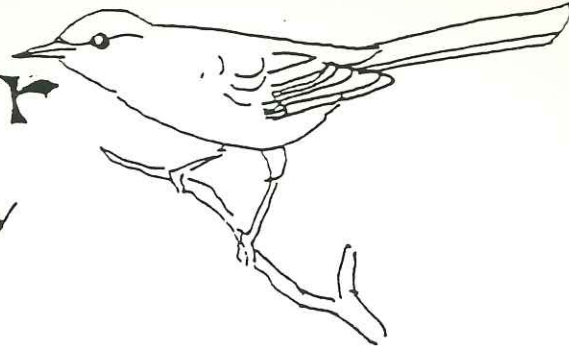


The Gnatcatcher



JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

MAY 1992

MAY PROGRAM: SHAVER'S CREEK FAMILY NIGHT

The folks from Shaver's Creek Environmental Center will meet us at Fort Roberdeau at 6:00 PM. Bring your family and friends along for some "hands on" fun as we meet some feathered guests from the raptor rehabilitation center.

TIME: 23 May 1992 (Saturday) at 6:00 PM

PLACE: Fort Roberdeau County Park
in Sinking Valley
(8 miles east on Kettle Road from inter-
section of Kettle Road and Route 220)

The nature trails at the fort are full of beauty at this time of year. Be sure to enjoy them before or after the program.



JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL PICNIC

The final JVAS event for this season will be a covered dish supper to be held at Canoe Creek State Park beginning at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 7. The chapter will provide the charcoal and beverage.

SCHOLARSHIP by Colette Heller

A Conservation Workshop for Educators will be held from July 12 to 18 at the Pocono Environmental Education Center at Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania. It will be geared towards educators who are looking for ways to use the outdoors as a classroom and trying to guide others to become responsible stewards of air, land, water, and wildlife resources. This workshop is sponsored by The Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation and recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In-service credits are available for qualified educators.

The Juniata Valley Audubon Society is offering two scholarships to attend this workshop. If you are interested, please call Colette Heller at 742-7481 immediately for further information.

AUDUBON COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA MEETING HELD by Paula Ford

On Saturday, April 25, Paula Ford, JVAS's delegate to the Audubon Council of Pennsylvania, attended the spring meeting of ACP held in State College. Several important steps were taken at the meeting. President Leigh Altadonna updated the delegates on plans to hire a staff person to work half-time for ACP. This person would also work half-time for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office. The Council voted unanimously to proceed with hiring staff. This is a major step for the Council and represents a real opportunity for getting the Audubon message to the state government -- both at the legislative

and executive levels. While the job description has not been finalized, minimum requirements will include a bachelor's degree and three to five years of relevant experience. This is not an entry-level position. If you know anyone who would be interested in applying for the job, please contact Walt Pomeroy at the regional office.

In other action, the Council adopted policy statements on oil and gas regulation, land use planning, state parks, and nongame wildlife.

ACP also elected officers: President, Leigh Altadonna of Wyncote Audubon; Eastern Vice President, John Jakoby of Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon; Secretary, Mary Herold of Bucktail Audubon; and Western Delegate, Paula Ford of Juniata Valley Audubon.

The group discussed Armchair Activists, Audubon Adventures, Chapter Membership, Programs and Meeting Attendance.

Rob Criswell presented a slideshow on the French Creek watershed. A very informative discussion of protecting watersheds in the state followed.

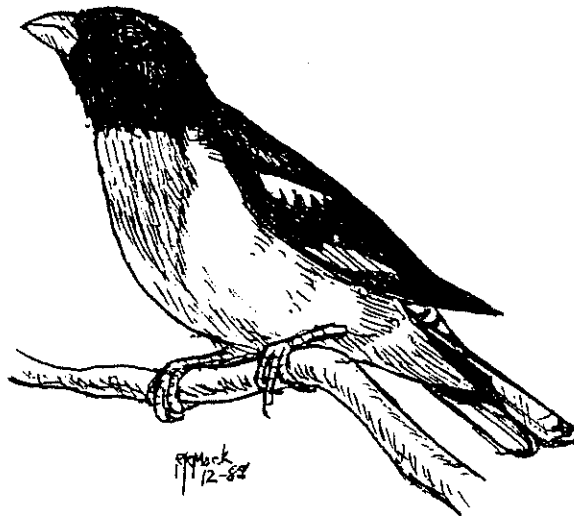
HELP FATHER REZENDE by Paula Ford

Many people have heard of Chico Mendes, the Brazilian who was murdered because he tried to help rubber tappers in the Brazilian rainforest keep their subsistence lifestyle. Now another life is in danger, and readers may be able to help save it. Father Ricardo Rezende Figueira is a priest who is trying to help peasants live a sustainable lifestyle. Others, powerful people, want to control all the land. These people have been compared to feudal landlords. These people think they can snuff out the life of Father Rezende and no one will know. They may be stopped if they realize that people around the world know about Father Rezende. These people do not want negative publicity like that surrounding the death of Chico Mendes.

To let the local authorities know that the world is watching and they better protect Father Rezende, send a postcard to

Padre Ricardo Rezende
Avenida 4, 357
C. P. 7
68530 Rio Maria, PA Brasil

It costs 40 cents to send this postcard. Your message can be as simple as this: God bless you. I support your work with the local people. Sign your name, city, and state so those who "notice" will know that Father Ricardo has support all around the world. Tell your friends.



Rose-breasted Grosbeak by Richard Mock

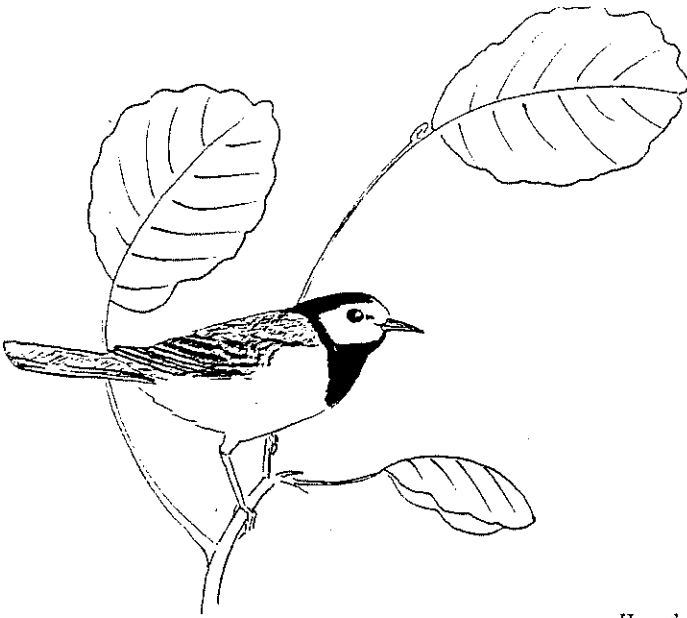
CANOE CREEK STATE PARK SPECIAL AREAS PROJECT

JVAS members Melissa Focht, Bill King, Gary Koch, Stan Kotala, Dave Kyler, Dan Sinal, and Terry Wentz enjoyed warm and sunny weather for the fifth Canoe Creek State Park bird census which took place on Sunday, May 10. 93 species of birds were seen. The numbers of individuals of each species are listed below.

Common Loon	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	12
Pied-billed Grebe	1	Eastern Bluebird	21
Great Blue Heron	2	Wood Thrush	20
Green-backed Heron	2	American Robin	69
Canada Goose	10	Gray Catbird	17
Wood Duck	2	Brown Thrasher	4
Mallard	7	Cedar Waxwing	6
Turkey Vulture	17	European Starling	17
Osprey	1	White-eyed Vireo	1
Northern Harrier	1	Solitary Vireo	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Red-eyed Vireo	6
Red-tailed Hawk	1	Blue-winged Warbler	1
American Kestrel	2	Golden-winged warbler	10
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	Tennessee Warbler	7
Ruffed Grouse	3	Nashville Warbler	3
Wild Turkey	2	Yellow Warbler	53
Killdeer	3	Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Solitary Sandpiper	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler	15
Spotted Sandpiper	5	Pine Warbler	4
American Woodcock	3	Palm Warbler	1
Ring-billed Gull	6	American Redstart	5
Rock Dove	3	Worm-eating Warbler	1
Mourning Dove	5	Ovenbird	1
Chimney Swift	9	Louisiana Waterthrush	7
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4	Common Yellowthroat	47
Belted Kingfisher	2	Canada Warbler	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	5	Yellow-breasted Chat	1
Downy Woodpecker	5	Scarlet Tanager	2
Hairy Woodpecker	2	Northern Cardinal	28
Northern Flicker	13	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3
Pileated Woodpecker	4	Indigo Bunting	5
Least Flycatcher	6	Rufous-sided Towhee	36
Eastern Phoebe	17	American Tree Sparrow	1
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	Chipping Sparrow	16
Eastern Kingbird	5	Field Sparrow	54
Horned Lark	10	Song Sparrow	34
Tree Swallow	45	Swamp Sparrow	2
Rough-winged Swallow	2	White-throated Sparrow	2
Blue Jay	12	Red-winged Blackbird	47
American Crow	15	Eastern Meadowlark	1
Black-capped Chickadee	12	Common Grackle	76
Tufted Titmouse	28	Brown-headed Cowbird	13
White-breasted Nuthatch	7	Orchard Oriole	10
Carolina Wren	4	Northern Oriole	24
House Wren	13	House Finch	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4	American Goldfinch	40
		House Sparrow	5

Anyone wishing to participate in the June census may call Bill King at 942-7673.

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE
GNATCATCHER IS JUNE 10. Please submit
articles to the editor, Stan Kotala,
R.D. 3 Box 866, Altoona, PA 16601.



Hooded Warbler by Stan Kotala

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