

# THE Gnatcatcher

JUNIATA VALLEY

AUDUBON SOCIETY

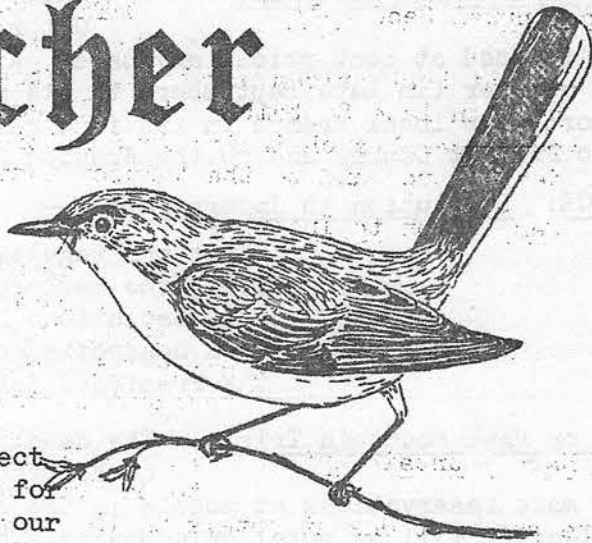
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## A Declaration of Interdependence

We, the people of the planet Earth, with respect for the dignity of each human life, with concern for future generations, with growing appreciation of our relation to our environment, with recognition of limits to our resources, and with need for adequate food, air, water, shelter, health, protection, justice, and self-fulfillment, hereby declare our interdependence and resolve to work together in peace and in harmony with our environment to enhance the quality of life everywhere.

-- Russell W. Peterson

President, National Audubon Society



The September Meeting: "Operation Osprey"

DATE: Tuesday, September 29th

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Twenty-Eighth Street Church of the Brethren  
Union Avenue & 28th St. / Altoona, Pa.

### PROGRAM:

A film produced by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, presented by Carrell Abbott, past president of the 3,000 member Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The story is set in Scotland and tells the story of the reintroduction of the magnificent "fish hawk" to that country. It is a close-up look at the daily life pattern of the osprey, from courtship and mating to the raising of the young. The telephoto photography gives the viewer a "lakeside seat" as the ospreys build the nest, dive for fish and nurture the young.

The film is a prize winning production and features wildlife photography of stunning, almost unbelievable quality. The narration is factual, filled with little-known details of the osprey's life process from egg to adult. Carrell Abbott will give an update on Pennsylvania's efforts to reintroduce this bird of prey.

Get the season off to a good start. Meet a most enthusiastic speaker and treat yourselves to one of the best films produced. Refreshments will be served and members may bring any number of guests to our informal gatherings. Parking is by the rear entrance to the social hall.

### Bonta Farm Nature Hike

September's field trip is a visit to the Bontas' farm atop Brush Mountain near Tyrone. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at DelGrosso's Restaurant along Rt #220, or meet at the foot of the Bonta's mountain at 1:45 p.m. Car pooling is planned from both spots.

DATE: Sunday, September 27th      Raindate: Sometime in spring

### Mid-State Trail Hike

DATE: October 3rd (Saturday) / Raindate: October 17th

A hike over the rugged (very rugged) terrain of the southernmost section of the trail. Led by the trail's caretakers, Craig and Paula Ford-Cameron. Meet at the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 8:30 a.m. Dress warmly. Wear hiking shoes and bring a lunch. The trail is six miles long and hikers will have cars at the one end for quick return to the other.

### Hawk Watching Trip to the Pulpit

DATE: October 24th (Saturday)

This annual trek will begin at 7:30 a.m. from the parking lot of the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center. Al Burd (943-0586) is in charge. Bring warm clothing for the winds can be most cold and penetrating at the Pulpit. Don't bring hang gliders! A light lunch and a thermos of hot coffee or cocoa is suggested. Return is planned for late afternoon. This outstanding hawk watching site is located 1½ hrs. south off Rt. #30 atop Tuscarora Mountain.

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS HAWK WATCHING  
WEEK IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Third Annual Seed Sale

DATE: Saturday, October 31st (9:00 to 3:30)

Get ready for the one-time big sale. Same high quality seed at best prices anywhere. After selecting a company, the Seed Committee will mail a flyer (in late September) to all members detailing prices, pick-up point, etc. Support your local branch in its fund raising effort. Some of the profits in this sale go to Project Osprey and to the Audubon Summer Camp scholarships.

NOTICE: Resolution to Incorporate ---

"At the regular meeting to be held on September 29, 1981, the membership will be asked to vote on the following resolution: Resolved, that the association incorporate as a nonprofit corporation upon a nonstock basis, and that the President forthwith appoint a committee to incorporate."

Note on Hawk Mountain Trip:

The deadline for signing up to visit Hawk Mt. is set to be October 15th. Call Wilson Kreitz if going. He must make reservations at motels in the area. (695-0126) This outing is an overnigher and lodging will be motel or campsite. The group will be car pooling.

Materials Needed for History Scrapbook

See or call Truth Close (942-7886) if you have any items of interest from over the past 12 or 13 years. Specifically needed are pictures for Sep 1980 Ft. Roberdeau meeting, October 1980 Pulpit trip, Louise Magee outings from 1980 and 1981, Canoe Creek field trips, and Chiopyle (1980) and Raccoon Creek (1981) bus trips. Truth and June Brandt are working on this historical record of the Juniata Valley Audubon Society.

Rundown on June, 1981 Wildfoods Dinner:

Members and friends gathered on June 28th at Fort Roberdeau for the annual wild foods dinner. Served up and enjoyed by almost everyone were: trout, porcupine stew, rattlesnake, roasted turtle (snapping), 2 kinds of turtle soup, barbecued deer liver with onions, lamb's quarters, milk weed blossoms with cheese sauce, day lily bulbs, pickled lamb's quarter stems, water cress, salads of nasturtium leaves, spearmint tea, wild cherry tea, sassafras tea, sweet fern tea, huckleberry muffins, fiddlehead ferns, mulberry pie, wood violet jelly, wild strawberry jam, black raspberry cobbler, elderberry jelly and wine-berry jam. The meal was a huge success. Many thanks to Al Burd who set up this feast!

Pennsylvania Audubon Council Meeting set for October 9, 10, & 11th

Members are invited to participate in this week-end conference to be held at PSU's Stone Valley site. A varied schedule of activities and speakers looks most appealing. Anyone interested in attending should call John Orr (943-5629). Juniata Valley is again hosting this event. Tiadaghton Audubon is handling the agenda and our group is in charge of all facilities / logistics.

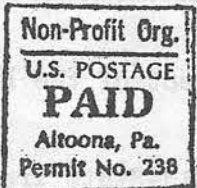
The 1981 - 1982 JVAS Program

Another fine schedule of events. Wilson and Teddie Kreitz have come up with a great program for the year. Many thanks to them and to Colette Heller who handled the printing. Anyone needing extras should get them at meetings or call in for them (943-5629). Remember, too, that anyone without a way to meetings should call this number for arrangements to be picked up.

Environmental Concerns

Our group, now more than ever, is actively engaged in the fight to preserve our environment. We are now working on projects dealing with the Clean Air Act, strip mining operations, H. 163 (The Wild Resource Conservation Act), PCBs in Altoona sewage treatment facilities, and more. The September meeting will feature information sheets (action sheets) on these items. Plus, a special issue of The Gnatcatcher will be out soon detailing them. Also: Don't forget James Watt and Company! Read Audubon magazine to keep informed. Get involved!

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