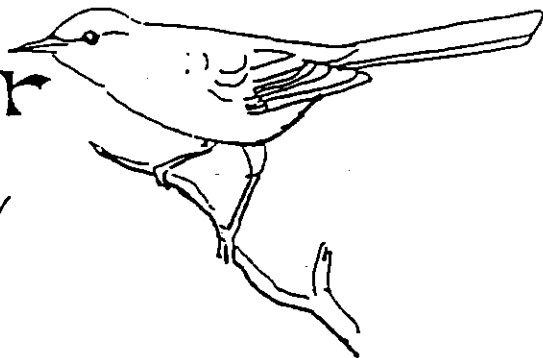


The Gnatcatcher



JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

OCTOBER 1992

OCTOBER PROGRAM: WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY - A SOUTH AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE

Jeremy Woodhouse will present his outstanding slide show of South Africa's wildlife.

TIME: 27 October 1992 (tuesday) at 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: 5th Avenue United Methodist Church
5th Avenue and 4th Street
Altoona, PA

JVAS BOARD MEETING

The next JVAS board meeting will take place on Thursday, November 5, at the home of Paula Ford. Please call Paula at 695-4799 for more details.

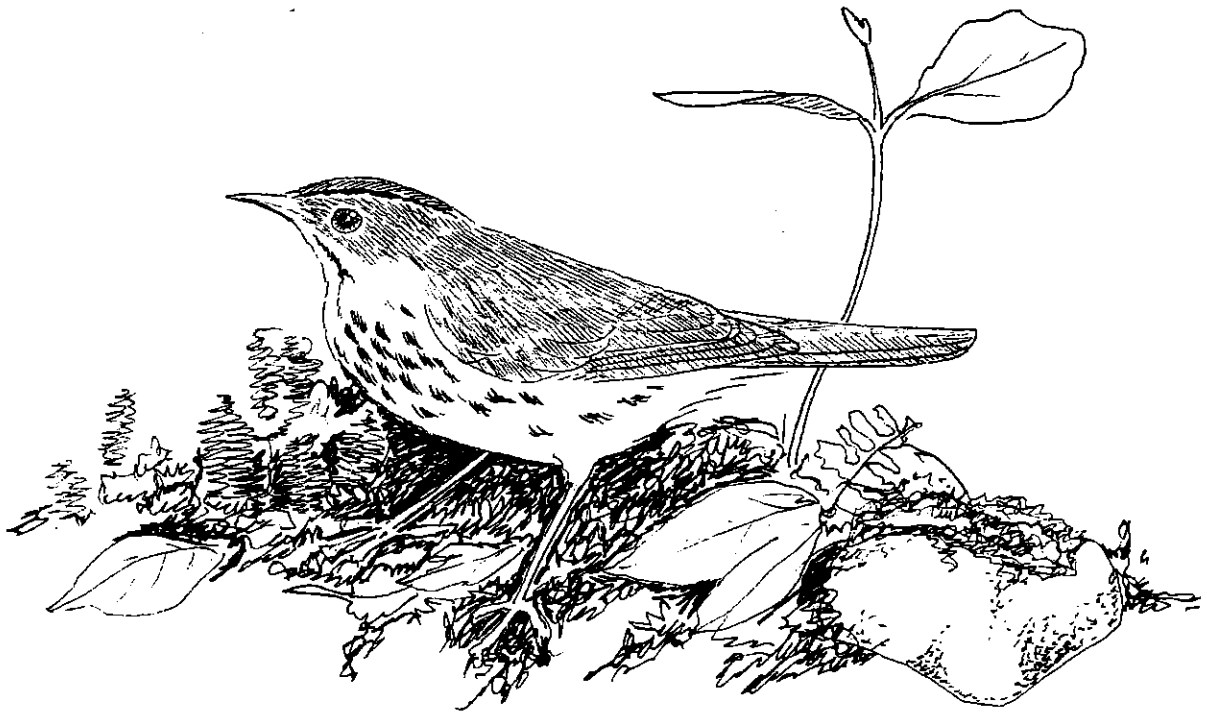
ALTOONA AREA VO-TECH PROJECT by Nancy Morrison

Students enrolled in the Environmental Resources Program at the Altoona Area Vocational-Technical School, who are also members of the Juniata Valley Audubon Society, recently were escorted by Mr. James Burchfield, ERT instructor, to the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area for a three day educational outing.

Part of the group's itinerary included study of the migratory and nonmigratory habits of birds, wildlife management, waterfowl management, and waterfowl identification. During this annual trip, this year's class experienced an unexpected and exciting opportunity. The students were permitted to assist in the duck banding program in part of the non-public area of the sanctuary. In addition, the group participated in sorting duck blind applications from part of the four thousand received by the Pennsylvania Game Commission each year. Approximately one thousand permits will be drawn at random for duck hunting blind use. The student work projects this year included a stream renovation and the maintenance of a 150 year old cemetery.

The Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is operated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission on an eighteen hundred acre tract of wooded hills, farmland, and marshes located near the beautiful Middle Creek stream. The project is located on the Lancaster/Lebanon County border, southeast of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, between the towns of Kleinfeltersville and Cocalico on Route 897. The area includes a public hunting area, a propagation area (entry prohibited), wildlife management areas, and a public recreation area. The public can start a tour with the self-guided map beginning at the visitors' center, which exhibits thousands of wildlife inhabitants, and then view the first and largest nesting area for waterfowl at the pond below the visitors' overlook. Then one can drive to any or all of the five areas including hiking trails, propagation areas, ponds, grain fields, picnic areas, fishing areas, and the main dam area.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit to this wonderful conservation and wildlife management area and would encourage anyone to make a visit to Middle Creek.



Ovenbird by Stan Kotala

AUDUBON FALL WEEKEND by Leigh Altadonna

Please make time in your plans to participate in the Audubon Council of Pennsylvania Fall Audubon Weekend scheduled for October 16, 17, and 18, 1992 at Black Moshannon State Park near Philipsburg, in Centre County. We are looking forward to your involvement as an opportunity for you to participate in an exciting program which has been created to make this one of our best fall programs ever!

Highlights of the Fall Audubon Weekend include presentations by Michael Robbins, editor of Audubon magazine, Roger Fickes, Director of Pennsylvania State Parks, Frank Felbaum, Director of Pennsylvania's Non-Game Wildlife Programs, and Ann Dooley, Director of the Environmental Fund for Pennsylvania, and numerous opportunities for exchanges of ideas and thoughts with Audubon colleagues from across the state.

Below is the complete Audubon Fall Weekend program.

FRIDAY, 16 October 1992

7:00-8:00PM Early Registration

7:30-8:30PM Audubon Social

8:30-9:30PM Evening Feature Program:

Pennsylvania's Non-Game Wildlife Program: Its Successes and Challenges!
by Frank Felbaum

*(A free poster featuring neotropical/Pennsylvania birds will be given to all attending)

SATURDAY, 17 October 1992

7:30-8:30AM Early Morning Birding

8:00-9:00AM Breakfast Hour

8:30-9:30AM Registration

- 9:30-10:00AM Welcoming Remarks by Leigh Altadonna, ACP President, and Walt Pomeroy, National Audubon Society Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice-President.
- 10:00-10:45AM The Environmental Fund for Pennsylvania: A new source of funding for Audubon work in the Commonwealth, by Ann Dooley, EFP Executive Director and Chris DeCristafaro, EFP Vice President.
- 10:45-11:00AM Morning Break and Refreshments
- 11:00-11:45AM Pennsylvania's State Park System: The view from the top, by Roger Fickes, Director of the Pennsylvania State Park System.
- 12:00-12:45PM Lunch Hour and Noontime Break
- 1:00- 1:45PM Audubon Magazine: Its new direction, by Michael Robbins, editor of Audubon.
- 1:45- 2:00PM Afternoon Break
- 2:00- 3:15PM Breakout Sessions: A) Gaining Access to Workplace Giving Campaigns.
B) A Look at Chapter Publications
C) Building the Audubon Network
- 3:15- 3:30PM Afternoon Break
- 3:30- 5:00PM Black Mo Ramble: Hike to the fire tower. Explore the new boardwalk through the park's wetlands. Birding. Fall foliage. Check in with what's outdoors!
- 5:00- 6:00PM Free Time
- 6:00- 7:15PM ACP Spaghetti Dinner: Join us for a dinner that has been prepared for all who have registered for the Audubon Fall Weekend!
- 7:30- 9:00PM Pot-Luck Nature Slide Show: Bring a selection of your favorite nature slides to contribute to this evening program. Prizes for the best slides!
- 9:00- ??? Informal social for Audubon insomniacs

SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1992

- 7:30- 8:30AM Early Morning Birding
- 8:00- 9:00AM Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00AM Audubon Council of Pennsylvania Business Meeting
- 10:00-11:30AM National Audubon Society Wetlands Program: Learn what's in store for the Wetlands Campaign in Audubon's Mid-Atlantic Region, by Walt Pomeroy, National Audubon Society Regional Vice-President.
- 11:30-12:00PM Closing Remarks
- 12:00-12:30PM Lunch
- 1:00- 3:30PM Optional Field Trip: Bear Meadows Natural Area (Bog Habitat)
Alan Seeger Natural Area (Old Growth Forest)

Call Mary Herrold at (814)486-5605 (day) or (814) 486-0669 (evening) to register for the Audubon Fall Weekend.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER GNATCATCHER IS NOVEMBER 8. Please submit articles to the editor, Stan Kotala, R.D. 3, Box 866, Altoona, PA 16601.

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can do for the
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