

Regular Meetings/Programs (Free)
Bellwood-Antis Public Library
526 Main Street, Bellwood, PA 16617
Phone: 742-8234

A more detailed description is in the Sept/Oct issue of *The Gnatcatcher*

September 15, 2015 – Tuesday 7:00 PM
American Zoo Consortium: Collecting and Conservation in Papua New Guinea

Ron Johnson will describe his three expeditions to the second largest island in the world - home to over 700 species of birds including 33 Birds of Paradise. Ron will explain the importance of the expeditions, tribal culture diversity and urgency to preserve the world's third largest rainforest.

October 20, 2015 – Tuesday 7:00 PM
Honduras: Wildlife, Parks, and People

Mark Bonta, Ian McGregor, and John Dibert will describe their trips to some of Honduras's most important protected areas, their encounters with flora and fauna, and the local people who, against all odds, dedicate their lives to conservation. They will conclude by explaining how Pennsylvanians can get involved.

November 17, 2015 – Tuesday 7:00 PM.
Squirrels of PA:

Who, where, and what do they do?

Carolyn Mahan will describe the behavior, habitat use, and conservation issues surrounding the squirrels of Pennsylvania. Management of rare species of squirrels will also be discussed.

Lunch and Learn Paleontology Program by Kristin Joivell will be held in Huntingdon, Nov. 9 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Call 592-7529 for location and lunch choices.

JVAS Fall 2015 Field Trips

Sunday, August 23: Blue Knob State Park Nature Walk 9:00 – 11:00 am

We will meet at the Buck Hill Amphitheater at 9:00 am for a leisurely nature hike, focusing on plants, butterflies, and birds. Bring your binoculars, water, and wear comfortable shoes. Trip leaders are Mike and Laura Jackson.

Saturday, September 12: A Walk in the Wood AND "A Walk in the Woods" 10:30 am - ?

After meeting at the Arboretum parking lot at the corner of Park and Bigler in Stae College, we will take a short walk through Hartley Wood--perhaps we will encounter some "trail magic" along the way. Kristin will lead you through a "shake down" of typical gear in an AT hiker's pack and you can sample a few conventional AT hiker power-up snacks. Finally, we will view the newly released movie, "A Walk in the Woods." Contact trip leader Kristin Joivell for more details.

Saturday, September 19: Bald Eagle State Park Birding 8:30 – 11 am.

We will explore birdy parts of the Bald Eagle Ridge IBA. Meet Mark Bonta, trip leader, at the I-99 park-and-ride lot in Tyrone to carpool to Bald Eagle State Park. Bring binoculars, drinks, and snacks. Call Mark Bonta if you have questions.

Sunday, September 27: Lower Trail Grannas Station Tree Walk 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Meet at Grannas Station Visitor Center at Gannister (near Williamsburg), September 27 at 2:00 pm for a Tree Walk led by Laura Jackson. Directions from U.S. 22 to Grannas Station: Turn east on PA Route 866, then turn right onto Lower Piney Creek Road immediately after crossing the metal truss bridge, then turn right into the trailhead.

Saturday, October 17: Allegheny Front Hawk Watch 9:00 am – ?

Meet Mike and Laura Jackson at the Shawnee Country Market along Rt. 30 in Schellsburg. We will carpool to the Hawk Watch, since parking is limited. Bring binoculars, folding chair, and lunch. It is usually windy and colder at the hawk watch, so dress warmly and in layers. Call Laura Jackson if you have questions.

Saturday, October 24: Staff Sergeant Francis Campion Memorial Hike 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

This hike honors Staff Sgt. Franck Campion, a JVAS member, who died in a military training accident in 2011. Meet at 2:00 PM at Penn State Altoona's Seminar Forest for a 3-mile stroll through the fall woods. Directions: Heading up Juniata Gap Road toward campus, look for the left turn onto Becker's Lane just before the main entrance to Penn State Altoona on the right. Call Kristin Joivell, trip leader, if you need more details.

Saturday, November 28: Post-Thanksgiving Hike on the Lower Trail from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

Shed those turkey and pumpkin pie pounds while enjoying 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. We'll carpool from Alfarata to the Mt. Etna Trailhead and then hike 6 miles on this rail trail along the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River back to Alfarata. For more information, contact Kristin Joivell.



Sunday, December 6: Bird Walk & eBird Workshop from 1:00 – 5 pm.

This is the second in a series of activities designed to help you know more about the Important Bird Areas (IBAs) located in our chapter's territory. Canoe Creek Watershed IBA contains a jewel of a state park: Canoe Creek State Park, located at 205 Canoe Creek Road, Hollidaysburg, PA. Meet Mark Bonta & Laura Jackson at the park's Education Center for a bird walk from 1 – 3 pm, followed by an eBird Workshop in the Education Center from 3 – 5 pm. Bring binoculars. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call Laura Jackson if you have questions: 652-9268.



Saturday, December 19: Blair Co. Christmas Bird Count – all day!

BLAIR CO. CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dinner and Tally Rally at 6 P.M. at Marzoni's 1830 East Pleasant Valley Blvd. Altoona, PA 16602.

Contact Compiler Steve Bonta or Laura Jackson if you are interested in participating.

You do not have to be a counter to attend the Dinner, but everyone must reserve dinner by Monday, December 7. Cost is \$20 for buffet. Make check payable to JVAS and send to Laura Jackson 8621 Black Valley Road Everett, PA 15537 by Dec. 7. Reservations are required!

Saturday, December 26: Bedford Co. Christmas Bird Count – all day!

We need your help! Counters will cover a specific portion of the count circle, which includes Shawnee State Park. You do not have to be a counter to attend the potluck dinner. The potluck dinner and tally rally will be held at 5:30 pm at the Buffalo Mills Methodist Church. Contact Laura Jackson if you can participate.

Juniata Valley Audubon Society

Chapter Only Membership Application

Chapter only membership includes membership in the Juniata Valley Audubon Society ONLY and the chapter newsletter, *The Gnatcatcher*.

Individual membership **\$15.00/year**

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Charlie Hoyer, Membership

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Tyrone, PA 16686

Golden-winged Warbler T-shirts (Fundraiser)

Shirts are organic cotton and come in S, M, L, XL, and XXL. XXL is \$25, other sizes are \$20 if you buy one at a JVAS meeting. Order through PayPal at www.JVAS.org

All proceeds help Golden-winged Warblers



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There are 2 Director positions open, please contact Laura Jackson if you are willing to serve.

Board Meetings - Locations to be Determined

August 4, 2015 - Tuesday 7:00 PM

Planning and Potluck Dinner

October 4, 2015 - Tuesday 7:00 PM

December 6, 2015 - Tuesday 7:00 PM

February 2, 2016 - Tuesday 7:00 PM

April 5, 2016 - Tuesday 7:00 PM

Board meetings are open to all JVAS members.

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ACTIVITIES



2015 Fall Juniata Valley Audubon Society

Serving Birds, People and Habitats in
Bedford, Blair, & Huntingdon Counties
since 1969

Juniata Valley Audubon meets monthly September through May (except in December) on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Bellwood-Antis Library just off I-99 Exit 41 in Bellwood, PA.

Visitors are always welcome

Projects

Birding and eBIRDS Workshops
Bird Conservation Local and International
Christmas Bird Counts
Conservation Advocacy to Protect Natural Habitats
Educational Exhibits and Presentations
Fort Roberdeau Native Plant Garden
Fort Roberdeau Bluebird Trail
Golden-winged Warbler Conservation
Industrial Wind Development Education
Organic Shade Coffee Promotion

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