

THE Gnatcatcher

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AUDUBON SOCIETY



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Now, glorious in the East, the day is breaking:
Creatures of the field and forest, from your sleep awaking,
Consort your voices, fearless of exposure,
And of yourselves now make a free disclosure,
Your pitch of presence to the world proclaiming,
Expressing, affirming, uttering and naming,
And each in each full recognition finding,
No scornful echo but a warm responding,
Your several notes not harsh nor interfering,
But all in joy and concord co-inhering.

Auden

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING: Tuesday, September 28th at 7:30p.m. 28th St. Church of the Brethren, 28th St. and Union Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

The speaker at the September meeting will be Dr. Dean Arnold, leader of Penn State Co-operative Fisheries Research Unit and president-elect of the Northeast Division of the American Fisheries Society. Dr. Arnold has researched the effects of water quality on fish and other aquatic life. He will speak about acid rain, especially its effects on Pennsylvania waterways. The National Audubon Society film, "Project Puffin," will also be shown.

NATUREFEST JVAS is co-sponsoring, with Ft. Roberdeau Park, a Naturefest on Sunday, October 3rd from 2-5:30 p.m. at Ft. Roberdeau. There will be displays for all ages, especially children, nature photography, species preservation, bird banding, edible wild foods, meteorology, and outdoor survival. Come to look around and help staff tables. Details at September meeting.

OFFICERS NEEDED Anne Borland has resigned her position as Secretary; she will take over the Hospitality Chair. Madge Quick has resigned her position as Treasurer. We will elect new officers for both positions at the September meeting. Please consider nominating someone or volunteering yourself.

COMMITTEES We've been doing a lot of good work lately. Some of the "committees" are really one person. These committees especially need active members: Education, Publicity, Newsletter, Conservation, Program, and Banquet. Details and sign up sheets will be available at the September meeting.

LEGISLATION Next week Congress will vote on the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill which contains funding for the Garrison Diversion Project, the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway, the Clinch River Breeder Reactor, and the O'Neill Unit in Nebraska. We should take two actions: Call Cong. Shuster's local office and tell them that you oppose these projects on both environmental and monetary grounds. Ask them to inform the congressman that you hope he will vote for the amendments to cut these projects. (The Conte amendment to cut funding for Garrison, the Coughlin amendment to cut Clinch River, the Edgar-Pritchard amendment to cut O'Neill.) Our congressman's record on environmental issues has not been good. Let's help him improve his voting record! The second step you should take is to write to both Senators Heinz and Spector telling them to support the amendments to cut these pork barrel projects when the Senate votes on them. Timing is important. The bill must be voted on before September 30th.

HOUSE BILL 163 Success! The Wild Resources Management Act passed in May. Check off boxes should be on next year's Pennsylvania tax forms. For

a long time, conservationists wondered if we'd ever have this funding for non-game wildlife. Our efforts paid off.

THE JVAS PATCHES ARE IN! They are beautiful and will be available at the September meeting.

OSPREY FUND We're behind. Wilson Kreitz will have the Osprey Collection can and information at the meeting next Tuesday.

PROGRAM This year's program is especially good. Thanks again, Wilson and Teddie. Please distribute copies to clubs, friends, churches - anywhere you know interested people.

MARTHA SULLIVAN We are sorry to learn about the death of our friend and member, Martha Sullivan. The executive committee voted to donate a book to the Hollidaysburg Library in her memory. Martha was an active member in the early days of the chapter.

WILD FOODS DINNER The wild foods dinner was again a success. Forty-three people attended enjoying samples of everything from strawberry tarts to mead. Thanks again to Al Burd.

MAY BIRD COUNT The big day in May resulted in a chapter total of 90 birds. Notable species included goshawk, orchard oriole, gnatcatcher, whip-poor-will, pine siskin, yellow-throated vireo, and Steve Bonta's 14 different warblers. The Showalter-Perry team reported 57 species, the Bontas 50. Thanks to all who participated and to John Orr who tallied the results.

SEPTEMBER BIRD COUNT Steve Bonta reports sighting 151 raptors on September 1st at the Bonta farm: 7 sharpshins, 27 red tails, 5 osprey, 90 broad-wings, 3 kestrels, 1 unidentified accipiter, and 18 turkey vultures.

LOOKING AHEAD Oct. 2nd. Mini field trip to Trough Creek. Leave Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 1:30. Contact Craig Cameron. 696-3868.

Oct. 3rd. Naturefest at Ft. Roberdeau, 2-5:30. Contact Peggy Goodman. 942-5763.

Oct. 8-10th. PAC meets in Milford, Pa. Contact John Orr. 943-5629.

Oct. 21st. Pennsylvania Environmental Council Acid Rain Conference. Contact Lynn Langer. 944-7378.

Oct. 26th. JVAS meeting. Lynn Langer will show slides of her trip to Audubon Camp in Connecticut. Dr. Glenn Paulson of National Audubon will discuss hazardous waste in a speech entitled "Chemical Time Bombs."

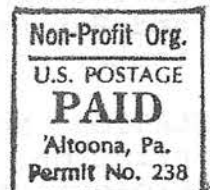
Oct. 30th. Bluebird House Project at John and Arline Lennox's house. Contact John Lennox. 946-1584.

Nov. 14th. Seed Sale. Contact Bill Rosevear. 674-5021.

OFFICERS: The next executive committee meeting will be at Anne Borland's on October 13th at 7:30 p.m.

NEW SHOW Watch for "nature" this fall on PBS (channel 3).

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