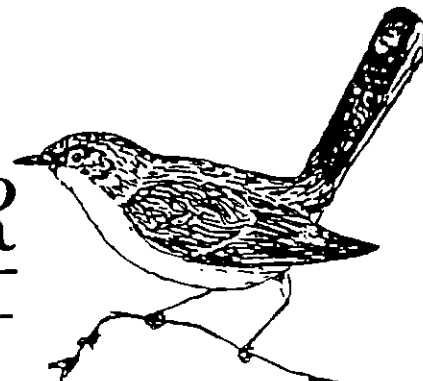


THE GNATCATCHER

Juniata Valley Audubon Society

October 1990



OCTOBER'S PROGRAM: Be sure to attend the October meeting which will feature Bill Ettinger, biologist and entomologist. Bill's program, "Ecology of Wildwood Lake" will be at 7:30 pm, preceded by the business meeting at 7:15 pm. All meetings are held at the 28th Street Church of the Brethren on Union Avenue in Altoona.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dave Kyler

Fort Roberdeau:

In remembrance of two of our most respected and loved members, Gene Root and Al Burd, donations were made to a memorial fund by many of our chapter's members. These contributions are now being utilized to provide an observation window and bird feeding station at the new Fort Roberdeau environmental and education center. The window has been purchased and installed, but we still need some help.

The planning committee, coordinated by Colette Heller (814) 742-7481, would appreciate the donation of the following items: hanging tube feeders, wood bark mulch, topsoil, birdseed, field guides, hardy shrubs, (or the \$ to acquire the above items) and some helping hands to get the remaining work underway. Please give Colette a call to offer your help, I know that she would appreciate it (and I know that Gene and Al would have appreciated it too).

Field Notes:

*Thanks Bob and the "gang" for a successful Bird Seed Sale & thanks to our supporters also.

*Come meet Bill Ettinger at our October meeting.

*Remember: Bring a "mug for the meeting"

*Recycle!

Central City Hawkwatch:

A windy, sunny day atop any of Pennsylvania's central ridges, in the fall, usually provides a proper setting for a good day of "hawkwatching" and Sunday October 6th was no exception. The blue skies and colorful foliage, at the Central City site, provided a beautiful backdrop for the passage of many migrating raptors.

Recorded for the day were the following hawks: Sharp-shinned (62), Cooper's (2), Red-tailed (14) and Red-shouldered (1). Falcons were represented by American Kestrel (1) and Merlin (1). The last raptor through for the day was a lone Osprey.

Additional day trips, to the local hawkwatch, are planned for October and November. If you are interested in seeing Golden Eagles, at close range, see me at the October meeting for more details.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Jim Winsor

The International Issues Interest Group met on October 5 at the Altoona Campus library. The major areas of discussion were the Philippines exchange program and the environmental education internship grant proposal. Laura Jackson reported that efforts to raise money from contributions for a video camera for the Philippines group were beginning to bear fruit. It was suggested that manufacturers of the equipment might be willing to donate. We also plan to assemble a slide show pertaining to our local area to send to the Philippines. A similar program was sent to Peru two years ago. All JVAS members are invited to contribute slides. Bring them to the October 30 meeting. Also discussed were possible uses for the remaining exchange grant money. At least some will be applied to the new grant proposal now under development. International Issues of JVAS hopes to co-sponsor, with other Audubon chapters and with nature centers, an internship program for environmental educators from Latin and South America. Bruce Bonta and Barb Warren of Mid-Atlantic Regional Audubon have been involved in coordinating these efforts and drafting the proposal.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting, which probably will be in early December. Contact Bruce or Marcia Bonta (684-3113) for the next date.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The editor regrets the fact that recent Gnatcatcher issues have arrived late to some of our subscribers. To help remedy this, he requests lead time for preparing the newsletter. Please submit items for the November issue before Wednesday, November 14 to Jim Winsor: 102 Halleck Place, Altoona, PA 16602 (943-8213) or Altoona Campus, Ivyside Park, Altoona, PA 16601-3760 (949-5180).

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