

"The Gnatcatcher"

The JVAS's newsletter, *The Gnatcatcher*, is published six times a year and is mailed to all JVAS members. If you're not a member but would like to receive the newsletter, send your name, address, and a \$10 check, payable to JVAS, to:

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JVAS Speakers Bureau

The JVAS can provide speakers for schools, clubs, and other organizations. To arrange for a program, phone Education Chair Shirley Wagoner at 643-4011. If your group would like a program on a topic that's not listed, Shirley may be able to find someone to satisfy your needs.

Topics Available

Acid Rain	Amphibians of Pa.
Beavers	Biodiversity
Bird Identification	Birds In the Balance
Birds of the Juniata Valley	Black Bears
Bluebirds	Coyotes
Fern Identification	Forest Stewardship
Fossils	Partners in Flight
Plant Biology	Reptiles of Pa.
Ruffed Grouse	Soils
Spring Warblers	Stream Restoration
Water Quality Monitoring	Waterfowl
Wetlands	Wildflowers
Winter Bird Feeding	Wolves

Field Trips Available

Backyard Birds, Trees, and Wildflowers
Fern Identification
Fossil Walks
Nature Hikes, K-12
Water Quality Monitoring

Bluebird Monitoring

JVAS members monitor Eastern Bluebird nesting boxes at Canoe Creek State Park during the breeding season to record data and to provide for the Bluebirds' welfare.

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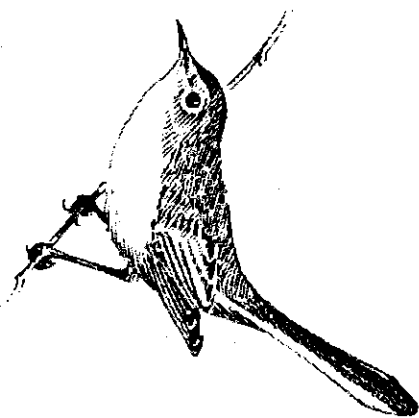
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Board Meetings

This fall's Board meetings will be held 7 a.m. in the Visitor Center at Canoe Creek State Park on the following Tuesdays:
October 3 and December 5
All members are welcome!

Juniata Valley Audubon Society



Fall 2000

Programs and Field Trips

The Juniata Valley Audubon Society meets in September, October, November, February, March, and May on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (business meeting at 7 p.m.) in the Visitor Center at Canoe Creek State Park.

Visitors are always welcome!

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What is the JVAS?

The Juniata Valley Audubon Society, chartered in 1969, is a chapter of the National Audubon Society covering the Southern Alleghenies region. With more than 350 members, the JVAS is one of 24 Audubon chapters in Pennsylvania.

The mission of the National Audubon Society is "to conserve and restore natural ecosystems — focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats — for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity."

If you'd like to find out more about the JVAS, you're invited to visit with us at one of our regular meetings or to come along with us on a field trip.

To join, ✂ the coupon, fill out, and mail to:

Juniata Valley Audubon Society

P.O. Box 32

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You'll receive the bimonthly *Audubon* magazine, each one filled with superb nature photography and in-depth reporting on environmental issues. You'll also receive the JVAS's newsletter, *The Gnatcatcher*, containing reports of local conservation topics and nature themes.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY Membership Application

YES, I want to join the Juniata Valley Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society at the special Introductory Rate of \$20.

As a senior citizen or student, I'm eligible to join for only \$15.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ PA _____

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Fall 2000 Schedule

PROGRAMS are presented on the third Tuesday in September, October, and November. Program meetings begin at 7 P.M. in the Visitor Center at Canoe Creek State Park. Our programs, designed for a general audience, are free and open to the public.

"Hawk-watching and Identification At Stone Mountain"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Greg Grove, president of the State College Bird Club, will tell why the ridges of Pennsylvania are good places to see migrating hawks. Greg will describe the conditions that produce good days for hawk-watching. He also will briefly classify the major groups of hawks (buteos, etc.) and will mention some simple things to help identify the more common hawks likely to be seen in central Pennsylvania. Yes, Greg presented a similar program for the JVAS three years ago, but we all could use a refresher. And those who missed Greg the first time should not forego this opportunity to hear his excellent talk.

"Attu Birding Travelogue"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

JVASers Dave Kyler and Gene Zielinski will recount their adventures during a birding trip in late May to the island of Attu. The remote island in southwestern Alaska is the most westerly of the Aleutians.

"Rare Birds of Pennsylvania"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Gerald M. McWilliams, senior author of the book, *The Birds of Pennsylvania*, recently published by Cornell University Press, and co-author of the book, *Birds of Erie County, Pennsylvania*, will give a slide show/talk on the rare birds of Pennsylvania.

Jerry also will explain why birds that may appear rare will seem common when an observer becomes skillful in finding them.

FIELD TRIPS planned for this spring are listed here. Further information on JVAS field trips will be published in *The Gnatcatcher*.

Stone Mountain Hawkwatch

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

At the Stone Mountain hawkwatch platform on this date in late September you may observe the following species of migrating raptors: Cooper's, sharp-shinned, kestrel, broad-winged, osprey, red-tailed, red-shouldered, northern harrier, merlin, and bald eagle. Meet trip leader Dave Kyler (phone 643-6030) outside McDonald's Restaurant on Rt. 22, Huntingdon at 9 A.M. Bring binoculars, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Rain date — Sunday, October 1.

Fall Foliage Hike on the Lower Trail

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

A service forester from Pennsylvania State Forest District 5 will lead a walk along the Lower Trail to identify hardwood trees and discuss the changing colors of tree leaves during the fall season. This will be a joint hike with members of Rails to Trails of Central Pa. Meet at the Alfarata Trail-head, near Alexandria, at 10 A.M. For additional information, phone Terry Wentz at 692-4224.

Birding Along the Beaver Pond Trail

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Dr. Stan Korala will lead JVAS members on a leisurely one-mile stroll along Canoe Creek State Park's newest trail. Overlooking beaver lodges and dams, this is an excellent place to see a great variety and large numbers of birds. Meet at the *Park Office* at 2 P.M. We'll carpool to the trailhead. Call Stan at 946-8840 or 949-3663 for more information.