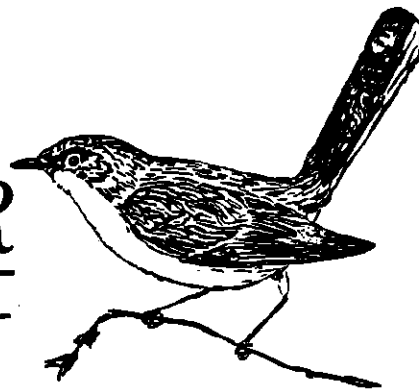


THE GNATCATCHER

Juniata Valley Audubon Society

Jan. 1987



January's Meeting

Our regular meeting will be held on January 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the 28th Street Church of the Brethren.

Our speaker will be Charles N. Sloan, an attorney with his own law firm in Vienna, Virginia. He represents several national conservation and preservation organizations based in the Washington, DC, area.

He is also secretary of the National Parks and Conservation Association, and he and his wife and four children have traveled in many park areas in this country and abroad.

He has an article, "Trail Blazers," in the Nov./Dec. issue of National Parks magazine. The article is about the Appalachian Trail, the only National Park System area created and managed by volunteers.

At our meeting, Mr. Sloan will discuss and show slides on the Alaska park areas--their problems and possible solutions.

November' Meeting

Dr. Tom Dick's talk on rehabilitating wildlife in his veterinary practice in Johnstown was splendid--both informative and entertaining. We thank him for his talk and for his lifesaving work with wild animals.

* IMPORTANT NOTICE *

For over a year JVAS has been exploring the possibility of obtaining 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. In November, Bruce Bonta filed the necessary forms with the IRS. These forms were returned with instructions that we must revise our articles of incorporation before we can be considered eligible for the tax exempt status.

Consequently, the JVAS Board of Directors unanimously passed the following resolution (next page) at its January 8, 1987, meeting. Now the members of JVAS must vote on the same resolution. This vote will be held at the January meeting.

The Board wishes to thank Wilson Kreitz, Bruce Bonta, and Attorney T. Dean Lower for their work on this important change in our chapter's tax status.

Angeline Stout
Secretary, JVAS

Editor Resigns

To devote more time to the Conservation Committee, I am resigning as Gnatcatcher editor as of June 1. Contact Marcia Bonta if you can take over this job.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Juniata Valley Audubon Society, Inc.:

Be it resolved that the Articles of Incorporation of Juniata Valley Audubon Society, Inc., be amended, effective upon its being filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so that Article 3 of the Articles of Incorporation shall hereafter read and provide as follows:

The purposes and objectives of the corporation are: to engage exclusively in educational, scientific, literary, and charitable pursuits, which are consistent with the purposes and objectives of National Audubon Society, Inc., of which this corporation shall function as a chapter, and said purposes and objectives shall conform to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

And the Secretary is herewith directed to give written notice, as provided by the constitution and by-laws of the Society, to the membership of the Society entitled to vote thereon of a meeting to be held on January 27, 1987, at the 28th Street Church of the Brethren, Altoona, Pennsylvania, at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, at which the proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation will be presented to the membership for a vote thereon, the said notice being given not less than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Christmas Bird Count Results
by Angeline Stout, Coordinator

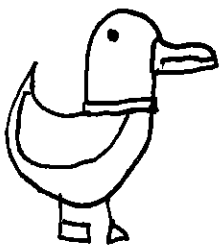
On December 20, twenty-two people went afield while nine stayed at home by their feeders to count all the birds they saw for JVAS's annual Christmas Bird Count.

The final tally was 58 species, 8 short of last year's count. Many complained of the low number, with some saying it was the worst count ever. Regardless of the low numbers, everyone appeared to enjoy this annual event. I enjoyed seeing a few new species I hadn't seen on previous counts, especially the 5 bluebirds singing along a stream in Sinking Valley.

And everyone enjoyed the covered dish dinner afterwards at the Skelp Grange. The grape pie was out of this world.
[Editor's note: Amen!]

Below are listed the 58 species in the numbers seen. My thanks to all who participated.

Mallard	128	Tufted titmouse	135
Wood duck	1	White-breasted nuthatch	111
Great blue heron	1	Brown creeper	7
Killdeer	16	Winter wren	3
Wild turkey	8	Carolina wren	19
Ruffed grouse	13	Ruby-crowned kinglet	1
Ring-necked pheasant	9	Golden-crowned kinglet	7
Sharp-shinned hawk	1	Northern mockingbird	5
Cooper's hawk	5	Eastern bluebird	26
Northern harrier	1	American robin	33
Red-tailed hawk	8	Cedar waxwing	46
Rough-legged hawk	1	Yellow-rumped warbler	2
American kestrel	12	Brown-headed cowbird	2
Common screech owl	6	Common grackle	2
Great horned owl	9	Meadowlark	8
Barred owl	1	European starling	471
Mourning dove	166	House sparrow	204
Rock dove	288	Dark-eyed junco	287
Belted kingfisher	3	Cardinal	103
Red-headed woodpecker	2	House finch	273
Pileated woodpecker	7	Purple finch	1
Common flicker	17	Evening grosbeak	6
Red-bellied woodpecker	14	American goldfinch	119
Downy woodpecker	79	White-throated sparrow	58
Hairy woodpecker	13	Field sparrow	25
American crow	98	Tree sparrow	98
Northern raven	4	Song sparrow	45
Blue jay	102	Bufflehead	5
Black-capped chickadee	289	Horned lark	30



Chesapeake Bay Conference

The Third Annual Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Conference will be held on Saturday, February 28 at Gettysburg College. Once again, National Audubon is a co-sponsor.

Governor-elect Bob Casey is scheduled to deliver the keynote address and announce his environmental plans for Pennsylvania.

Various presentations, panel discussions, and citizen action workshops are also planned.

The \$10 registration fee includes lunch. Dan Sinel, Wilson and Teddie Kreitz, and Paula Ford plan to attend from JVAS. If you'd also like to attend, contact one of them or the regional office in Camp Hill.

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 17 Winter Trees/Winter Tracks, a field trip at Canoe Creek State Park, led by Jim Winsor, Rob Loeb, and Tom McMann. Meet at the picnic pavillion at 10:00 a.m. Bring lunch and a hot drink.

Feb. 5 Conservation Committee will meet at Paula Ford's house at 7:30. Call 695-4799 for details and directions.

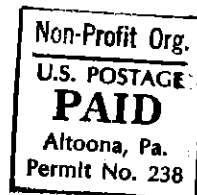
Edward M. Brigham, III

With great sorrow we announce the death of former Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President, Ed Brigham, who died of a heart attack at his Minneapolis home on Dec. 23. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and children Jenny, Val, and Mark. We extend our sympathies to his family.

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