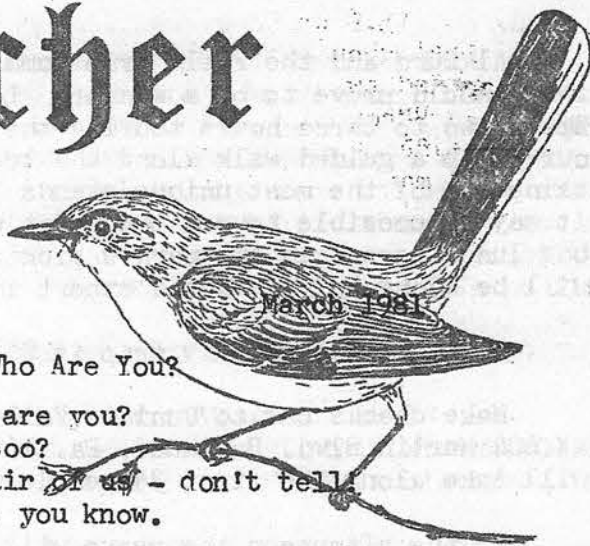


# THE Gnatcatcher

JUNIATA VALLEY

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I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

I'm nobody! Who are you?

Are you nobody, too?

Then there's a pair of us - don't tell!

They'd banish us, you know.

How dreary to be somebody!

How public, like a frog.

To tell your name the livelong day

To an admiring bog!

## March Meeting

DATE: March 31st (last Tuesday of the month)

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 28th St. Church of the Brethren - Union Ave. & 28th St. Altoona, Pa.  
Social Hall / Parking to rear by entrance-way.

PROGRAM: Endangered Species of Pennsylvania

We are most fortunate in having a wildlife biologist from the Pennsylvania Game Commission at this spring meeting with a talk-slide show on the state's endangered species. Mike Puglisi will present a very informative and interesting program Tuesday, March 31st. Mike is one of the really good speakers. Guaranteed to please Auduboners! Another fine program arranged for our group by Marcia Bonta and her committee. Thanks to Marcia, Bruce and Steve for a very nice show at the February meeting. 58 people attended. Our concern for endangered species continues. More programs are slated for the future on this subject - including one on endangered wildflowers of our state. So, for a top-rate night out - an educational evening - plan to be at the Juniata Valley Audubon meeting next week (the last day of March) Go out like lions! And: ask Mike Puglisi about them. He will talk on felis concolor for hours if there is time. Question: are there mountain lions/pumas/painters/cougars/panthers in Pennsylvania??? Bill Rosevear, Wilson and Teddie Kreitz just returned from a week-end seminar on our endangered species and will no doubt be informing us soon as to what listings exactly are drawn up. All living creatures plus wildflowers (all plants) will be evaluated as to their precariousness.

Annual Banquet - All Details Set Time: 6:30 p.m. DATE: April 28th (Tuesday)

PLACE: 28th St. Church of the Brethren PROGRAM: Tom Thwaites / author of Fifty Hikes in Central Pennsylvania

Menu: Swiss Steak / full course meal

Cost: \$5.00

Send in checks to Madge Quick, treasurer at  
604 Martin Blvd / Bellwood, Pa. 16617 by the  
deadline of April 20th.

The banquet is planned this year for 100 maximum, so get your reservations in early. A change this year is the request that all reserved meals be paid by check by mail to the treasurer. First 100 will be accepted. Any over that number will have to be returned as there are not adequate facilities for more than a hundred.

May Natural History Excursion Date: Saturday / May 2nd Time of Departure:  
7:00 a.m.

Place of Departure: Pleasant Valley Shopping  
Center Parking Lot at north  
side near the end by Century House (past it actually towards Holiday Inn).

DESTINATION: A. Morning: Wildflower Reserve & Nature Center of  
Raccoon Creek State Park west of Pittsburgh.  
B. Afternoon: Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh.

TRANSPORTATION: Blue & White Bus

Al Burd and the Field Trip Committee have put together a one day bus tour that should prove to be a winner. Leaving early Saturday morning the group will spend two to three hours touring the Wildflower Reserve. A naturalist will give our group a guided walk along the trails of this remarkable area. The reserve contains one of the most unique stands of native wildflowers in western Pennsylvania. It may be possible to see the great white trillium in numbers uncountable. Bring a bag lunch to eat in the park's picnic area. Our own noted amateur botanist, Al Burd, will be along to give added expert identification.

Cost of this one-day trip is \$13.00 per person.

Make checks out to "Juniata Valley Audubon Society" and mail to Madge Quick at 604 Martin Blvd. Bellwood, Pa. 16617 by the deadline of April 15th. This tour will take along the first 35 people who sign up. Open to members and friends.

In the afternoon the group will be visiting Carnegie Museum of Natural History for approximately three hours. The many fascinating natural history displays are of interest even to the veteran visitor of this great museum. The new and beautiful Gem display (permanent) is worth a visit in itself. A very short walk away are Phipp's Conservatory, Steven Foster Memorial Chapel, Pitt with its Nationality Rooms. Those who wish to may eat a snack or light meal in the museum restaurant (cafeteria). Plans are to leave Pittsburgh for Altoona at 5:00 p.m. For more information call Al Burd at 943-0586.

Maple Sugaring Success Bill Rosevear gave a wonderful presentation on the production of maple sugar Sunday, March 15th at Prince Gallitzin State Park. Nearly 150 people attended the first or early session. A beautiful day - even if a bit too breezy. The sugar candy was relished by one and all. A very worthwhile event. Many Audubon members attended.

Osprey Fund Continued throughout this spring and summer. We are still far from our goal of \$100 in donations. Give small donations to Kreitzs or mail in to Madge Quick (See address given above)

Miscellaneous Notes: PAC (Pa. Audubon Council) spring conference to be held at Camp Blue Diamond April 10, 11, & 12th. We are co-hosting this meeting. Concern of week-end conference will be energy and non-game. / New Fort Roberdeau trail brochures are now ready - run off and put together at Bill's by Truth and Myers Close, John Orr, Colette Heller and Bill and Paulette Rosevear. Get a copy at the Nature Center in Sinking Valley or at the March meeting. / Multi-flora rose is now the target of the state in that it is an extremely harmful plant overpowering in its takeover of habitat from native flowers and shrubs. Once planted widely for its food and shelter qualities it is now more harmful than good. / Remember to write in "Juniata Valley Audubon" on any memberships sent in to National. / February 22nd Sunday field trip to Canoe Creek State Park did not turn up too much: 12 different birds (including a pileated woodpecker). 13 participants looked for birds and did see curly maple (red maple with gnarled limbs), water cress, duckweed and alder seed pods. The ground was wet; the day was overcast and drizzly. / Bluebird boxes should be cleaned out by now. / Let Colette Heller know if you have any old photos or slides that show our group's activities. We would like to get the history scrap book moving along and need materials. We'll reproduce items. / Greenwich Connecticut summer Audubon camp scholarship nominees needed now. Tell Colette if you are interested or if you know someone who might profit from the one week outdoor ed training. / Chipping sparrow is still at Angeline Stout's in area of Pottsgrove Reservoir near Greenwood. She is keeping tabs on it. Watching the eye stripe to see if and when it goes from buff to white-white.

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SPRING FLOWER WALK: April 25th  
Saturday at Louise Magee's wood-  
land. Meet at Family Host Cafe.  
at 2:00 p.m. Call Colette Heller  
for more information: 742-7481.

Annual Banquet: 6:30 April 28th

May Bus Trip: Raccoon Creek State  
Park: all day May 2nd - Saturday.

March Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 31st.

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