Resources Legacy Fund Grant for Land Protection

by Reed Tollefson

In the fall of 2004, Audubon Kern River Preserve applied for and received a 3 million dollar grant from the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation to support land protection in the Kern River watershed. We have potential projects including preserve expansions, ranch easements and wilderness in-holdings that we are working to protect. These private funds are critical to Audubon because we can use them strategically to leverage additional funds, to develop partnerships and new opportunities.

This funding will help Audubon to continue a long line of conservation,

Nature Program Attracts a Crowd

by Emily Cohen

The Friends of the Kern River Preserve hosted the first of our monthly free family nature programs on February 12th. About 40 people came to see Bill Foster demonstrate the ancient art of falconry with his juvenile Red-tailed Hawk, JoJo. Bill and his wife Birdie are retired from the L.A. Zoo and live in Weldon.

Teaching falcons to help humans hunt for food began before written history.

Audubon Turns 100

by Audubon Staff

The National Audubon Society, one of the nation’s largest conservation organizations, is now 100 years old. The Kern River Preserve will celebrate Audubon’s centennial throughout the year with nature walks, workshops, festivals and scientific research. We invite you to attend any or all of our events.

Audubon of the Kern River Preserve

Calendar of Events

Sat. Apr. 9 - Watershed Workshop
Sat. Apr 23 - 2nd Annual South Fork Kern River Valley Butterfly Count
Sat-Sun April 30-May 1 KRV Bioregions Festival
Sat. May 14 - Bird Banding Demonstration with Ashley Sutton and Emily Cohen
Sat. Jun 4 - 3rd Annual Sequoia National Forest Butterfly Count
Sat. June 11 - River Walk (in the river) with Reed Tollefson
Sat. & Sun. June 11-12: California Amphibian & Reptile Celebration
Sat. Jul 2 - 5th Annual North Fork Kern River Valley Butterfly Count
Sun. Jul 3 - 3rd Annual Giant Sequoia National Monument Butterfly Count
Sat. July 9 - Native Plant Uses with Terri Gallion
Sat. & Sun. July 30-31: KRV Hummingbird Celebration
Sat. Aug. 13 - Summer Sun with Sandra Wieser
Sat. Sept. 10 - Animal Tracks with Teresa Benson
Sat. Sept. 17: Kern Valley Pride Day
Sat. Oct. 8 - Nature Art with Debbie Kiggins
Sat. Nov. 12 - Nature Photography with Dave Kurdeka
Sat. Dec. 10 - Bluebird Boxes with Jeff King and Phil Heavin
Sat. Dec. 31: South Fork Valley CBC: Compiler Denise LaBerteaux

For information email: krpfriends@lightspeed.net

Audubon T urns 100

The Kern River Preserve from Migrant Corner © Reed Tollefson

The Ancient Art of Falconry © Emily Cohen

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supports significant populations of rare species including Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Southwestern Pond Turtle, Alkali Mariposa Lily as well as many other riparian obligate species.

We are very thankful for hard work of our many partners as well as this generous financial support from the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation which are vital to our land protection efforts in the Kern River Watershed. §

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It was an important sport of royalty before firearms and in medieval times your royal rank defined the kind of falcon you could use. The Queen of England still has a royal falconer and the sport is still popular in the Middle East.

Today, falconry is more of a hobby and less prevalent than it used to be. However, it has been increasing in popularity some in recent years. When Bill first started working with falcons in the late 50’s he had to make his own equipment because none was available. Today construction of falconry equipment is a fine art made by craftspeople all over the world.

JoJo hatched in April and will gradually lose and grow back all of her feathers (molt) in May. She will not be able to hunt during that time and her coloring and pattern will completely change. JoJo was not used to having so many people around so she was a little shy with us but she flew up and came back to Bill’s hand several times. Having a falcon is not like having a pet; they are wild animals with all of their characteristic instincts. Red-tailed Hawks are suborned but calm and JoJo demonstrated that for us. American Kestrels, Harris Hawks, Cooper’s Hawks, Goshawks, Prairie Falcons, and Merlins are also used for falconry in the U.S.

Falconers have to have a state and federal license, a hunting license, and do an apprenticeship before they can have a bird. Red-tailed Hawks are very common and easy to see in the Kern River Valley. They hunt over open fields and are beneficial to us because they eat mostly rodents (gophers, mice, rats).

Our next family nature event will be on Saturday April 9 from 9 to 11am. This event will teach about what a watershed is and its value to everyday life. This is a free, all ages event and everyone is welcome (kids under 13 accompanied by an adult). Some snacks will be provided but bring your own drinks and snacks for the kids.

Please dress for the weather and bring sunscreen and bug spray just in case. If you are bringing a group of 10 or more please contact Emily in advance at 378-3345 or outside@sierranet.us. See page 5 for the full schedule. §
KRP BRIEFS

A Years Worth of Festivals in the Planning Stages

Check out page 6 for the schedule for this year’s Bioregions Festival. Planning has been ongoing for a few months now, and just from our webpage alone, several events are already sold out.

Our three other festivals are in the planning stages as well, if you would like to volunteer please email: krpfriends@lightspeed.net. In order to save paper and expense we are no longer printing schedules. For more detailed information look on our website: http://kern.audubon.org

Kern Valley Bioregions Festival

The value of the Kern River Watershed is undeniable great. How a little 15 square mile area can be home to such wonder and diversity is beyond the scope of most, but those of us who have had the opportunity in years past to celebrate the bioregions with us know all too well how special this area is. It is of little wonder that hundreds flock to hear our speakers, visit the vendors at Circle Park and fill our field trips.

But it is the value of our volunteers that make the whole festival happen. Next time you visit, there are thanks that you might want to give.

Sandra Wieser is our most invaluable unsung hero during all festivals. She acts as the registrar of all trips, treasurer of the festivals and leader of the Friends of the Kern River Preserve Booths. Sandra is helped by Birdie Foster who every few days goes down to the preserve and picks up the list of registrants, she then emails all to confirm their trips. Birdie also is tireless in feeding the birds at the preserve and also runs the Friends of the Kern River Preserve booth at Circle Park.

Phil and Phyllis Allin have organized our dinners for years and run our raffles. Each year Phyllis asks local businesses and festival vendors to provide prizes for the raffle and silent auction. The dinners run so seamlessly because of their tremendous effort.

For the past several years John Schmitt has taken time out of his busy schedule to design the t-shirt for the festivals. Not only does he create unique works of art, but also leads field trips that always fill up first.

Jeff King has run many of the behind the scenes aspects of the festivals from making signs, to cleaning up the nature trails, to directing traffic. The Kern River Preserve could not support such traffic without Jeff’s skill.

Ron Gillentine has changed the look of the festivals with the beautiful, professional signs he designs and puts up before each festival. All of the new signs at the Kern River Preserve are a result of Ron’s dedication to making the festivals and the preserve look clean and professional.

And then our out of town leaders who volunteer each year to show our guests the times of their live’s. This year Michael McQuerrey is leading the trips to Butterbredt Springs and one of the beginning owl trips. Bob Barnes is returning to lead the Saturday trip to Canebrake and Sunday’s all day Kern Valley birding trip followed by the final owling trip of the weekend.

Each year Kelly Richers, Joe Fontaine, Ron Bolyard, Bob Steele, Steve Kenton, Emily Cohen, Ashley Sutton, Buz Lunsford, Charlotte Goodson, Gary Potter, and Carol Wermuth donate their time to entertain and educate our visitors.

It takes so many people and organizations to pull off these events each year. Without the dedication of the volunteers of the Kern Valley Festivals, and the employees of the Sequoia National Forest, none of this would happen.

Thank you to you all!

Kern Valley Pride Day

Friends of the Kern River Preserve showed their pride at KRV Pride Day, part of National Public Lands Day. The second-place win for the 11 volunteers of the Friends of the Kern River Preserve was a big win for the environment. Our efforts hauled 156 bags of trash out of the Kern Valley.

KRV Turkey Vulture Watch & Festival

Another successful festival is one for the record books. Over the four day festival 577 people enjoyed visiting the preserve. The festival was a hit with the crowd as hundreds of people enjoyed the entertainment for hours this year instead of the few minutes spent in the past.

Of course the vulture festival is about vultures and they certainly obliged. The 7664 vultures counted over the four-day festival was the second highest total during a festival weekend. Vultures accommodated visitors by roosting in and around HQ, making the drop-ins and lift-offs fun for everyone in attendance. We look forward to seeing our visitors, vulture and human, again for next year’s festival on Sept 24-25, 2005.

Bob Barnes Migrates to a New Life

After 10 years as an employee of Audubon, Bob Barnes has begun a new life pursuing his dream of building a culture of conservation. While employed with Audubon, Bob helped to develop a strong relationship with the local business community, chapters, and volunteers. Bob’s history in conservation is over 30 years long and demonstrates his visionary ideals that made him so effective in helping many individuals see the big picture.

Bob’s work on the Kern Valley nature festivals and his promotion of the Kern River Preserve will live on as a testament to his hours of hard work writing articles and contacting people from all over the world. Tirelessly leading field trips, filling feeders, writing articles, answering numerous phone calls and emails, and going to meeting after meeting are just a few of the many activities that make Bob’s shoes so hard to fill.

Thank you Bob for all of your hard work and we wish you success in all of your endeavors and for your Valley Wild.
Kelso Fence

by Reed Tollefson

Over the last fall/winter Kern River Preserve partnered with the Bureau of Land Management to protect and enhance riparian areas on public lands along Kelso Creek. BLM provided funding to Audubon Kern River Preserve and we contracted with the Southern Sierra Research Station, who provided hard working fence builders including Ashley Sutton, Adolphe Tetsekoua, Jeff King, Dan Ramos and Phil Heavin. The crew did a great job constructing 10,285 feet of range fence to prevent trespass by livestock and off-highway vehicles.

This will help the willow and cottonwoods to increase for the benefit of a wide variety of wildlife. About 0.41 miles of creek bed at Rocky Point and 0.85 miles of creek just south of Audubon’s Kelso Creek Sanctuary, for a total of about 20 acres of riparian habitat will be enhanced by this project. The habitat near Rock Point has a great deal of potential and will be especially nice after a year or two of rest. We installed pedestrian “walk-throughs” so the areas are still open to the public for compatible uses including birding, education and nature observation. We appreciate being able to coordinate with the staff from the BLM office in Ridgecrest and adjoining livestock allotment operator, Richard Rudnick, to enhance this riparian area.

Feeding Birds at the Kern River Preserve

by Birdie Foster

On January 1, 2005 I, along with five other volunteers, started helping feed the birds at the KRP. I get to be the lead person (which means, if there’s a problem, call Birdie).

Reed Tollefson, the Preserve Manager, needed an estimate of what it will cost to feed the birds all year. The numbers are astonishing:

- Black thistle seed (nyger) to feed the tiny birds like lesser goldfinch: 480 pounds = $510
- Sugar to make hummingbird food: To fill 15 quart feeders daily for 7 days = 50 pounds of sugar. We will be feeding hummers for 12 weeks. That’s 600 pounds of sugar and comes to $240!
- The other food we buy is wild bird seed, chicken scratch and suet cakes. The suet cakes are put out during the winter months when insects are hard to come by. The wild bird seed and chicken scratch are put out year round except when the Western Willow Flycatcher and Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo are nesting on the Preserve. We don’t want to encourage any birds that might prey on the nests. The chicken scratch is scattered along the beginning of the Nature Trail so our visitors get to see birds practically underfoot.

The total cost for all this food for the birds comes to $813!

What about the value of our wonderful volunteers. Here is how it was explained to me: 365 days x 1 hour x $15 = $5475!

What do I, a volunteer bird feeder, get out of this: The enjoyment of watching the birds coming to feed and a warm feeling for doing a good thing.

NOTE: We received a “Bird Feeder Alert” from the California Department of Fish and Game. They are encouraging northern California residents to remove bird feeders for at least one month to help slow an outbreak of Salmonellosis, a disease affecting pine siskins that spend the winter in our area. We are stopping thistle feeding at the KRP for at least one month for this reason. §

Resources Legacy Fund Foundation Grant for Outreach Programs

by Reed Tollefson

In our vision we see a vibrant and healthy river forest with associated marshes and wet meadows nourished by a natural

see Outreach page 7
Outside Family Events for Kids of all Ages

Everyone Welcome
Second Saturday of every month - 9 to 11 am - at the Kern River Preserve

Hooray for Raptors
February 12
Learn about the ancient art of falconry and see it in action.
Leader: Bill Foster

Spring is Here
March 12
Wondering what all those pretty flowers popping up everywhere are called? Come on a spring wildflower hike.
Bring binoculars if you have them.
Leader: Alison Sheehey

What in the world is a Watershed?
April 9
Did you know that you are in a watershed right now?
Come learn what a watershed is, how they work, why they are important, how people affect watersheds, and what we can do to protect them

Hear a Bird’s Heartbeat
May 14
Drop by and watch birds being netted, weighed, identified, tagged and released. A great opportunity to see a bird up close and observe the wonders of life on the wing.
Leader: Ashley Sutton

Roving the river Saturday
June 11
Roll up your pants and get wet! We will walk through the south fork Kern River while looking for the many plants and animals that live there. Bring shoes and socks to get wet and wear long pants and sleeves for brush protection.
Leader: Reed Tollefson

Traditional uses of Native plants
July 9
See how our native plants were used traditionally for food and medicine. Leader: Terri Gallion

Our Sun, up close
August 13
It’s sooo HOT, come learn about the astronomy of our sun, why we need it, and some of the techniques animals use to beat the heat.
Leader: Sandra Wieser

Making Tracks
September 10
Investigate the many signs left behind by wandering wildlife including footprints, scrapes, and other clues.
Leader: Teresa Benson

Art in Nature
October 8
Make a beautiful dreamcatcher using materials from nature that we’ll collect while taking a short nature walk. Small children (5 to 8) will need assistance from a parent or older sibling.
Leader: Debbie Kiggins

Fun with a Camera and Nature
November 12
Dave will demonstrate the basics, go over some tricks for capturing better images, and show you some cool stuff around the Preserve. Bring your camera (digital or print).
Leader: Dave Kurdeka

Build your own Bluebird Box
December 10
Yes, those beautiful blue birds raise their kids in boxes. Come see how you can attract them to your yard. Donations will be accepted for building supplies.
Leaders: Jeff King and Phil Heavin

Dress for the weather including a hat, long sleeves, and/or a coat. All activities will be outdoors so don’t forget your water, sunscreen, and bug spray. Some snacks will be provided but please bring your own drinks and snacks for the kids.
For more information on any of these events contact Emily at outside@sierranet.us or 760-378-3345.
Kids age 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. If you are bringing a group of ten or more people, please contact Emily in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kern River Preserve
11th Annual Kern Valley Bioregions Festival At a Glance

FRIDAY April 29th

8pm-10pm Beginning Owling. Trip Limit. $15.

FULL!!! NEW IN 2005!!! 6:30pm-Conclusion, Owling the Bioregions Field Workshop Trip limit: 4 participants per trip leader. $75.

SATURDAY, April 30th

FULL!!! 4:30am-1:30pm Birding Butterbredt Spring with Michael McQuerrey. Carpool. Trip limit. $25

7am-Noon Bird Banding Demonstration at Kern River Preserve. Led by Ashley Sutton. DONATION.

7am-12:30pm Kern River Valley Spring Birding. Carpool. Trip limit. $20

7am-12:30pm Birding the Canebrake Ecological Reserve. Trip limit. $20

7am-4pm Live Native Amphibians & Reptiles, Kern River Preserve. Educational presentations throughout the day by Herp-Ecology. DONATION.

7am-4pm Children’s Activities at the Kern River Preserve. Bird banding, beginning birding (binoculars provided), live snakes & frogs, nature crafts, storytelling. DONATION.

FULL!!! NEW IN 2005!!! 7am-4:30pm - Birding the Bioregions with John Schmitt. Trip Limit. Fee: $35.

NEW IN 2005!!! 8am-1:30pm. Hike to Packsaddle Cave. Trip Limit. Fee: $15.

9am-10:45am Rocks & Minerals of the World, Kern Valley Museum. FREE (Donations welcome).

9am-11am Habitat enhancements and stewardship at the Kern River Preserve. DONATION.

9am-11am Kern River Preserve Beginning Birding & Bird Banding Demonstration. DONATION.

10am-4pm Kern River Fish Hatchery. FREE.

10am-4pm Kern Valley Museum. FREE.

10am-4pm Sequoia Studios Fine Art Gallery and Preserve Store OPEN HOUSE. FREE.

10am-4pm Paiute Nuui Cunni Cultural Center (Native American). Open House. Located south of Kernville in the French Gulch Campground. FREE (Donations welcome).

10am-5pm FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS, Circle Park, Kernville. FREE (Donations welcome).

10am-5pm Official United States Postal Service Bioregions Festival Postal Station, Circle Park, Kernville.

11am-Noon An Introduction to Global Positioning Systems (GPS). DONATION

1pm-4pm Digital Photography for Nature Photographers at Sequoia Studios. $15

5pm-7pm Catered Dinner provided by the Wofford Heights Elks Lodge. Limit 125 people $20

NEW IN 2005!!! The Southern Sierra Nevada: Ecological Crossroads and Rare Plant Hotspot with Fletcher Linton.

6:30pm-Conclusion, Owling the Bioregions Field Workshop. Carpool. Trip limit: 4 participants per trip leader. $75.

SUNDAY, May 1st

4:30am-1:30pm Birding Butterbredt Spring with Michael McQuerrey. Carpool. Trip limit. $25

6am-Noon or up to 5 pm Birding the Southern San Joaquin Valley with Gary Potter. Carpool. Trip limit. $20 (Half day), $30 (Full day).

FULL!!! 7 am-Noon or 6 pm Kern River Valley Spring Birding with Bob Barnes. Trip limit: $30

7am-12:30pm Kern River Valley Spring Birding. Carpool. Trip limit. $20

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7am-5pm FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS, Kern River Preserve, Weldon: FREE (Donations welcome).


7:30am-Noon Bird Photography Field Workshop with Bob Steele. Workshop Limit. 8 participants. $25

8 am-Noon Hillsides in Bloom. Carpool. Trip Limit: $15

9am-11am Kern River Preserve Beginning Birding & Bird Banding Demonstration. DONATION.

10am-4pm Kern River Fish Hatchery. FREE.

10am-4pm Kern Valley Museum. FREE.

1pm-2pm Sequoia Studios SPEAKERS FORUM, 21129 Hwy. 178, Weldon. Owls of the Bioregions. Limit. $10

7pm-9pm Beginning Owling with Bob Barnes. Trip Limit. $15.
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free flowing river. We see this supported by an intact watershed where public and private lands, soil and water resources, and plants and animals are protected and compatible ranching and other land use is practiced. We see an enlightened community that understands the importance of, and actively supports, the protection and good stewardship of these valuable natural resources.

The Outreach Program at Audubon California’s Kern River Preserve is working to promote this understanding and thus develop public support for this natural wonder. We provide opportunities for thousands of school children, eco-tourists, scientists and general nature enthusiast to experience and enjoy one of Kern County’s natural treasures. In 2004, we hosted over 7,000 visitors providing educational and recreational opportunities, and the demand is growing.

The “Friends of the Kern River Preserve” is building grass roots support for our mission. In 2004, our membership generated $35,000 in to support outreach programs. This is growing each year and is an important part of our annual budget. Based upon our vision, our modest programs and growing grass roots support, Kern River Preserve applied for and received a grant of $150,000 from the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation. Audubon is very thankful for this generous support which we are working to use to build our staff capacity, better serve our community and to grow our outreach program.

We hope our supporters recognize that every new membership, visitor well served or volunteer hour helps us to build our program and leverage funding like this grant.

Lost & Found

Occasionally we find some things after our festivals or just out on the nature trail. The following list is of items have accumulated over the past few seasons. If you recognize any of your lost items please describe what you lost and send $5 for shipping and we will return them ASAP.

- 6 pairs of sunglasses
- "Whitewater World Cup Hat"
- Brown "Puma" Hat
- 2 Water Bottles
- Belt or headband with pins attached
- Tapestry Hat
- Wool Gloves
- Digital Camera
- Pocket Knife

Birders from Taiwan visit the Kern River Preserve © Reed Tollefson

Friends of the Kern River Preserve

Winter/Spring 2005

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Christmas Bird Counts

The two Kern Valley Christmas Bird Counts were held New Year’s weekend. Ninety-four species were observed on the South Fork CBC. The Kern Valley Count tallied 118 species. The montane species were hard to come by this year as the snow kept them silent.

Many Friends of the Kern River Preserve participated in the Kern Valley counts and enjoyed a beautiful weekend that stayed dry until the last birder was safely inside enjoying the sumptuous compilation dinner prepared by our friend Ron Gellentine. We thank all of the wonderful volunteers, who spend the day in the field volunteering their time and money to help document winter bird distribution.

Anniversary continued from page 1

What was the reason for an Audubon organization in the first place? In response to the plunder and subsequent decimation of plume bird colonies, several local bird societies agreed to take aggressive action and form a united front to protect birds and their habitat throughout the nation. On January 5, 1905 they officially incorporated to form the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals, later shortened to the National Audubon Society.

During its first several years, the fledgling Audubon organization racked up an impressive list of accomplishments, including passage of the Audubon Plumage Law (1910), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (1918), and establishment of its first two bird sanctuaries (1924): the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary near the president’s former home in Oyster Bay, New York, and the Paul J. Rainey Sanctuary in coastal Louisiana. The Kern River Preserve became an Audubon Sanctuary in late 1997.

Audubon continues to take up the torch for avian conservation, monitoring bird populations and sounding bells about hazards like DDT, fighting for clean air and water, and providing environmental education to Americans through Audubon magazine, Audubon Adventures, and our network of chapters and nature centers. Protection of species such as the Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, and 92 other nesting species is one of the Kern River Preserve's top priorities.

A side benefit of the Kern River Preserve conservation efforts is the community benefits by having the large riparian forest act as a natural pollution device. The roots of the trees absorb pollution from runoff and help clean our water. The stabilized lake level allows for infrastructure improvements, such as trails, parks, and campgrounds right at the water’s edge. The leaves of the trees help filter air pollution and help keep our air clean. Of course our dramatic number of not just bird species but other fauna and flora, attract tourists from all over the world.

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THANK YOU DONORS & NEW MEMBERS

Since our last newsletter 192 people and organizations have generously sent in much needed donations. As of this year the entire Kern River Preserve budget comes from your donations. If your name is missing or misspelled please let us know. We enjoy providing recognition to our wonderful friends. A special thank you to all of our anonymous donors. Your privacy matters, if your prefer to remain anonymous please state that on your donation form.

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Betty Berteaux

WINTER/SUMMER 2005
Friends of the Kern River Preserve

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Application for:  ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Gift

☐ $10,000 Golden Eagle ☐ $100 Great Blue Heron
☐ $  5,000 Black Bear ☐ $50 Bobcat (Supporter)
☐ $  1,000 Fremont Cottonwood ☐ $40 California Quail (Family)
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Please be sure to indicate size if you WISH to receive a t-shirt. Extra T-shirts are available for $15 ($10 for members) plus $2.50 shipping.

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From friends to Priscilla Summers to honor her service to the Dixie National Forest

Midge & John Folger, Eva Marie Gaskin and Karen Ritchie donated to honor the marriage of Emily Cohen & Phil Heavin. Emily is one of the Friends star volunteers. She is the coordinator of the monthly nature events. Both Phil and Emily work for the Southern Sierra Research Station as ornithological researchers.

A special acknowledgement from Leslie Flint to honor Robin Smith's birthday. Robin has traveled all over the world in search of adventure, beautiful landscapes and birds. Among her goals in life is to visit every continent (Australia is the only one left) and every state in the US (she claims she stands on her head when she visits a new state!). One of her favorite places is the Kern River Preserve and one of her favorite people is Bob Barnes.

Keystone Species

Our membership categories characterize keystone species that rely on intact ecosystems to survive. Our goal is to provide long-term sanctuary for these species through outright acquisition of habitat or conservation easements along the entire South Fork Kern River watershed. Although most of the property will not be owned by Audubon, staff of the Kern River Preserve are integral to the success of protection efforts by government agencies and other private organizations.

Supporting the Friends of the Kern River Preserve by becoming a keystone donor allows these important efforts to continue. Without you, none of this critical work can continue. Please unlock the potential of the Kern River Preserve protection and education efforts by becoming a member at the highest monetary level you can comfortably afford.

American Black Bear

The Black Bear - Ursus americanus - is the largest top predator in the Kern River Valley. Black Bears are omnivorous predators that enjoy a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, nuts and grasses, as well as meat. Encountering a Black Bear on the preserve is rare but their calling card is frequently found.

If the Friends of the Kern River Preserve had twenty members in the Black Bear category then the entire Outreach and Education program for the preserve would be fully-funded.

Longtime Friend of the Kern River Preserve, Daniel Portway became our first Black Bear donor. He donated $1000 to our general fund and $4000 to our special endowment fund with the Kern County Community Foundation.
For further information about the

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Driving time from:
- Los Angeles......................................................3.5 hours
- San Diego.........................................................5.5 hours
- San Francisco...................................................6.5 hours
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