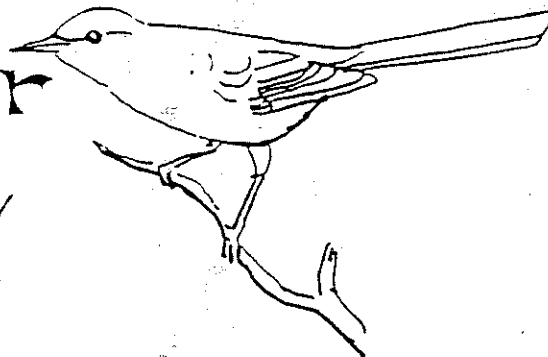


The Gnatcatcher



JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

MAY 1994

Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Program



Forests for Life

MAY PROGRAM: FOREST STEWARDSHIP

Bruce Bonta will examine how participation in Pennsylvania DER Bureau of Forestry's Forest Stewardship Program can benefit forest landowners and wildlife.

TIME: 31 May 1994 (Tuesday) at 7:30 PM

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

FIELD TRIP: PLUMMER'S HOLLOW

JVAS members Marcia and Bruce Bonta invite us to join them on a lazy Sunday afternoon hike up their hollow on May 22 at 1:30 PM. The Bontas have enrolled their Brush Mountain farm in Pennsylvania's Forest Stewardship Program. We will meet at the base of Brush Mountain along route 453 near Tyrone. Please call Bruce or Marcia at 684-3113 if you plan on joining us for this very special event. We hope that all JVAS members will attend!!

FORT ROBERDEAU ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Fort Roberdeau County Park in Sinking Valley has an ongoing program of environmental education for elementary school students on Wednesdays and Fridays during the months of May, June, September, and October. Volunteers are needed to assist in these programs. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge of the natural world with youngsters, please call Peggy Goodman at 946-0048. The future of the earth lies in their hands.

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT

The third annual North American Migration Count will take place on Saturday, May 14. Its purpose is to map the paths taken by neotropical migrants from Central and South America to their breeding grounds by obtaining a "snapshot" of the process of spring migration. If you do any birding in Blair County on May 14, please use the checklist on page 2 of this newsletter to record the number of individuals of each species you see. Each column on the checklist is headed by a letter: S, F, R, or N. S stands for stationary birding (the observer remains in one spot for more than one hour). F stands for birds seen at a feeder. R stands for "regular" birding, where the observer moves from place to place finding birds. N stands for night birding (dusk till dawn). After you fill out the checklist, send it (or a copy) to Stan Kotala, Blair County NAMC Coordinator, R.D. 3, Box 866, Altoona, PA 16601. If you have any questions, call Stan at 946-8840. Happy birding!



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

- Sun. May 15, 1994
2pm Visitor Center Grand Opening
5pm Spring Wildflower Walk
7pm Limestone Kiln Hike
- Sat. May 28, 1994
8am Songbird Watch
6pm Evening Canoe Hike
- Sun. May 29, 1994
8pm Wetlands Night Hike
- Mon. May 30, 1994
8pm First Bat Hike of 1994; park & meet at picnic pavilion #1
4pm Wild Edibles
- Sat. June 4, 1994
4pm Wildlife In Your Backyard
7pm Bluebird Program
- Sun. June 5, 1994
8:30pm Owl Prowl
- Sun. June 12, 1994
8pm Campfire Program: Bass Fishing Techniques
- Fri. June 24, 1994
8:30pm Moon Observation
- Sun. June 26, 1994
4pm Fern Identification Walk
7pm Limestone Kiln Walk
- Sat. July 2, 1994
2pm Butterfly Walk
8:30pm Night Insects; hike & activity
- Sun. July 3, 1994
8pm Bat Hike; park & meet at picnic pavilion #1
- Sat. July 9, 1994
2pm Medicinal Plants; slides & walk
7pm Indian Dancing
- Sun. July 10, 1994
8:30pm Campfire Program: Indian Artifacts & Legends
- Sat. July 16, 1994
7pm Life In a Marsh; video & hike
- Sun. July 17, 1994
8pm Campfire Program: Snakes; video & live snakes
- Sun. July 24, 1994
7:30pm Bat Mania; slides, live bats, & light tagging
- Mon. July 25, 1994
7:30pm Bat Hike; park & meet at picnic pavilion #1
- Thurs. July 28, 1994
9am Wildflower Walk
- Sat. July 30, 1994
8pm Christmas In July: A Look At Fireflies
- Sun. July 31, 1994
8pm Campfire program: Endangered Species
- Sat. Aug. 6, 1994
4pm Mushroom Walk
7pm Historic Fashion Show: Guest Speakers from The Blair County Historical Society
- Sun. Aug. 7, 1994
8pm Our Allegheny Heritage: Guest speakers discuss the history around Blair County.
- Sat. Aug. 13, 1994
4pm Outdoor Survival: activities on building campfires, shelters, and eating wild plants.
- 8pm Campfire Program: Ghost Stories
- Sun. Aug. 14, 1994
9pm Meteor Watch; in case of cloud cover there will be an owl prowl
- Sat. Aug. 20, 1994
4pm Lyme Disease; video & discussion
8pm White-tailed Deer; video & activity
- Sun. Aug. 21, 1994
5pm Limestone Kiln Hike
8pm Night Hike: Moths, katydids,
- Sun. Aug. 28, 1994
4pm Snake Program: video & live snakes
7:30pm Owl Prowl
- Sat. Sept. 3, 1994
8pm Bats Of The Tropics: Guest Speaker: Bat Biologist Dr. Gannon from The Pennsylvania State University.
- Sun. Sept. 4, 1994
4pm Wildflower Walk
7:30 Last Bat Hike of 1994: park & meet at picnic pavilion #1
- Sat. Sept. 10, 1994
7pm Harvest Hoe Down

1994 ENVIROTHON

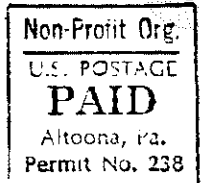
This year's Blair County envirothon was held on Thursday, April 28, at Fort Roberdeau County Park in Sinking Valley. Eight teams from the county's high schools competed for a chance to go on to state and national competitions. Each team took five separate tests covering air quality, soil, aquatics, wildlife, and forests. Martinsburg's Central #2 and Central #1 took first and second place, respectively. The Altoona Area Vo-Tech Hooters took third place. Martinsburg's Central #2 team will now go on to state competition and hopefully then to the nationals! Best of luck to Central #2!

BI-LO / RIVERSIDE RECEIPTS

Bi-Lo and Riverside receipts are being collected by Anne Borland, 138a Larch St., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Our chapter obtains significant funds from the receipts that you send to Anne. Let's all save those receipts and send them in!

OUR NEXT GNATCATCHER WILL BE PRINTED IN SEPTEMBER. The deadline for articles for the September Gnatcatcher is September 1. Please submit articles to the editor, Stan Kotala, RR 3, Box 866, Altoona, PA 16601.

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