

"The Gnatcatcher"

JVAS' newsletter, *The Gnatcatcher*, is published six times a year and is mailed to JVAS members. If you're not a member but want to receive the newsletter, send your name, address, and a \$10 check, payable to JVAS, to:

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JVAS Speakers Bureau

The JVAS can provide speakers for schools, clubs, and other organizations. To arrange for a program, phone Education Chair Shirley Wagoner at 643-4011. If your group would like a program on a topic that's not listed, Shirley may be able to find someone to satisfy your needs.

Topics Available

Acid Rain	Amphibians of Pa.
Beavers	Biodiversity
Bird Identification	Birds In the Balance
Birds of the Juniata Valley	Black Bears
Bluebirds	Coyotes
Fern Identification	Forest Stewardship
Fossils	Partners in Flight
Plant Biology	Reptiles of Pa.
Ruffed Grouse	Soils
Spring Warblers	Stream Restoration
Water Quality Monitoring	Waterfowl
Wetlands	Wildflowers
Winter Bird Feeding	Wolves

Field Trips Available

Backyard Birds, Trees, and Wildflowers
Fern Identification
Fossil Walks
Nature Hikes, K-12
Water Quality Monitoring

Bluebird Monitoring

JVAS members monitor Eastern Bluebird nesting boxes at Canoe Creek State Park during the breeding season to record data and to provide for the Bluebirds' welfare.

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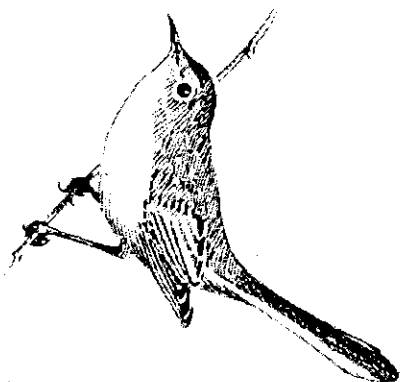
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Board Meetings

This spring's Board meetings will be held 7 p.m. in the Visitor Center at Canoe Creek State Park on the following Tuesdays:
February 1 and April 4
All members are welcome!

Juniata Valley Audubon Society



Spring 2000

Programs and Field Trips

The Juniata Valley Audubon Society meets in September, October, November, February, March, and May on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (business meeting at 7 p.m.) in the Visitor Center at Canoe Creek State Park.

Visitors are always welcome!

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What is the JVAS?

The Juniata Valley Audubon Society, chartered in 1969, is a chapter of the National Audubon Society covering the Southern Alleghenies region. With more than 300 members, the JVAS is one of 24 Audubon chapters in Pennsylvania.

The mission of the National Audubon Society is "to conserve and restore natural ecosystems — focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats — for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity."

If you'd like to find out more about the JVAS, you're invited to visit with us at one of our regular meetings or to come along with us on a field trip.

To join, ✂ the coupon, fill out, and mail to:

Juniata Valley Audubon Society
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You'll receive the bimonthly *Audubon* magazine, each one filled with superb nature photography and in-depth reporting on environmental issues. You'll also receive the JVAS' newsletter, *The Gruntatcher*, containing reports of local conservation topics and nature themes.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY Membership Application

YES, I want to join the Juniata Valley Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society at the special Introductory Rate of \$20.

As a senior citizen or student, I'm eligible to join for only \$15.

My \$_____ check, payable to the National Audubon Society, is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ PA _____

Spring 2000 Schedule

PROGRAMS are presented on the third Tuesday in February, March, and May. Program meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Visitor Center at Canoe Creek State Park. Our programs, designed for a general audience, are free and open to the public.

"Coffee Culture and Forest Lands: Is Shade-grown Coffee for the Birds?"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Jennifer Chesworth, of Boalsburg, is founder of Sombra Buena Organic Forest Products, which markets shade-grown, "bird-friendly" coffee. Jennifer will discuss coffee production and its relationship to the forests and people of the department of Olanchó, in Honduras.

"Natural History of the Great Horned Owl"

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Michael Patrick, assistant professor of biology professor at Penn State Altoona, will talk on the feeding habits and the natural history of the great horned owl.

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BELLWOOD

"Bird Communities and Ecological Condition In the Central Appalachians"

6:30 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 25

(Social hour at 6 o'clock)

Timothy O'Connell, a reasearch associate with the Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center, in State College, will talk on the index he has developed that examines bird communities to assess overall ecosystem condition. See the February/March issue of *The Gruntatcher* for details and ticket info.

"Spin Fishing for Trout"

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Frank Nale, of Tipton, will give a slide show/talk on "fishing with a lure called a spinner." His program will cover equipment and tactics, stream selection, and why he enjoys fishing for reasons other than just to catch trout. For those not interested in spin fishing per se, the program will offer a chance to learn about the fantastic wild trout resource and the unequaled wild trout streams in central Pennsylvania. Interspersed in the program are photos of beautiful scenery, wildflowers, and wildlife.

PICNIC AT CANOE CREEK STATE PARK

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

A season-ending picnic will be held at Canoe Creek State Park. Fellowship and a wildflower walk guided by Eugene Zielinski will highlight the evening.

FIELD TRIPS

planned for this spring are listed here. Further information on all JVAS field trips will be published in *The Gruntatcher*.

Birding the Conowingo Dam

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19-20

JVAS President Terry Wentz will lead a lead an overnight trip to Conowingo Dam, in Maryland to observe bald eagles, black vultures, night herons, and shore birds. The birds gather below the hydroelectric dam to feast on fish in the Susquehanna River water kept open by turbine action. Motel room in Lancaster/York area: \$70. Advance registrations required. Phone Janet Huber at 942-5752 no later than Feb. 16 to reserve a space. Phone Terry at 692-4224 for carpooling info.

Hiking Plummer's Hollow

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

The Bonta family will lead a two-mile walk focusing on the biodiversity of different habitats in Plummer's Hollow and on the top of Brush Mountain near Tyronne. Meet at the top of Plummer's Hollow at 9 a.m. The walk will finish at noon. Bring a lunch. Phone 684-3113 for directions.

Birding the Lower Trail

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Observe wood warblers and other spring migrants with Dave Kyler (phone 643-6030) on the Lower Trail, along the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River. Meet at the Allafara trail head at 8 a.m. We shall return at noon.

Rambling Through the Detweiler Run Natural Area

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Come join Shirley Wagoner (phone 643-4011) as she leads us on a walk in the Detweiler Run Natural Area, a 463-acre patch of Pennsylvania forest primeval in a deep ravine between Thickhead and Grass Mountains in Huntingdon County. The area is dominated by old-growth hemlock, white pine and white oak. Meet in the parking lot of Kish Bank on Rt. 26 in McAlewy's Fort at 8:30 a.m. The walk will end around noon. Bring sturdy footwear.