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Sing A Song Of Sixpence

Sing a song of sixpence. A pocket full ye;
Four-and-twenty blackbirds Baked in a pie!

When the pie was opened 11 and The birds began to sing; Was not that a dainty dish To set before the king?

The king was in his counting-house, Counting out his money; The queen was in the parlor, Eating bread and honey.

> The maid was in the garden, Hanging out the clothes; When down came a blackbird And snapped off her nose.

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At Ft of Roberdeau / 2:00 p.m. / All invited. Bring wildfoods or just a regular picnic lunch. Be sure to come out for this fascinating dinner. You don't have to bring wild edibles. Call Al Bur! for help in preparing, getting ideas, etc. 3943-0586. Actual meeting place will be p the lane at the old Kiwanis Farm. Blackbird pie is possible but not probable. A pit of wild honey would be very nice (hint) and -- see for your selves what is a dainty in contract the second of the

May Meeting - Last Regular Meeting of the Season

MME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE 28th St. Church of the Brethren / Union Ave. & 28th St. (ALTY-Altoona, Pa. (Social Hall)

Date: May 27th - Tuesday

Program: Two Films - Threshhold of Eternity - on things endangered + Nesting - A study of nesting 8. Aris 100 at

These are two outstanding Game Commission films. Also on the agenda is a discussion of important summer activities and work as well as the up-coming wildfoods dinner at Fort Roberdeau. Refreshments will be served / All are urg d to make it out for this last gathering at the church.

We have lost a good friend and fellow Auduboner. In Temoriam ... Charley Walton Charley will be missed but his impact on us on field trips and at meetings will be long remembered and treasured. He loved bluebirds and was very active in making houses for them and in setting up the bluebird trail that runs from Dysart to McGough's Mill near Prince Gallitzin St. Park. Charley loved to walk in the woods. He loved his flowers and his birds, and although never a hunter or fisher, he did spend plenty of time out hiking. We have purchased and donated a memorial book for him: Escape to the Mountain, A Family's Adventures in the Wilderness, now ready for loan at the Hollidaysburg Library.

To all participants: Please note that the departure time The Fallingwater Bus Trip is 6:30 a.m. ("et 6:00 a.m.) Bring rain gear in case of bad weather. Also: good kiking shoes, that is, comfortable shoes + a brown bag lunch. Meet at the Family Host parking lot of the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center.

June 30th is the last day of the 6 month period Membership Drive - Coming to a Close of our current membership drive. Consider the student who might benefit from having a student membership in Audubon. It would be a nice graduation gift. We need 3 new members to hit our quota in qualifying under the incentive guidelines of National. Be sure to give Fran Burgoon your name if personally responsible for getting new members. Anyone who signs up someone will get a beautiful Audubon print.

Ideas and suggestions are 1980-1981 JVAS Program needed now for next year's rogram. Call Truth Close, Program Chairmerson at

Osprey Information Frank Dunstan, from Pa. Audubon Council (PAC) is after information on nesting ospreys in our

Big Day in May: Spring Count

A total of 67 species did not set a record, but the day was not arranged for breaking past highs. Mather, a few birders got out for a few hours watching and the inevitable joys of some sightings made. Next year it is definitely planned to structure this outing into a 15 mile diameter circle centered on Altoona and covered by many people who can, collectively, give us a 100 species count. As a rule of thumb, State College Bird Club sighted lll different birds in their May 13, 1979 "Big Day" count. We should be able to hit 100 with an all-out effort. And - the fun, the joy will still be there. Taking part formally in this year's census were: Marcia Bonta with the high count of 45, John Orr, Colette Heller, Katherine Everts, Lee LcCartney, and Christella Butler.

Here are the birds:

common loon mallard American kestrel ruffed grouse turkey killdeer solitary sandpiper rock dove mourning dove barn swallow

ds:
chimney swift ai blue jay ruby-thr. hummingbird common crow black-capped scaup duck (specie) belted kingfisher black-capped turkey vulture common flicker chickadee pileated woodpecker tufted titmouse yellow warbler red-belied woodpecker white-breasted Cape May warbler yellow-bellied sapsucker in nuthatch hairy woodpecker house wren downy woodpecker gray catbird great crested flycatcher brown thrasher eastern ploebe Amer. robin eastern wood peewee wood thrush Align mizing

blue-gray gnatcatcher red-eyed vireo black & white warbler worm eating warbler yellow-rumped warbler chestnut-sided warbler bay-breasted warbler

common cardinal ovenbird

scarlet tanager pine warbler rose-breasted No. waterthrush grosbeak common yellow throat indigo bunting Canada warbler house finch Amer. redstart Amer. goldfinch rufous-sided towhee field sparrow white-crowned sparrow white-throated sparrow song sparrow

house sparrow red-winged blackbird northern oriole common grackle brown-headed cowbird chipping sparrow

The Annual Banquet: An Afterword Nearly 110 people! Great talk - Thanks to Marcia Bonta for her fine program. And to her husband, Bruce, for his excellent slides. Our new officers were formally installed: Colette Heller (742-7481 / 425 Bellview Ave., Bellwod, Pa. 16617), Madge Quick (742-8719), and Ann Borland (695-9718), president, treasurer and secretary respectively. A number of new members are expressing a wish to be involved, to get into activities. The future looks good for our group. We are getting

State College Bird Club Program Wed. May 28th 7:30 p.m. Schlow Mem. Library, St. College "The Galapogas Islands"

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Reptor Conference June 14th, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Sponsored by the Pa. Sierra Club. A one-day non-technical conference to discuss the problems relating to birds of prey in Pa. Open to all interested persons.

\$3.00 if pre-registering by June 1st. / \$3.50 if walk-in. \$3.45 lunch - arranged

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June Wildfoods Dinner: June 22nd