

# JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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## God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
 It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
 It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
 Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?  
 Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
 And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
 And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
 Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;  
 There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
 And though the last lights off the black West went  
 Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs -  
 Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
 World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

- Gerard Manley Hopkins

### In Memorium

Marjorie Isenberg was a good member and a good friend of our group. Everybody misses her very much. She played an active role for Audubon: attending films, field trips and monthly meetings. Her work we are certainly thankful for. We will give books on wildlife and conservation to the Altoona Public Library in her memory. We will carry on our work with her in memory.

### November Meeting - A Trip to British Columbia

For our November meeting we have a beautiful color film on the far western province of Canada - i.e. British Columbia - a film titled "Island Eden". You guess the island!

TIME: 7:30  
 PLACE: Altoona Area Public Library  
 in  
 Childrens' Theater  
 DATE: Tuesday, November 27th

Also at this meeting we will discuss the upcoming 5th annual Christmas Bird Count. Bring your ideas and questions pertaining to ecology so that these monthly meetings can be a useful forum for them. You might especially have suggestions or questions relating to the energy crisis.

### Gypsy Moths

Earl Higgins presented a very nice talk and film on gypsy moths at our October meeting. A question was asked then as to how things were working out at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. It seems that Hawk Mountain wanted to have the State Agriculture Department use the Sanctuary as a control element in the program of spraying, but no answer was even given to a letter to the state and the planes came over with Dylox and Sevin. They don't know the results; however the curator, Alex Nagy said there was a strange silence after the spraying - a silence coming from the total lack of insect noises - no buzzing of bumble bees, no droning of honey bees, no humming of flies - all of which appear as "revealing and terribly frightening" to the staff at the Sanctuary.

### BCAF Fair: A Report

This was a success. Members came out to man two tables Friday and Saturday November 9th and 10th. Handmade items such as bird feeders, sacks of birdseed, terrariums and birdhouses were offered for sale. Thanks should be given to all who worked hard at this exhibit. We not only made a profit - about \$100 - but were able to tell the Audubon story to a lot of people. We have a nice new brochure explaining the Society and we gave a good number of these to the public at the fair. It would seem that participation in the fair next year would be worthwhile

## Recycling - a Note

Lefferts Hutton of the Bucks County Audubon Society (Box 289, Acquetong Road, New Hope, Pa. 18938) is chairman of that branch's Recycling Committee and has been spearheading a strong movement to get a trowaway bottle bill passed in our state. If anyone wants to work on this or get more information on the work of this group, our branch has materials for you. (Call 943-5629.) Hutton is - with his wife Virginia - heading a brand new effort called the "Bottle Battle Coalition" to get this legislation and this group will be meeting Thursday, November 29th in Carlisle, Pa. If you are interested or know some people who are, call the above number for the details.

## The Fifth Annual Christmas Bird Count

We will decide at our November meeting just what day to go out on the count. The possible dates run from December 15th to January 1st. (a Tues.) In the past we've gone with the post-Christmas date since it was a time when more members were free and able to get out the count. John Orr is the compiler. Call him for details or to ask any questions that you might have pertaining to the count. - 943-5629.

## Orientation to the Count

A meeting will be held Tuesday the 11th of December to enable those interested a chance to familiarize themselves with winter birds and with the count proceedings. Remember: there is no regular meeting in December - just the count and a covered dish supper in Sinking Valley on the count day. This informal get-together will probably be at the Altoona Area Public Library. Call John Orr for last minute verification on times, dates, etc. for the orientation.

## Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania: New Branch?

The gigantic Audubon Society in the Pittsburgh area is now voting on changing its status from affiliate to full branch membership. They have over 600 members! It appears that branch status is a certainty. Allen Miller is working with them on the change over. This Society puts out a nice newsletter or bulletin every month. Membership is \$5.00 a year (\$7.50 family / \$3.00 Retire / \$1.00 Student). Address: Stewart H. Steffey, Room 5988, 600 Grant St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230.

## Winter Birds

Call in your winter sightings to the Gnateatcher.

## Lark Bunting

Martha Sullivan in Hollidaysburg saw what she thinks is most certainly a lark bunting in November. It was black - very black with very white wings - wing markings, on the primaries. This is an unusual bird for around here. It's western bird.  
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