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- Opportunity to participate in local advocacy efforts to help make a real difference.
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Become a National Member with a special introductory rate of \$20. Basic dues thereafter are \$35 annually. Make your check payable to National Audubon Society and mail to the address below.

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Make your check payable to JVAS and mail to JVAS Membership Committee Chair, P.O. Box 42, Tyrone, PA 16686-0042.

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## AUDUBON FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS

are presented on the third Tuesday of the month. Program meetings begin at 7 PM in the meeting room of the Bellwood-Antis Public Library, 526 Main St., Bellwood.

*Our programs, designed for a general audience, are free and open to the public.*

Directions: Take Interstate Rt. 99 to the Bellwood/Route 865 Exit (Exit 41). Follow Rt. 865 through the Sheetz/Martin's intersection. Proceed about four blocks and turn right at the "Business District" sign just before the railroad overpass. Turn left at the dead end and travel to the stop sign. Continue a short distance; the library will be on your right.

### September 17: Pennsylvania's Majestic Bald Eagle

The majestic bald eagle, one of America's most iconic wildlife species, will be the topic of a program given by Northern Blair County Wildlife Conservation Officer William Brehun. The rising numbers of known adult nesting pairs and their successful reproduction rate bring a large amount of excitement and increased interest in the bald eagle. WCO Brehun will also show the Pennsylvania Game Commission's recently released video highlighting the bald eagle's success story in Pennsylvania.

### October 15: Wild Britain

JVAS President Dave Bonta will share his summer experiences visiting the UK. Great Britain is a crowded island with a landscape that has been profoundly reshaped by human beings since the Paleolithic. Top carnivores were eliminated centuries ago and

forests are few and far between, but parts of it are still surprisingly wild -- even in the city. And the rich archaeological and historical record is full of hints about a once deeper relationship with nature. During a two-month visit in summer 2013, Dave did his best to understand that relationship, now and in the past, with stops at a butterfly meadow in a London cemetery, a seabird colony on the North Sea coast, the largest remnant of the ancient Caledonian forest, a cave by the Irish Sea with 1500-year-old graffiti of strange beasts, and much more.

### November 19: State of the Frogs (and how you can help)

David Miller, assistant professor of wildlife population ecology at Penn State University, contributed to the research which showed that amphibian populations across the country are declining at an alarming rate. His presentation will highlight the current extinction crisis occurring for amphibians and some of the potential causes being documented by scientists. In addition, he will discuss opportunities for citizen scientists to become involved in monitoring amphibians, and some of the habitats and species that can be found in Pennsylvania.

### December 14: Annual Christmas Bird Count

Contact coordinator Steve Bonta, [stevebonta@yahoo.com](mailto:stevebonta@yahoo.com) or 684-1175 for more information.

# JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY



## Fall & Winter 2013 PROGRAMS & FIELD TRIPS

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**AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS** are coordinated by JVAS board member Deb Tencer. For more information about any JVAS field trip, phone Deb at 814-932-9183 or send her an e-mail at naturehikergal@gmail.com.

**Saturday, September 28**

*Nature Walk through Hartley Wood*

Join Sarah Chamberlain, botanist at Penn State University, for a walk through Hartley Wood at the Penn State Arboretum to look for trees, shrubs, ferns and late-blooming wildflowers. Optional trip to Otto's for refreshments after the walk. Meet at the Sunset Park parking lot (850 McKee Street) in State College at 1:00. For more information, contact Sarah at sjchamberlain8@gmail.com or 947-0339.

**Sunday, October 6**

*Woods Trail Hike in Stone Valley*

GerneyLee Carter and Dr. Stan Kotala will be leading this moderate hike of about 5 - 5 1/2 miles. Meet at 1:00 at Charter Oak Road and Route 26. This hike will go through Stone Valley forest where we will see the Chestnut tree nursery, along with various habitats including beautiful streams. Contact GerneyLee at gernilee@gmail.com for more information.

**Saturday, October 12**

*Mushroom Hike on the Lower Trail*

Meet at 1:00 at the Water Street entrance of the Lower Trail to hunt for fall mushrooms with local mushroom expert Karen Croyle (karencroyles5@facebook.com). We will hike approximately five easy miles.

**Sunday, October 13**

*Winkelblech Mountain*

JVAS Conservation Chair Dr. Stan Kotala will lead a 3-mile strenuous hike on Winkelblech Mountain in northern Centre County. Meet in the parking lot of the Military Museum in Boalsburg at 10 AM. Bring snacks and drinks. We will have a lunch break on

the mountaintop. For more information, contact Stan at ccwiba@keyconn.net or 946-8840.

**Saturday, October 19**

*Hike Up (and Down) the Thousand Steps*

Step into history as we trek up (and back down) Jack's Mountain on over 1000 steps used by workers to mine rock used for the brickyard industry. Meet at 11 AM at the bottom, along Rt. 22. Bring a snack with you for when we arrive at the locomotive house at the top of the mountain. If you wish, join us for lunch afterwards at Top's Diner in Mill Creek, a smoke-free restaurant that has offered home style cookin' since 1959. Hike leader: Kristin Joivell, kristinjean@hotmail.com, 386-6267.



**Sunday,**

**October 20th**

*6 to 10 Rail Trail*

Meet at the parking lot on Dry Run Road (near Foot of Ten Elementary School) at 9:30 AM. We will set up a short shuttle to hike the Foot of Ten Spur Trail. This trail goes into the woods then follows a steam for a while before climbing the original Incline #10 of the Allegheny Portage Railroad. Once we reach the new bike path we'll follow it for a short distance and then we will hike the Incline 9 Spur Trail. Total distance will be about three miles. Some parts may be wet and muddy, and a little rocky. Bring water and a snack. Trip leader: Larry Broadbent, broadbent.lr@verizon.net.

**Saturday, October 26**

*Francis Campion Memorial Hike on the Bell's Gap Trail*

JVAS Secretary Dr. Alice Kotala will lead this moderate 6-mile downhill hike honoring past JVAS member Staff Sgt. Francis Campion, who died in a military training accident in 2011, and who had hiked with us on this trail many times. Meet at 1:00 at the Bell's Gap or Roots Trail Head of the Bell's Gap Trail, just off Rt. 865 north of Bellwood on Igou Road. For more information, contact Alice at 946-8840 or ccwiba@keyconn.net.

**Saturday, November 2**

*Spring Creek Canyon*

GerneyLee Carter (gernilee@gmail.com) will lead a shuttle hike beginning at Fisherman's Paradise at 1:00 PM. Enjoy a stroll following Spring Creek in the World Famous Fisherman's Paradise fly fishing area, see the fish hatcheries, the geology that created the canyon, remnants of past activities and man-made ponds which may or may not be full of water. This is an easy hike of approximately four miles. Those who wish to may join us for dinner at the conclusion of the hike at the Gamble Mill Restaurant and Microbrewery in Bellefonte.

**Sunday, November 3**

*Allegheny Front Hawk Watch*

Join the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology (PSO) and Chad Kauffman (chadkauffman@earthlink.net) at the Allegheny Front Hawk Watch on the western side of Bedford County. There's no official start time; you can come/go as you please. We hope this will be around the peak of the Golden Eagles migrating south. You can enjoy watching from a lawn chair or a blanket; some limited seating is available. Binoculars are really all that is needed, but feel free to bring your scope. For driving directions, see the Allegheny Front Hawk Watch website: www.wbnc.net/front.htm.

**Saturday, November 30**

*Post-Thanksgiving Hike on the Lower Trail*

JVAS Secretary Dr. Alice Kotala will lead an easy, five-mile hike from Mount Etna to Alfarata on the Lower Trail. Meet in the Alfarata Station Trailhead parking lot at 1:00 PM. For more information, contact Alice at 946-8840 or ccwiba@keyconn.net.

**Sunday, December 15**

*Centre Furnace Mansion tour followed by a hike through Thompson Woods and Lederer Park*

Meet at 1:00 at the Centre Furnace Mansion. After a guided tour of the mansion, we will cross Rt. 26 and begin our walk through the Thompson Woods Preserve, a wonderful interurban park protected by Clearwater Conservancy. At the conclusion of the hike, those who are interested can convene for dinner at the new brew pub at the intersection of Route 26 and Elmwood Avenue. Trip leader: GerneyLee Carter (gernilee@gmail.com).

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