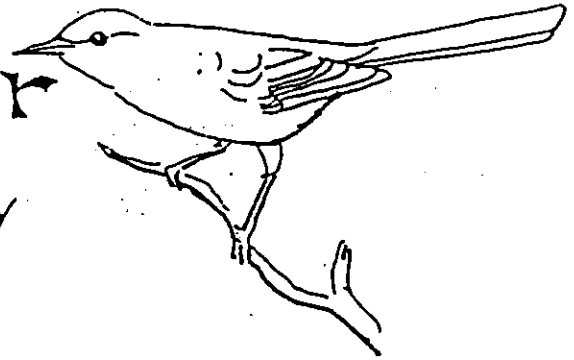


The Gnatcatcher



JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

DECEMBER 1991

IMPORTANT NOTICE: STARTING WITH OUR NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 28th, 1992, ALL REGULAR PROGRAMS OF THE JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT THE 5th AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (5th Avenue and 4th Street) IN ALTOONA. MEETINGS NO LONGER WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE 28th STREET CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN. ALL PROGRAMS WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 PM. FOR DIRECTIONS, PLEASE USE THE MAP ON PAGE THREE.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The 1991 Christmas Bird Count will take place on December 28th, 1991. This is a day-long census of all birds within a designated area, in our case a 15 mile radius of Culp, in Sinking Valley, Blair County. This will be the 22nd year that the Juniata Valley Audubon Society count has taken place. Approximately 60 Christmas Bird Counts are conducted yearly in Pennsylvania. Statistics of the count are sent to the National Audubon Society for publication in "American Birds." Volunteers are needed who will count for one hour or the entire day and may simply stay indoors and count birds at their feeders or spend the entire day afield. Following the count on December 28th at 6:00 PM there will be a covered dish supper in the White Oak Hall at Fort Roberdeau. All JVAS members are welcome. Please contact Angeline Stout at 946-1783 if you need more information.

BIRDER'S GUIDE TO PENNSYLVANIA

JVAS member Paula Ford is writing the Birder's Guide to Pennsylvania, a comprehensive guide to notable birdwatching locations in the Keystone State. It will include detailed descriptions of each of the sites, such as acreage, habitats, trails, observation blinds, nature centers, programs, and camping and picnicking sites. Maps will be drawn by JVAS member Theodora Kreitz. The book will be illustrated by "Gnatcatcher" editor Stan Kotala.

Anyone having a favorite birding spot that they would like to share may get in touch with Paula Ford at 695-4799. Paula has Birding Site Data Sheets available which you may want to fill out.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

28 DECEMBER 1991

Juniata Valley Audubon Society

- Great Blue Heron _____
- *Tundra Swan _____
- Canada Goose _____
- *Wood Duck _____
- American Black Duck _____
- Mallard _____
- *Canvasback _____
- *Lesser Scaup _____
- *Turkey Vulture _____
- *Northern Harrier _____
- Sharp-shinned Hawk _____
- Cooper's Hawk _____
- *Northern Goshawk _____
- *Red-shouldered Hawk _____
- Red-tailed Hawk _____
- *Rough-legged Hawk _____
- American Kestrel _____
- Ring-necked Pheasant _____
- Ruffed Grouse _____
- Wild Turkey _____
- *Northern Bobwhite _____
- Killdeer _____
- Rock Dove _____
- Mourning Dove _____
- Eastern Screech Owl _____
- Great Horned Owl _____
- *Barred Owl _____
- Belted Kingfisher _____
- Red-headed Woodpecker _____
- Red-bellied Woodpecker _____
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker _____
- Downy Woodpecker _____
- Hairy Woodpecker _____
- Northern Flicker _____
- Pileated Woodpecker _____
- Horned Lark _____
- Blue Jay _____
- American Crow _____

- Common Raven _____
- Black-capped Chickadee _____
- Plain Titmouse _____
- White-breasted Nuthatch _____
- Red-breasted Nuthatch _____
- Brown Creeper _____
- Carolina Wren _____
- Winter Wren _____
- Golden-crowned Kinglet _____
- *Ruby-crowned Kinglet _____
- Eastern Bluebird _____
- *Hermit Thrush _____
- American Robin _____
- Northern Mockingbird _____
- Cedar Waxwing _____
- European Starling _____
- Yellow-rumped Warbler _____
- Northern Cardinal _____
- *Rufous-sided Towhee _____
- American Tree Sparrow _____
- Field Sparrow _____
- Fox Sparrow _____
- Song Sparrow _____
- White-throated Sparrow _____
- *White-crowned Sparrow _____
- Dark-eyed Junco _____
- Red-winged Blackbird _____
- Eastern Meadowlark _____
- Common Grackle _____
- Brown-headed Cowbird _____
- Purple Finch _____
- House Finch _____
- Pine Siskin _____
- American Goldfinch _____
- Evening Grosbeak _____
- House Sparrow _____
- OTHER _____

OBSERVER'S NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____

* denotes infrequently seen birds

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| Field Count _____ | Hours by Foot _____ | Miles by Foot _____ |
| Feeder Count _____ | Hours by Car _____ | Miles by Car _____ |
| | Total Hours _____ | Total Miles _____ |

SEND YOUR RESULTS TO Angeline Stout, R.D. 3 Box 72 E, Altoona, PA 16601.
Results should be sent before 31 December.



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KETTLE ROAD

LLOYD ST. (764)

4TH STREET



5th Avenue
United Methodist
Church

7TH STREET

8TH STREET

7TH AVE

6TH AVE

5TH AVE

PLEASANT VALLEY BOULEVARD

VALLEY VIEW BOULEVARD

BRUSH MOUNTAIN

17 TH STREET

36

MR 220
5

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK by Dave Kyler

With the advent of the Christmas season, we, the board of the Juniata Valley Audubon Society would like to extend the best wishes for this holiday season to you, our fellow members. With the promise of the upcoming year, we look forward to new challenges and new fulfillments in our environmentally sensitive world. Have a great Christmas and a safe New Year!

RAIN FOREST CRUNCH - still available for you last minute "stocking stuffers." \$3.50 per box or three for \$10.00! Call Dave Kyler at (814) 643-6030.

JVAS RAFFLE

The Juniata Valley Audubon Society's SPRING RAFFLE TICKETS are now being sold! Prizes are as follows: First Prize - CROSS-STITCHED BIRD QUILT by Amy King

Second Prize - FRAMED HAWK OWL PRINT

Third Prize - FIELD GUIDE AND FEEDER

The 1992 Spring Raffle drawing will be on April 28, 1992. One need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Get in touch with Stan or Alice Kotala, R.D. 3 Box 866, Altoona, PA 16601, telephone # (814) 946-8840.

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY GNATCATCHER IS JANUARY 7th. Please submit articles to the editor, Stan Kotala, R.D. 3 Box 866, Altoona, PA 16601. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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