Letter from Peter Woodman, Compiler:
Please join us for the 62nd annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. The count was started in 1953 by an illustrious group: Don Moore, Dr. Carl Heller, Dr. Ron Henry, and Lloyd Brubaker.
Continuing with tradition, the count will be the first Sunday of the Count Period, December 16, 2018 from 0700 to 1700. Count week is from December 13 to 19. Species that get seen during Count Week but not on Count Day also get tallied.
We will meet at Leroy Jackson Park at 0700 on the 16th. Please give Peter Woodman a call (760-861-3961) or email (Kivabio@aol.com) by December 6 if you would like to visit the sewage treatment ponds as you will need a badge. Note you will need to pick up your badge at the China Lake Visitor’s Center on Thursday, December 13. No one else can pick up the badge for you.

GENERAL MEETING
Linda Castro of CalWild on Lands (maybe not so) Protected by DRECP
Linda Castro started with the California Wilderness Coalition (CalWild) in 2014 and now serves as its Assistant Policy Director. She is based in southern California.
Linda obtained her Bachelor’s degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and then moved to California and obtained her Juris Doctor degree from Whittier Law School. She practiced law for years for a non-profit in southern California. However, conservation was always her passion – and she is now much happier, having landed her dream job with CalWild.
Linda lives with her family in the San Fernando Valley and is an avid tent camper, hiker, and amateur nature photographer.
Here is what she will talk about:
Some places in the West Mojave that were protected by the BLM’s Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) that you may not be familiar with, why they’re once again threatened, and what you can do about it.
Join us for the first meeting of 2020, at the Maturango Museum at 7 PM.

FIELD TRIP
Kern Valley Hotsprings Wetlands and Bob Powers Gateway Preserve
This will be a docent-led walk through the wetlands in the town of lake Isabella, and the adjoining Bob Powers Gateway Preserve. If time allows, and if anything has been reported lately as being of interest in Lake Isabella, we will stop there on our way home.
Meet Saturday, January 19 at the gas station near Inyokern at 8 AM. Bring a picnic, wear warm clothing and sturdy shoes. Please call Bob Parker at 760-446-2001 for further information and to sign up. You may also arrange to meet the group at the shopping center in Lake Isabella.

IN THE INTEREST OF GETTING THIS OUT IN TIME TO PUBLICIZE THE CBC, THERE WILL BE NO VALLEY SIGHTINGS UNTIL THE NEXT ISSUE.