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JUNIATA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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One Night

At midnight I went out,
 sure it was morning.
 The trees cast
 deep hollow places
 in light
 which seemed sourceless.
 I looked up and saw
 the moon
 like a new quarter
 in the sky.
 I laughed to think
 I had left my dreams
 to see the countryside
 dreaming
 that the sun
 had risen silver
 one morning.

- Delight McColl

The March Meeting

DATE: March 25th - Tuesday

PLACE: 28th Street Church of the Brethren

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: State Gamelands

Larry Harshaw our Blair County District Game Protector will present a talk and film on our State Gamelands this Tuesday evening. This should prove to be a timely update on wildlife preserves that are of vital interest to us. The state has just announced a new non-game species program where anyone may send in \$5.00 for a patch, thus supporting our animals of any kind that are not hunted. The patch has a flying squirrel on it.

Bring a friend or two for an enjoyable evening. Parking is at the rear of the church as is the entrance to the social hall.

Membership Drive

Fifteen new members total is all we need as a chapter of National to meet our goal in the new incentive membership drive currently underway in the U.S. Juniata Valley Audubon has decided to offer its own incentives for the acquisition of new members: (1) a Roger Tory Peterson Field Guide of your choice for the person who gets the most new memberships; (2) a beautiful 14" x 17" Audubon Birds of America print for anyone who gets one new member for our group; (3) an Audubon key chain (very nice) for anyone who can get a second member.

Some suggestions for getting new members: (1) give a graduation gift membership to some one in high school or college - a young person who would truly appreciate an association with Audubon; (2) contact at least one person or family of your acquaintance, talking to them, or giving them a brochure.

The 1980 Audubon Week-Long Ecology Workshop

The Connecticut workshops will be held this summer from June 29th through August 23 at the Audubon Workshop on the 485 acre sanctuary of the Audubon Center in Greenwich. The workshop is maintained and operated by the National Audubon Society. The program accommodates both the beginner and the well-informed and provides a wide range of activities. Juniata Valley Audubon is offering a \$225.00 scholarship to any one deserving person for one week this summer. Please contact Peggy Goodman (942-5763) if interested your self or if you know anyone who might be. A selection will be made on April 1st and the April newsletter will announce our choice.

Annual Banquet - April 29th / Tuesday

Plan now to attend one^{/of} our big events of the year. Upwards of 70 members and friends have been to the fine meal and program of this annual get-together. Mark the date on your calendars. Dinner is at 6:00/6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome - all are invited. All the particulars will be announced in the April issue of the news letter - The Gnatcatcher. Another good, home-cooked meal will be served. Kides will be available for anyone at all who needs them. It will be possible to pay at the banquet - at the door - or beforehand, by check or cash.

Gnatcatcher Samples Our group will mail 3 issues free of The Gnatcatcher to anyone you think would like to get it. A membership brochure could be inclosed with it. Let John Orr (943-5629) have the names and addresses of those who might get something from seeing/reading a few copies. As stated before - a year's subscription may be had for \$1.00, a sum levied for postage costs. Also: new members might turn up if the newsletters are more widely circulated.

Early Spring Birds Watch for ducks, geese and swans. The ponds, rivers, lakes and reservoirs of our area will be good sites for seeing waterfowl in the month of March - especially when the ice has broken up and melted. Swans and geese are going over now.

The February Meeting Nearly 30 members enjoyed a very interesting program last month. Marcia and Bruce Bonta brought us a tape from their son Steve that was most interesting. Bill Rosevear gave us a very nice slide show / talk on his maple sugaring venture at Prince Gallitzin St. Park. Thanks to these members for their programs.

Elections - President and Secretary A new president is the order of the day. Elections are to be held this March at the regular monthly meeting as called for by the chapter's constitution. Ann Borland has agreed to run for secretary again, but no one has stepped forward for the job of president. Anyone who would be interested in the position or in nominating a person for the position should contact John Orr right away (943-5629). Nominations may be made from the floor. John is our Nominating Committee chairman.

Covered Dish Supper -- June 22nd Just an advance note on a popular event. Begin now to gather wild foods for our wild foods dinner to be held at Fort Roberdeau at 1:00/2:00 p.m. June 22nd. (The hours given are starting/arriving times). Consult your wild foods cookbooks or get some ideas from the library. Talk to Al Burd about what you plan to bring or about what you might do. And - if you don't whip up some dish plain or fancy, come anyway for some fun and unique cuisine. Al's number is: 943-0586

Audubon's Birthday April 26, 1785!

Bluebird Houses Now is the time to check / be sure that all houses are in order. They should be cleaned out and ready. Early March sees an occasional bluebird in our area.

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