



AUDUBON'S WARBLER

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A chapter of National Audubon Society

Kern Audubon's Year-end Gathering

TUESDAY JUNE 6 - 6:00PM

JASTRO PARK

(TRUXTUN & MYRTLE, 3 BLOCKS EAST OF OAK ST.)

Featuring CALM Ambassador Owl & Docent



Plus....

DEEP PIT TRI TIP & CHICKEN DINNER

WITH ALL THE EXTRAS: RICE PILAF, RANCH BEANS, SALAD,
ROLLS, DRINKS & TEXAS SHEET CAKE!!!

\$12/ADULTS & \$5/CHILDREN



And....

ROD LEE, KEYBOARDIST

Join Kern Audubon for this end-of-the-year gathering as we install officers for 2017-18, enjoy a beautiful owl, entertainment, wonderful food and fellowship!

QUESTIONS? CALL MADI ELSEA (322-7470)

JUNE & JULY FIELD TRIPS



Tuesday June 13, 8:00am - Truxtun Lake & Kern River

Join Bill Moffat & Deb See for a morning of birding along the Kern River & Truxtun Lake. With water in the river, there's an abundance of bird life to be seen! Meet at the Kern River Parkway parking lot along Truxtun Extension just west of Mohawk (near the painted watertower). Bring WATER, snacks, hats, sunscreen, binoculars (loaners available). This will be a walking field trip. Call 805-0232 for more info.

Sat. July 16, 6:15am - Kern River Preserve & environs

Alison Sheehy will lead this annual summer field trip to see the summer birds at Audubon's KRPreserve near Weldon: Summer Tanager ("Flying Neon Tomato"), Willow Flycatcher among many others. Because of the tremendous water through the preserve this year, birding should be much better than last several very dry years. An early morning start is important to beat the heat so we will meet at 6:15am. Bring water, snacks, a lunch, binocs, hat, sunscreen. Meet at Albertson's parking lot on Mt Vernon & Hiway 178 near the donut shop to carpool. \$5 for drivers.

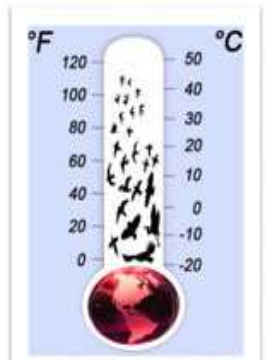


PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE - SUMMER BREAK

David Schaad & Andy Honig have decided to take a summer break from Kern Audubon's monthly workparty due to busy summer schedules. They might schedule some impromptu weeding, so feel free to contact David at davidws@pacbell.net or 428-2841 if you'd like to be involved. The 2 hour monthly workday will resume on Sat. September 8th, 8-10am.

CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER: What is Happening to Glaciers

Last summer the *Crystal Serenity*, a large cruise ship, sailed through the ice-free Northwest Passage. The wreckage of a ship trapped in the ice in 1846 was found. The Arctic has warmed dramatically. That loss speeds the warming, as sunlight is absorbed by the dark ocean. Melting land ice does mean rising sea levels. Remember superstorm Sandy caused \$68 billion in damages along the east coast. There is enough water trapped in the ice sheets covering Greenland and Antarctica to raise seas more than 200 feet. What does this mean? Most of the major cities of the U.S., such as New York, Miami, San Francisco and Seattle, would be under water!



KAS BOOTH @ CALM

Abundant thanks to all the amazing volunteers who made our Audubon booth a joyful learning experience for over 150 youngsters at CALM's recent birthday party: **Mac McCarthy, Bob & Wendy Hodash, Ginger Moorhouse, Louise Clay, Kevin Fahey, Fran Hersh, and Andy & Sasha Honig.** Special thanks to our talented puppeteers, Susan and Barbara Castle, for THREE performances of their wonderful puppet show designed to teach children about birds and how we can protect them. From bagel bird feeders to owl pellet exploration to puppet theater, our booth & volunteers showed young learners (and the adults that brought them) that "BIRDS MATTER."

Editor's note: This is the last issue of the *Audubon's Warbler* until the September 2017 issue, which will be mailed in late August. Please check the website for updates about summer field trips: www.kernaudubonsociety.org. I hope you have a fun and safe summer and that you will enjoy birding wherever you are: backyard, mountains, the beach, wildlife refuges, vacation, etc. Remember to eBird your sightings at eBird.orgbecause BIRDS MATTER!!!!

I wish to thank those who came to my aid during the Bike N Bird field trip. There were those who sacrificed their water to pour over my head to cool me down and those who helped in getting me back to the park lot and to Urgent Care. An unknown Good Samaritan in the parking lot gave me Gatorade and good advice. Others got my car back to town and checked in on me later in the day. Kaiser treated and released me in stable condition after several hours. My diagnosis was cardiac arrhythmia due to heat and exhaustion. I won't be going on any more bike rides in the heat! It is a privilege to belong to Kern Audubon Society--thank you! Linda McMillian

If you'd like to find out what similar groups to Audubon are doing, consider joining **Meetup!** Go to: www.meetup.com/Kern-Audubon-Society and follow the instructions. We now have over 235 members! Thanks to Carly Summers for keeping the site updated!



FEEDING HUMMINGBIRDS

The HOT weather is here, so remember to keep your hummingbird feeders clean and change the nectar every 2-3 days as it spoils quickly! Nectar solution: 1/4 cup sugar to 1 cup water. Dissolve sugar in the hot water. NO red food coloring. Unused mixture can be kept in refrig or up to 10 days. Use only cane or beet sugar.

Clean feeders with mild detergent or vinegar/water. Once a month, soak feeder in solution of bleach & water (1 tblsp bleach to



KERN AUDUBON ON FACEBOOK

"Like" us and add your comments, photos, bird sightings and get updates on activities! Editor Laura Fahey would like to hear from you: ityzmom@sbcglobal.net

SHAFTER NATURE CAMP

On **Tuesday, July 25, 8:30-10:00 AM**, a team of Kern Audubon members will be telling children at the summer camp in Shafter about the wonders of birds. The event takes place inside the gymnasium at the Shafter Youth Center and is part of the camp's Nature Week. The age of the children range from 8-12 years of age. This is the third year of our participation in the event and it gets better each year. In small groups, children rotate from station to station learning about owl pellets, bird feathers and the interesting & fun facts about birds. Each group spends about 20 minutes at a station. All of the teaching materials are provided. What we need is your your enthusiasm for birds--you don't need a degree in ornithology! Want to know how you can help? Contact **Harry Love** (805-1420; love3@bak.rr.com). "Birds matter....and so do kids!"



2016 Team: (L-R) Barbara Castle, Susan Castle, Kathy Love, Fran Hersh, Barbara Reifel, Harry Love, Kevin Fahey

Birds & Beans 

ABOUT "BIRDS & BEANS" Certified 'Bird Friendly' Coffee....

One of the first coffee companies to take up the 'Bird Friendly®' certification was Birds & Beans Canada. Building on their start, in 2008 Scott Weidensaul and Bill Wilson launched Birds & Beans® coffee to make it easy for coffee drinkers in the US to buy Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center 'Bird Friendly' coffee. Kenn Kaufman and Dr. Bridget Stutchbury joined in the mission as Birds & Beans 'Voices for the Birds'. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is Birds & Beans national 'Conservation Partner' and joins with local and regional 'Conservation Partners' in bird conservation advocacy. In June 2013 a program was launched with American Bird Conservancy to work with coffee farmers in Central & South America to gain Bird Friendly certification, to address challenges organic farmers face today and to educate consumers in North America about the important bird conservation and sustainability benefits generated by buying and drinking coffee with the certification.

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Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, author of *'Silence of the Songbirds'*, Yale PhD and Professor at York University, says ***the most important single step an individual can do to help stop migratory songbird population loss is to always buy certified Bird Friendly® coffee.*** Tropical habitat destruction is today's biggest threat to neo-tropical migrants and sun coffee is literally killing the birds we love. Today, almost all coffee on the shelves in the US does not meet 'Bird Friendly®' standards.

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Some of our most beloved Neotropical migrant songbirds – especially our thrushes, orioles, tanagers, and warblers -- are suffering from loss of habitat when they fly south for the winter. One of the easiest things we can all do to support our migratory songbirds is to make sure that the coffee we buy comes from coffee farms that preserve bird habitat. Birds & Beans is certified by the best in the business, and makes it easy to be confident that the coffee we drink is also providing habitat for birds.

How to Order: go to www.birdsandbeans.com and click on "Shop". There are 6 varieties of coffee, whole bean or ground, available in 12 oz, 2lb & 5lb bulk sizes.

COFFEE CLUB.... Kern Audubon Executive Board is interested in becoming a Birds & Beans Coffee Club like neighboring Kerncrest Audubon. This would enable us to receive the wholesale price and depending on volume, free shipping. ***We are looking for someone who might like to be the organizer, which involves about 3-5 hours a month. If you have a heart for protecting birds as you also enjoy coffee, consider this exciting opportunity!***

Interested? Call Madi Elsea, 322-7470. She says, "We love this coffee!"



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Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Tues. June 6, 6pm - Annual Picnic Jastro Park
- Tues. June 13, 8AM - Truxtun Lake outing
- Sat. July 8, 6:15AM - Kern River Preserve outing

Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C4ZC300Z)

If you would like to be 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

Make check payable to **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**

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