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 JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
 

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"The Eagle"

He clasps the crag with crooked hands,  
Close to the sun in lonely lands,  
Ringed with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls,  
He watches from his mountain walls,  
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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 The First Fall Meeting
 

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Date: Tuesday, September 15th  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Childrens' Theater, Altoona Public Library  
Program: "Hawaii" by Harold Yoder

Fall brings our group close to its second anniversary. Conceived and projected in the fall of 1968, the Juniata Valley Audubon Society first formed in January of 1969, was granted its branch charter provisional in the fall of that year and now is to be given full, permanent branch status. Originally the dream of a few hard-core bird watchers the association has been structured and affiliated with the conservation aims of the National Audubon Society - our country's oldest and largest conservation organization.

Other things fall brings - our first meeting of the season and an excellent program - "Hawaii" - a color slide presentation by Harold Yoder, Science Supervisor for the Altoona Area Schools. Harold traveled to our 50th state for the first time this past summer. It was his 50th state in another sense for he had left the last for last. (Puerto Rico may be the subject of a future lecture) Members remember his fine slide showing on Alaska given last spring. The Hawaiian photography is beautifully done and should appeal to one and all.

This meeting has been set up earlier than our usual date at the library for the purpose of distributing publicity materials and tickets for the first film of our Audubon Lecture Series this October 5th. All members are urged to help in the promotion and sales. Our regular meeting date - the last Tuesday of each month (excepting December) still holds unless specifically changed by notice in the Gnatacatcher or local paper. Our apologies to anyone who came to a meeting in August. Bucky Kraus announced one in his column's calendar but it had not been scheduled through us. Just a mistake. Watch Bucky's columns in the sports section Thursdays for he gives space to the conservation effort.

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 "Peton Trails"
 

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Charles T. Hotchkiss comes to Altoona October 5th - Monday evening at 8:00 P.M. in the Altoona Area High auditorium. Doors open at 7:30. Mr. Hotchkiss is a very well known lecturer and we are fortunate in having such a good speaker to begin our first full film series.

The film-lecture committee has procured the tickets, printed publicity flyers and in all ways arranged for the 5th of October. It is very important that our tickets get out into the hands of members. The prices are as follows:

Season - adult:	\$5.00
Season - student:	2.00
Adult single:	1.25
Student single:	.50

People are needed to help at the auditorium. Ticket-takers, sellers, etc. Please lend a hand if you can. Also - members are needed to do some of the work preparing for the film. Anyone interested in working on the film-lecture committee should contact John Orr. Watch the Mirror for more detailed coverage. Season tickets as well as regular may be ordered at meetings or through the mail to John Hunter Orr, 54 Duff Drive, Altoona.

The magnificent Teton Range which lifts abruptly from the valley to a height of over 7,000 feet, bordering Jackson Hole, Wyoming, provides a striking backdrop for this colorful film produced and narrated by the speaker. Intimate visits with unusual birds and other animals weave a dramatic story of life in a land of awesome beauty. A fitting climax is the breathtaking climb up the Grand Teton, the highest peak in the range.

Other Film-Lecture Dates:

Nov. 9th	Allan D. Cruickshank	"Land of the Giant Cactus"
Jan. 8th	Robert W. Davison	"The Vanishing Sea"
Feb. 25th	Walter H. Berlet	"The Living Wilderness"
Apr. 22nd	Albert J. Wool	"Ranch Life and Wildlife"

Trip to Sapsucker Woods

Last June a combined group of Audubon and Blair Garden Club members journeyed to Cornell University on a bus tour led by Harold Yoder. Eight members of our group made the trip. A fine time was had by all and there was something for everybody in the itinerary. The group visited the Laboratory of Ornithology and the outdoor trails nearby. The Cornell Plantations, university gardens containing unusual plants was also a sight on the excursion. Other places visited were the Bailey Hortorium - a fantastic collection of 300,000 to 400,000 plants - and the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Sanctuary.

Migrating Hawks

The hawks are moving at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, eleven miles north of Rt. #22 and the Krumsville exit. The broad-winged hawks are building up in numbers daily and will peak the middle of September - the 12th to the 20th or so. Last year 2,539 of these birds were sighted on one day - the 18th of September. Some bald eagles are coming down but they are not often seen. Ospreys are appearing daily now. Five new birds were seen the past year at Hawk Mountain: the Louisiana heron, ruddy turnstone, upland plover, black vulture and Swainson's hawk (!). This is the 36th year the sanctuary has been in operation. The hawks begin to come down the range at 10:00 A.M. but not much before. They drop off in number at 4:00 P.M. and after. This month would be ideal for a visit - especially to catch the great broad-winged flights. It is a most pleasant and interesting place.

A Cat Note

Arizona is the only state left now that still has a bounty on the mountain lion. Most states where the mountain lion, or cougar still survives have designated it a game species, with protection under state game management programs.

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