjoy a fun evening as we end our program year!

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

Programs for the year end with the June BBQ, but several summer field trips are planned, so put these events on your calendar! More information will be on the website: kernaudubonsociety.org



Sat. JULY 17, 6:00AM - Kern River Preserve

We'll get an early start to beat the heat and join Bob Barnes at the Kern River Preserve to see summer birds: Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Summer Tanager, Willow Flycatcher, etc. Bring binocs, water, sunscreen, snacks, etc. We'll lunch at Sierra Vista Cafe before returning to Bakersfield. Meet 6am at Albertson's parking lot (Hiway 178 & Mt. Vernon) near the donut shop. Contact Madi for information: 322-7470

Sat. August 21 - Owens Lake

Owens Lake is one of Audubon's Important Bird Areas and Mike Prather, Eastern Sierra Audubon, will lead us on an exploration of this restored lake that attracts thousands of migrating birds. Plan to travel to Bishop on Friday to camp or make own motel arrangements. Contact Ginny Dallas for details (587-6323) and website: kernaudubonsociety.org

<u>Summer Morning at Panorama</u> <u>Vista Preserve</u>

On **Saturday, June 5, 8-10 AM**, Kern Audubon will have its monthly workday at the Panorama Vista Preserve. Last month we planted many trees and bushes, from sycamores and valley oaks to roses and mule fat. With the weather getting warmer the new plantings are starting to look healthy as they like 'their new home'. Come out to help add new plants or to work in the nursery. It is a great way to Keep Kern Green! Contact Harry (805-1420 or love3@bak.rr.com) for information.

Kern River Festival--off to a good start!

The first and possibly annual KERN RIVER PARKWAY FESTIVAL last Saturday was a big success and Kern Audubon was a part of it with a booth which included great pictures of Kern River birds by BILL LYDECKER. Many thanks to him and these folks who staffed the booth throughout the day: Madi Elsea, Rod Lee, Bill & Lynn McDonald, Nancy Mills, Harry & Kathy Love, Mark van Voorhis, Deb See, Ted Murphy & Bill Moffat.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Tues. June 1, 5:30 7:30pm for tours of FACT, Cactus Garden & Desert Tortoise Area, DEEP PIT BBQ and musical entertainment!!
- Sat. June 5, 8 10am Work Party at Panorama Vista Preserve
- Sat. July 17, 6:00am (beat the heat!)
 Halfday field trip to see summer birds at Kern
 River Preserve
- Sat. August 21 Field trip to Owens Lake

PROJECT WET WORKSHOP

Interested K-12 teachers/educators are invited to the Project WET workshop sponsored by Kern Co Water Agency & Kern County Sup't of Schools, June 8-10, 8am - 3pm at the Kern County Water Agency. Workshop will engage you in a variety of activities to use with students while learning about Kern County's water resources, water treatment, etc. Participants will received their own Project WET guide filled with 90 CA standards aligned activities. Workshop is FREE to first 30 educators to register by June 4th and CEU credit is also available. Contact Sarah Clayton at 634-1424 or sclayton@kcwa.com or register online at www. kcwa.com

NEED INFORMATION ABOUT BIRDS?

One of the best websites for learning about birds and bird behavior, including the NestCam for watching birds on the nest, is www.cornellbirds@cornell.edu. This is the website of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the world leader in the study and conservation of birds.

We thank Joseph V. Higbee for the Audubon's Warbler photo used as the newsletter logo. Used by permission. (www.pbase.com/jvhigbee)

GULF SPILL INFORMATION

For up-to-date information about how the National Audubon Society is responding to the devastating oil spill now effecting the Gulf Coast, go to www.audubon.org

WEBSITES to check out...

Kern Birding For a comprehensive website about Kern Co. birding locations go to www.natureali.org/birding.htm.

Kern County Bird Sightings/photos For what's unusual in Kern County, go to kerncobirding@yahoogroups.com You'll find recent bird sightings, reports by Bob Barnes, Michael McQuerry, Alison Sheehey, pictures by Ken Kyle and others.

Audubon California has a great website about its activities and organization: www.Audubon-ca.org

Audubon in the news - To find out more about national Audubon happenings through an informative electronic newsletter, email chapterleaders@audubon.org