

Regular Meetings/Programs (Free)
Bellwood-Antis Public Library
526 Main Street, Bellwood, PA 16617
Phone: 814-742-8234

More Detailed Descriptions are in the
***The Gnatcatcher* and at www.JVAS.org**

January 19, 2016 – Tuesday 7:00 PM
Member's Night

Bring your pictures, videos, nature-related poetry, art, and crafts to share with us. Let Mark Bonta know by 1/12/16 if you plan to participate.

February 16, 2016 – Tuesday 7:00 PM
Black Hills Paleontology in Parker's Pit

Kristin Joivell will share her experiences while on a dig in S.D. last summer. Real fossils will be part of this interactive presentation.

March 15, 2016 – Tuesday 7:00 PM.
Bird Research on the Allegheny Front

Kim Van Fleet will present her research on nesting birds on the Allegheny Front.

April 19, 2016 - Tuesday Spring Banquet
5:30 PM Silent Auction 6:00 PM Dinner
Hoss's Steak and Sea House

110 Patch Way Rd. Duncansville, PA 16635
Speaker: Doug Gross, PA Game Commission
The PGC has done some remarkable work to help birds like the bald eagle, osprey, sandhill crane, golden-winged warbler, and many others increase their populations in Pennsylvania. Join us as we celebrate another year of commitment to bird conservation.

May 17, 2016 - Tuesday 7:00 PM
Pueblos and Pinyons

Jeffrey Hall, president of Bartramian Audubon Society will show how nature and wildlife, archaeology and ancient cultures, scenery and geology all come together to justify New Mexico's claim to be a "Land of Enchantment."

June 21, 2016 - Tuesday 6:00 PM
Maxine Leckvarcik Memorial Picnic
Pine Hill Area Rothrock State Forest
Participants should bring a covered dish.
A nature walk will follow the picnic.

JVAS 2016 Field Trips

Sunday, Jan.31: Blue Knob St. Park
Easy 3 Mile Snowshoe Hike 11 - 2 PM

Meet at Chappell's Field, across from the entrance to the camping area at Forest Road/Blue Knob Road (SR 4035). Bring drink and snack. Contact hike leader, Dave Hunter, for more information and updates at (814) 317-7826.



Jan. or Feb. Homestead Trail Winter Hike Led by Stan Kotala. More details soon.



Saturday, Feb. 13: Walking in A
Winter Wonderland 12 - 3 PM
Little Juniata Natural Area
Easy 3 - 4 Mile Hike

We will stop at the "rock couches" and fire pit for hot chocolate and a winter treat midway through the walk. Don't forget to dress for the weather for this walk! Contact field trip leader, Kristin Joivell, if you have questions, at (814) 386-6267.

Saturday, March 19: Bedford Co.
Wetlands Birding Trip 8:30 - 3 PM

Meet at Eat 2 Live Bistro on Rt. 56 at 8:30am to carpool to two very birdy wetlands. Bring boots and binoculars, listen to the forecast and dress accordingly. We will eat lunch at Eat 2 Live Bistro (optional), then drive to another wetlands for more birding. Contact trip leaders Mike and Laura Jackson if you have questions, at (814) 652-9268.



Sunday, April 17: Periglacial & Proglacial Landscapes Driving Tour
Meet at Bellefonte 8 AM - 5 PM

Meet at the municipal parking lot in front of 409 West High Street in Bellefonte, PA at 8am and carpool from there, returning by 5pm. Pack a picnic lunch and water. Learn how to read the landscape when central Pennsylvania was under extreme cold: fossil sand dunes, boulder trains, and more. Contact Mark Bonta at markabonta@yahoo.com, for more details.

Saturday, April 23: Bird & Wildflower Walk Mtn. Meadows, Everett 9 -11 AM

Highlights will include exploring the native wildflower gardens, vernal pools, and bird watching along the trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes, bring a lunch and drink. Detailed directions are in *The Gnatcatcher* and online at www.JVAS.org or call trip leaders Mike and Laura Jackson at (814) 652-9268.

April Trillium Walk along Lower Trail
More information will be in *The Gnatcatcher* and at www.JVAS.org

Sunday, May 8: Spring Wildflowers and Birds in Plummer's Hollow 1-4 PM

The Bonta family invites you to a wildflower and bird walk up Plummer's Hollow. We'll meet at the bottom of the mountain at their parking lot. The gate will be open. Pull into the parking lot on your right after crossing the railroad line. The walk will be slow and spring wildflowers should be at their peak. Contact trip leaders Marcia Bonta at marciabonta@hotmail.com or Dave

Check the JVAS FB page, website, and *The Gnatcatcher* for other trips featuring amphibians and reptiles, yoga, native plants, and backpacking, as details become available.

Bonta at bontasaurus@yahoo.com with questions or if you need directions to the Bonta property.

Sunday, May 15: Canoe Creek St. Park Bird Walk and eBird Workshop 1-5 PM

Meet at the Education Center for a 2-hr. bird walk, followed by an eBird workshop.

Bring binoculars. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call Laura Jackson if you have questions: (814) 652-9268.

Saturday, May 28: Explore the Orchids & Plants of Black Moshannon

Led by Mary Paoli. More details online.

May 2016 Bluebird Trail Outing at Fort Roberdeau Led by Stan Kotala. More details soon!

Saturday, June 11: Dutch Corner Driving Tour 9 - 11:30 AM

Dutch Corner was recently placed in the National Register of Historic Places as a rural historic district - the largest in the state. We will meet at the Sheetz gas station located along Business 220 just north of the turnpike entrance. Take the turnpike exit off I-99 South just north of Bedford. We will carpool from there to Dutch Corner. Highlights will be a visit to Indian Eve's grave, scenic views of the valley and Evitt's Mountain, and roadside birding. Optional stop at Eat 2 Live Bistro for lunch. Contact trip leaders Mike and Laura Jackson if you have questions: (814) 652-9268.

June Art in Nature

Led by Sam Dietze, local artist. Check our webpage and FB page.



July or Aug.

Pollinator Garden

Outing at Fort Roberdeau Led by Stan Kotala when plants are in peak bloom. More details to come soon!

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**
Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter only members, both new and renewal, will receive the online version of the *The Gnatcatcher* unless a paper copy is requested. **Please provide your e-mail address for the online version of our newsletter.**

E-mail address _____
Do you require a paper copy? _____
Return this form with your check payable to **JVAS** to:

Juniata Valley Audubon Society
Charlie Hoyer, Membership
P. O. Box 42
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 and exact dates to be determined

February, 2016

April, 2016

Board meetings are open to all JVAS members.

Support “our birds” on their wintering grounds by purchasing organic shade coffee from Honduras.

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ACTIVITIES



2016 Winter Spring Summer
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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