

THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Saturday, December 15th, is the date set for our participation in this important national event. This will be the 90th anniversary of the original Christmas count, and for J.V.A.S. our 21st year accounting. This day-long count records bird populations in a 15-mile diameter circle centered on Culp, in Sinking Valley, and covers parts of Altoona, Tyrone and Bellwood.

WHAT IS J.V.A.S.?

Juniata Valley Audubon Society is the local chapter of the National Audubon Society. We have over 300 members and are one of the 22 chapters in Pennsylvania. You can become a member of J.V.A.S. by joining the National Audubon Society and by designating J.V.A.S. (U03-7XCH) as your local chapter. Part of your dues will be returned to our chapter to help us conduct our programs.

In addition to interesting and informative monthly programs and field trips, we actively support Cave Tytoona and its maintenance. We participate in the annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. We are concerned locally, with issues as waste and land management, acid precipitation, clean air and water and internationally with the preservation of tropical rain forests and their inhabitants.

If you would like to find out more about us, we would like to INVITE YOU to visit with us at one of our regular meetings or to come along on one of our field trips. You are always welcome.

JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

1990-1991

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BOARD MEETINGS

JVAS planning and business is conducted at regular Executive Board Meetings. This year's meetings will be held in the Altoona Public Library at 7:00 P.M. on the dates listed in the program. All members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in serving on a committee, call any Chairperson listed above. Join us and help shape the future of JVAS.

THE GNATCATCHER

A monthly newsletter, the Gnatcatcher, is sent to all members of JVAS. This newsletter gives the latest information of monthly programs, field trips, local activities, environmental issues and reports of chapter activities. If you are not a member, but would like to receive the Gnatcatcher, please send your name, address and \$3.00 to Janet Neely, 8 S. Montgomery St., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INTEREST GROUP

The Juniata Valley Chapter has been learning about natural, environmental, and conservation efforts in other countries, with particular focus on Peru, Costa Rica and the Philippines. Our exchange with "sister" organizations, ECODESC, in Peru, and HARIBON, in the Philippines, have included correspondence, materials, and even personnel. The Interest Group welcomes more participants, who are concerned about the one Earth that we all share.

BLUEBIRD MONITORING — CANOE CREEK

Since the inception of a program to establish the reintroduction of Eastern Bluebirds into Pennsylvania, members of JVAS have been participating in the program at Canoe Creek State Park. Nesting boxes are monitored throughout the breeding season to record data and to provide for the Bluebirds' welfare. The efforts, of these dedicated members, have been well rewarded with continued nesting success of this species at Canoe Creek.

THE AUDUBON CAUSE

CONSERVE NATIVE PLANTS,
ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITATS

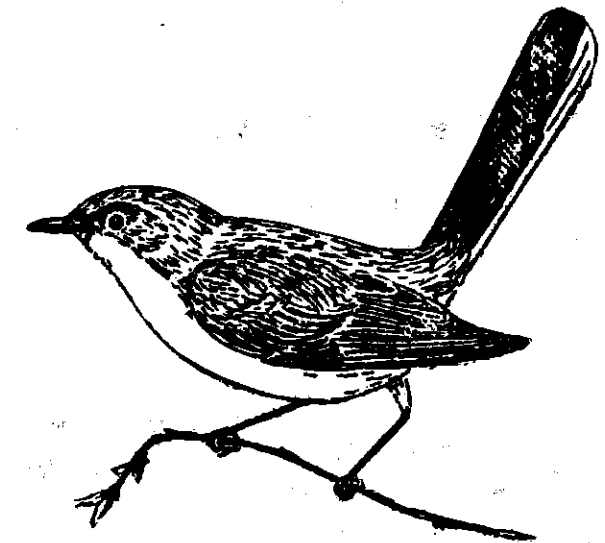
PROTECT LIFE FROM POLLUTION,
RADIATION, AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

FURTHER THE WISE USE OF OUR LAND
AND WATER

SEEK SOLUTIONS FOR THE GLOBAL
PROBLEMS OF POPULATION, RESOURCES,
AND THE ENVIRONMENT

PROMOTE RATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND USE, STRESSING
CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
SOURCES

JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY



PROGRAM

for

1990-1991

Regular Meetings held on the last
Tuesday of each month.

Business Meeting: 7:15 P.M.
Program: 7:30 P.M.

28th Street Church of the Brethren
Union Avenue & Twenty-eighth Street
Altoona, Pennsylvania

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The strength and influence of our organization rests in its membership. New members of our chapter enrich us with their abilities and also financially since J.V.A.S. receives a portion of each person's membership fee.

If you know of a prospective member please give them this application blank and make an effort to bring them to the next meeting. If each of us brought in one new member, well, just consider the possibilities.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and of the Juniata Valley Chapter. Please send AUDUBON Magazine and my membership card to the address below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Membership category preferred:

Introductory	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Individual	\$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$38.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Student	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizen	\$21.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Family	\$23.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Please send both the application and check to the National Audubon Society, Chapter Membership Data Center, P.O. Box 2664, Boulder, Colorado 80321 and designate our local chapter: Juniata Valley UO3 7XCH. Thanks.

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PROGRAMS, FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER EVENTS

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- Sept. 13** Thursday - BOARD MEETING - Altoona Public Library, 7 P.M.
- Sept. 25** Tuesday - PROGRAM - "NEIGHBORHOOD BIRDS" - Wayne Harpster, noted outdoorsman, will share with us his insight into our local "feathered friends."
- Oct. 6** Saturday - FIELD TRIP - Leaving Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 8 A.M. for a day "hawkwatching" on the Allegheny Front. Bring lawn chairs and a bag lunch.
- Oct. 13** Saturday - BIRD SEED SALE - Order forms, included, need to be returned A.S.A.P.!!! PLEASE help support our seed sale as it is a prime fund raiser for our chapter. For information or to help, please call Bob at 695-0742.
- Oct. 26-28** Friday/Saturday/Sunday - AUDUBON COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA meeting at Canoe Creek State Park.
- Oct. 30** Tuesday - PROGRAM - "ECOLOGY OF WILDWOOD LAKE" - Bill Ettinger, biologist and entomologist, will present an in-depth look at this unusual Pennsylvania lake.
- Nov. 8** Thursday - BOARD MEETING - Altoona Public Library, 7 P.M.
- Nov. 27** Tuesday - PROGRAM - "MADAGASCAR AND ITS BIO-DIVERSITY" - Barb Warren travels from Harrisburg, to lead us to Madagascar (via slides) for a look at this amazing island community.
- Dec. 15** Saturday - CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - Join us for a winter's day, in Sinking Valley, counting birds followed by a covered dish supper at the Skelp Grange Hall. Angeline will coordinate the event this year. INFO: 946-5214.
- 1991**
- Jan. 10** Thursday - BOARD MEETING - Altoona Public Library, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 29** Tuesday - PROGRAM - "ENDANGERED FLORA AND FAUNA OF PENNSYLVANIA" - Rob Criswell, local Wildlife Conservation Officer, will visit with a program on the above topics.

- Feb. 26** Tuesday - PROGRAM - "ECOLOGY OF ARGENTINA" - Jack Shultz will present his travelogue of this fascinating South American country.
- Mar. 14** Thursday - BOARD MEETING - Altoona Public Library, 7 P.M.
- Mar. 16** Saturday - FIELD TRIP - Middlecreek Wildlife Management Area. Leaving P.V.S.C. at 7 A.M. for our annual trip to see migrating waterfowl in eastern Pennsylvania.
- Mar. 26** Tuesday - PROGRAM - "PRESQUE ISLE" - Tim Kimmel, former Erie resident, will take us "home" to Pennsylvania's outstanding State Park on Lake Erie.
- Apr. 27** Saturday - FIELD TRIP - Fallingwater and Bear Run Natural Area. We will visit one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most famous homes as well as a fantastic natural area, both under the protection of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Leaving P.V.S.C. at 7 A.M.
- Apr. 30** Tuesday - BANQUET - Paul Weigman, from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, will be with us to present "Our Natural Wetlands," an appropriate topic for National Audubon's "Year of the Wetland" focus.
- May 9** Thursday - BOARD MEETING - Altoona Public Library, 7 P.M.
- May 11** Saturday - BIRD-A-THON - Plan to join a team or provide support for our annual fund raising event. A totally enjoyable day spent a-field counting bird species for fun and profit. INFO: Wilson at 695-0126.
- May 28** Tuesday - PROGRAM - "Appalachian Spring" - Marcia and Bruce Bonta will share with us an enchanting look at springtime in Pennsylvania.
- June 1** Saturday - FIELD TRIP - Knox, Kane and Kinzua Railroad. Join us for a half day ride on a steam train through the rolling hills of northwest Pennsylvania. Leaving P.V.S.C. at 7 A.M. Bag lunch provided.
- June 9** Sunday - ANNUAL PICNIC - Our final event for the season will be a covered dish supper to be held at Canoe Creek State Park beginning at 4 P.M. The chapter will provide the charcoal and beverage.

J.V.A.S. SPEAKER'S BUREAU

J.V.A.S. has initiated an educational project the purpose of which is to make available to the public some of the expertise that exists within our organization. We can provide speakers and programs on a variety of subjects. If you are a member of a group looking for programs, keep the Speaker's Bureau in mind. If you would like to volunteer your time to this project please let the education committee chairperson know. You can specify an age group with which you would like to work, if you prefer and, of course, talks are scheduled at your convenience.

TOPICS AVAILABLE

J.V.A.S. can provide programs on the following topics:

Acid Rain
Black Bears
Bluebird Slide Show
Bird Identification
Clean Air
Clean Water
Ecology
Fern Identification
Fossils
International Issues
Microscopic Study of Ponds
National Parks Slide Show
Plant Biology
Recycling
Shade Trees and Their Care
Soils Slide Show
Stream Quality
Tropical Rain Forests
Wildflowers
Winter Feeding of Birds

FIELD TRIPS

Backyard Birds, Trees and Wildflowers
Fern Identification
Fossil Walks
Nature Hikes k-12
Stream Inhabitants

To arrange for a program please call the Speaker's Bureau Coordinator, Colette Heller, at (814) 946-1584. If your group would like a program on a subject not listed we may be able to find someone to satisfy your needs. Please contact us!!