

THE GNATCATCHER

Juniata Valley Audubon Society

February 1989



FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM: Tom McMann will present his widely acclaimed slide show on Pennsylvania's only native bruin. The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28 at the 28th Street Church of the Brethren on Union Avenue in Altoona. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm with the business segment, to be followed by the program.

1988 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Angeline Stout

Seventeen observers in the field and nine at feeders saw a total of 53 species this year. Below is the tally of that count.

Great Blue Heron	3	Great Horned Owl	12	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2
Canada Goose	15	Belted King Fisher	12	Eastern Bluebird	40
American Black Duck	4	Red-headed Woodpecker	2	American Robin	8
Mallard	180	Red-bellied Woodpecker	26	Northern Mockingbird	13
Northern Harrier	4	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Starling	166
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	Downy Woodpecker	74	Cedar Waxwing	61
Coopers Hawk	3	Hairy Woodpecker	9	Cardinal	162
Northern Goshawk	2	Flicker	11	American Tree Sparrow	106
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Pileated Woodpecker	9	Field Sparrow	6
Red-tailed Hawk	5	Horned Lark	135	Song Sparrow	41
American Kestrel	10	Blue Jay	51	White-throated Sparrow	13
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	American Crow	218	Junco	340
Ruffed Grouse	12	Black-capped Chickadee	243	Common Grackle	3
Wild Turkey	4	Plain Titmouse	128	Brown-headed Cowbird	20
Killdeer	3	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	House Finch	529
Rock Dove	853	White-breasted Nuthatch	87	American Gold Finch	46
Mourning Dove	105	Brown Creeper	10	House Sparrow	203
Eastern Screech Owl	2	Carolina Wren	16		

Seen in count week but not on the count day - Tundra Swan

Please submit items for the May issue before May 15. Telephone: 943-8213. (Note new address)

ON BIRDS

Barbara Dunn of Hollidaysburg has written several items for the Tot Line Press. Reprinted here is a song from the book "Theme-A-Saurus", published by Totline.

BIRDS



What Am I?
Sung to: "This Old Man"



I am bright, I am red,
I have a crest upon my head.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Cardinal)

I am big, I am grand,
I'm the bird of our great land.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Bald Eagle)

I am big, I am blue,
I love oaks and acorns, too.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Bluejay)

I am old, I am wise,
I like to hunt before sunrise.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Owl)

I am small, with a black head,
I come in winter to be fed.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Chickadee)

I eat bugs, I eat bees,
I live in holes and peck on trees.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Woodpecker)

I am tiny, I am fast,
Not many people see me pass.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Hummingbird)

I am brown, with a red breast,
I come first in spring to nest.
If you can guess me,
Hurry up and try,
Before I fly into the sky!
(What am I? . . . Robin)



Barbara Dunn
Hollidaysburg, PA

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Jim Winsor

The International Issues Interest Group held its most recent meeting on February 10. Bruce Bonta reported on progress toward obtaining grant support for the exchange program with ECODESC. We also saw an excellent video tape on tropical forests obtained by Mike and Laura Jackson. This program, along with the fine filmstrip/audio cassette program acquired from Mid-Atlantic Audubon last fall, is available to show to groups. Mark Bonta outlined his plans for a mutual assistance program with the Asian Wetlands Bureau. Each group will provide for the other books, periodicals and educational materials, will provide updates of environmental issues, and maintain contacts between JVAS members and people associated with the AWB.

The International Issues Interest Group invites the participation of all interested individuals, Audubon members and others. The next meeting will be held Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm on the first floor of the Altoona Campus Library. The speaker will be Collin Nicholas-Orians, of Penn State, who will present a slide show entitled "Effects of Tropical Deforestation on Watersheds." Please join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9 (Thursday). Board Meeting, Altoona Public Library, 7:00 pm.

March 11 (Saturday). Waterfowl field trip to Middlecreek Wildlife Management Area in southeastern Pennsylvania. This is a staging area for thousands of waterfowl on their northern migrations. Leave Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 6:00 am. Call Dave Kyler at 643-6030 for more information.

March 18 (Saturday). Pennsylvania Elk. Bob Keppler will lead a foray to find the native elk herb in Elk County. Leave Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 6:00 am. For more information call Bob at 695-0742.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please submit items for the March issue before Wednesday, March 15 to Jim Winsor: 102 Halleck Place, Altoona, PA 16602 (943-8213) or Altoona Campus, Ivyside Park, Altoona, PA 16601-3760 (949-5180).

(Faint, mirrored text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page)

INTERNATIONAL BENTON

Jim Winsor

The International Issues Interest Group held its most recent meeting on March 10. Grace Bonta reported on progress toward obtaining grant support for the International Issues Interest Group. We also saw an excellent video on tropical forests of the Amazon basin. The video was part of a program along with the fine film and audio cassette program on the Amazon basin. The video was available to show to groups. Mark Bonta outlined the program on the Amazon basin and its relationship to the Asian Wetlands Bureau. Each group will provide updates of environmental issues and people associated with the AWB.

The International Issues Interest Group invites the participation of all interested parties. Audubon members and others. The next meeting will be held on March 17 at 7:00 pm in the first floor of the Altoona Campus Library. The speaker will be Colin Hill on the subject of "Effects of Tropical Deforestation on the slide show entitled 'Effects of Tropical Deforestation on the slide show'".

JANA ATWELL
54 MULESHOE MOB HOME
DUNCANVILLE
PA 16636

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Altoona, Pa.
Permit No. 238

DATED MATERIAL

UNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
P. O. Box 2378
Altoona, PA 16603