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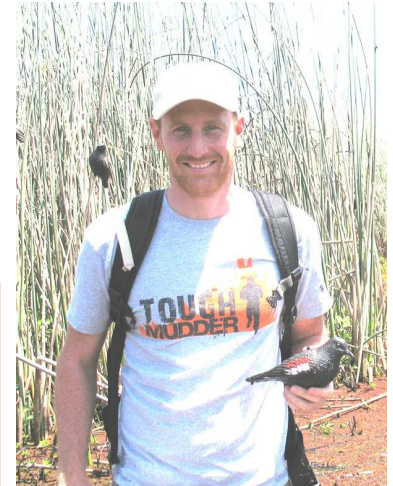
Tues.. March 5, 2013 - 7:00PM

Kern Supt of Schools - 17th & L Sts.

(Parking garage 18th & K Sts.)

**"Partnerships Protect California Natives:
Dairy Farms and Tricolored Blackbirds"**

Keiller Kyle, Audubon CA



Audubon California has been involved with Tricolored Blackbird conservation for the past decade, but recently, has begun to develop new methods to protect this species of special concern, which nests in large colonies. Audubon CA's Tricolored Blackbird Conservation Director, KEILLER KYLE, has been engaging Central Valley farmers and wetland managers in developing co-beneficial management of farm fields and marshes that protect breeding Tricolored Blackbird colonies and food resources they rely on. Last

year was an eventful one with 20% of the global population of Tricolored Blackbirds being protected through a USDA program developed for Tricolors nesting in crop fields. Kyle will be detailing current Tricolor conservation work being done by Audubon and numerous partners, the successes and opportunities for future work with this personable and fascinating colonial breeder in the San Joaquin Valley.

Keiller Kyle joined Audubon California two year ago and has been working extensively with the dairy industry and individual dairymen to establish on-farm wildlife habitat that benefits birds as well as improves water quality and pest control. He grew up on a dairy farm in Central New York, received his Master's in Ecology from Purdue University and had also done extensive avian fieldwork prior to joining Audubon California in 2010.

MARCH FIELD TRIPS

Sat. March 2 - Flowing Wells & Rancho De Nada

Flowing Wells Ranch is a private farming and wildlife management operation located in the Mojave Desert near Cantil and Red Rock State Park. Rancho De Nada is an adjacent ranch. This is a great location to see waterfowl, raptors, Great Horned Owls, and the occasional rarity. Since Flowing Wells and Rancho De Nada are private access to this area is limited. Don't miss this opportunity to bird this productive habitat.

Meet at the Tehachapi K Mart parking lot near Burger King at 7 am to carpool. Please RSVP to Angela Guy at angelaguy@att.net or 304-6816. Dress in layers; bring water, snacks, lunch, binoculars. Those who plan to carpool should bring cash to contribute to gasoline. Bakersfield folks meet at 6:15am at the Stockdale Park n Ride between Real Rd. & Hiway 99 to carpool.

Wed. Walk March 13, 8:00am - Tule Elk Reserve

Join Ranger Bill Moffat on a bird and elk outing at the preserve west of I-5. Meet at the Kern River Parkway parking lot across from CSUB on Stockdale & Don Hart Drive at 8am to carpool. Bring water, snacks & binocs. 805-0232 info. We will see the nesting Great Horned owls on their palm perch, Burrowing owls and more! Perhaps wildflowers!

Sun. March 17, 5am - Ventura Game Preserve

Kern Audubon will join LA Audubon on this outing to a private duck club with a long history of rich bird sightings, including, Sora, Virginia Rail, American Bittern, etc. Those interested in carpooling meet at the Stockdale ParknRide (between Real Rd. & Hiway 99) at 5am. Dress in layers, bring snacks & lunch, water, binocs and \$15 for drivers. If you'd like to go on your own, you can meet the group at the preserve at 7:30am: 2950 Casper Rd., Oxnard CA 93033.

Call Deb See for a map and more information: 805-0232

Sat. March 30, 7:30AM - Wind Wolves Preserve

Naturalist Dave Schindler will lead this outing at Wind Wolves in southern Kern County with opportunity to see lots of raptors, including Golden Eagles, nesting Great Horned owl, Prairie falcon and more, plus wildflowers. Meet at the Stockdale ParknRide at 7:15am, leaving at 7:30. Bring lunch, water, snacks, binocs, \$10 for transportation. We will return after lunch. Call Deb 805-0232 for info.



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BIRDING FESTIVALS

Bird festivals are fun! You meet other birders, visit new places, see lots of birds, hear interesting presentations, support local economies and much more. For information about festivals around the country, go to...

www.Americanbirding.org/festivals
www.birdwatchersdigest.com

For information about festivals in California, go to...
www.natureali.org/nature_festivals.htm

Save the dates of **April 26-28, 2013**, for the San Francisco Bay Area's best birding and nature extravaganza: **Pt Reyes Birding & Nature Festival**. Enjoy birding at the height of spring migration with some of the best naturalists around. For Save the dates of April 26-28, 2013, for the San Francisco Bay Area's best birding and nature extravaganza! Enjoy birding at the height of spring migration with some of the best naturalists around.
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New US Postal Service regulations now require a heavier weight paper for bulk mail, which means an increase in paper and mailing costs, probably an additional \$15-20 per month. We are asking that everyone with email to **receive your Warbler electronically** to save money as well as trees! We will start doing this over the next several editions of the "Warbler". You can then print your own copy. If we don't have your email address, PLEASE SEND THE ADDRESS TO: rodmllee@aol.com or call 322-7470...thank you!!

KERN AUDUBON LIBRARY

Kern Audubon has a library of books about birds and birding and our new librarian, David Schaad (428-2841) will be bringing books to the March 5th meeting. Browse the book table and if you have a book to return, please bring to the meeting.



We thank Joseph V. Higbee for the Audubon's Warbler photo used as the newsletter logo. Used by permission.

WEBSITES to check out...

Info about birds? To learn more about birds, go to www.birds.cornell.edu, the website of Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the world leader in the study and conservation of birds.

Kern Birding For a great website about Kern County birding spots: 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 Sheehy and others.

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

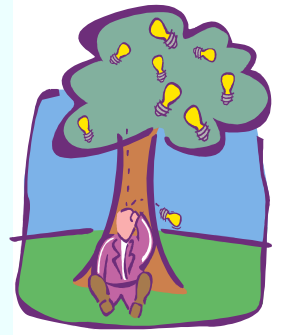
Audubon in the news - To find out more about National Audubon go to: www.audubon.org or chapterleaders@audubon.org

Kern Audubon Society, founded in 1974, is a chapter of the National Audubon Society.

Its mission is to provide educational programs and services that build awareness of the importance of birds and other wildlife and to promote conservation and restoration of natural habitats, primarily in Kern County.

SPRING WORKPARTY - PANORAMA VISTA PRESERVE

On **Saturday, March 9, 9-11 AM**, Kern Audubon will be having its monthly workday at the Panorama Vista Preserve. Last month there was a great crew of workers who 'attacked' the tumbleweeds (see picture below). Great thanks to: Al Caetano, Clyde Golden, Bill McDonald, Dave Schaad, Heather Ellison, Cristelle Ellison, Maria Polite, Pat Turner, David Davis, Andy Honig & Jan Graves. Jan also brought a great crew from the Foothill Interact Club: What to bring March 9th? hat, water, gloves, and shovel. More work on the maintenance of the preserve is scheduled. For more information call 805-1420 or e-mail love3@bak.rr.com. The preserve is located at east end of Roberts Lane off Manor Drive.



PVP WORKPARTY

Sat. February 9th was a day to pick up tumbleweeds at the Panorama Vista Preserve. About 12 piles like the one pictured at left were created. Audubon member Pat Turner is seen in the foreground. Bill Cooper has received a burn permit from the South Valley Air Pollution Control District and will supervise the burning project on the next approved burn day. Thanks, everybody!



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Friends of Kern Co Library holds three book sales a year, contributing significantly to library programs throughout Kern County. Good quality books, audio books, DVDs, CDs, LPs and video tapes are included as well as some "gift" books. The March sale will showcase children's books and "vintage" books. The sale takes place at Beale Library on Truxtun & P St.

The next sale starts with a pre-sale for members of the Friends group on Wed. March, 13, 2013, 4 PM - 8 PM. Memberships will be sold at the door: Individual \$10 and family \$15, which covers a whole year of three sales.

General Public sale dates and hours are:

Thursday, March 14, 2013 (11 AM – 8 PM)

Friday, March 15, 2013 (10 AM - 5:30 PM)

Saturday, March 15, 2013 (10 AM – 5:30 PM)
HALF PRICE!

Questions may be directed to Georgia Bailey, 872-0354, member of Kern Audubon.

MEMBERSHIP DATA COORDINATOR

The Kern Audubon Executive Board is seeking someone who enjoys computer work to consider becoming the Coordinator of membership data. A small stipend is being offered for the position, which involves 4-6 hours a month and requires knowledge of Excel. If you might be interested, contact Madi Elsea, President: 322-7470.

KERN RIVER PRESERVE

Audubon California's Kern River Preserve along the South Fork Kern River is implementing the first phase of a three year restoration project funded by the NRCS Wetland Reserve Program and USFWS Partners for Wildlife Program. We will be planting native shrubs, grasses and trees on 24 acres of formerly cultivated floodplain along the South Fork Kern River. The goal is to enhance habitat for a variety of wildlife species such as San Emigdio Blue butterfly, Loggerhead Shrike, Summer Tanager and Southwestern Pond Turtle.

Volunteers of all ability levels and time commitment are welcome on these dates:

March 2, 2013 - Site Preparation & Planting

March 16, 2013 - Site Preparation & Planting

We need volunteers that can take on responsibility for various portions of the project. If you have the time and ability to help on dates other than scheduled workdays please contact us to coordinate.

Bring food & water, gloves; wear long sleeves & pants, work shoes or boots. The preserve will supply the tools. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Alexander Restoration Site on Fay Ranch Road, 1/3 mi. north of Hwy 178 in Weldon. (Just east of the preserve) Contact the Kern River Preserve Land Steward, **Sean Rowe** via email: srowe@audubon.org or call him at: (760) 378-2531 to RSVP or for information.



Pictured above was a surprise visitor to the backyard of Roger & Barb Coley at their Stockdale Estates home on 2/11/13...a Ring-necked Pheasant! Picture by Roger.

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Join KERN AUDUBON for these activities...

- Sat. March 2, Flowing Wells Ranch, Mojave Desert
- Tues. March 5, 7:00pm - Monthly meeting/program
- Sat. March 9, 9am - Panorama Preserve workparty
- Wed. March 13, 8am - Wed Walk at Tule Elk Reserve
- Sun. March 17, 5:00am - Ventura Game Preserve trip
- Sat. March 30, 7:30am - Wind Wolves Preserve field trip

Membership Application -- KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY (C2ZC300Z)

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)

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Bakersfield CA 93385

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Please indicate if you would like to receive your *Audubon's Warbler* electronically: ___yes ___no