

THE Gnatcatcher

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Afternoon on a Hill

I will be the gladdest thing
Under the sun!
I will touch a hundred flowers
And not pick one.

I will look at cliffs and clouds
With quiet eyes,
Watch the wind bow down the grass,
And the grass rise.

And when lights begin to show
Up from the town,
I will mark which must be mine,
And then start down!

--Edna St. Vincent Millay

March Meeting The regular meeting will be held at the 28th St. Church of the Brethren at 7:30 on Tuesday, March 29. The Last Stronghold of the Eagle, one of National Audubon's newest films will be shown. The film is about native eagles in Alaska's Chilkat Valley. Officers will be elected.

Lincoln Caverns March's first field trip was to Lincoln Caverns. Six adults and four children enjoyed a tour of the cave.

Woodcock Walk Once again Bill Rosevear will lead an evening trip to Prince Gallitzin State Park to observe the mating flights of woodcocks. Leave Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 5:00 pm.

Note Time Change The April 9th trip to Pymatuning State Park is re-scheduled to leave Pleasant Valley Shopping Center at 6:30 am instead of 7:00 am. The date has not been changed. We will car pool to the area for a day of birding which we hope will be highlighted by sighting Bald Eagles.

Annual Banquet Mark your calendars. The banquet will be held on April 26 at 6:30 pm at Marietta's in Foot-of-Ten (on old Rte 22 - full details in next month's newsletter). The cost will be \$7.50 per person. Please make reservations by mailing your money and your preference of either stuffed pork chop or stuffed chicken breast to Colette Heller, 425 Bellview Ave., Bellwood, Pa. 16617.

Mill Grove The big trip this year will be on Sat., May 21. We will bus to Mill Grove, John J. Audubon's home in Audubon, Pa. On the way home we will stop at French Creek State Park, Hopewell Village National Historical Site, and Zinn's Country Dinner for a Pennsylvania Dutch style meal. Cost for the trip is \$20 which is due by May 16. Make reservations by paying in full or by paying a \$10 deposit (balance to be paid on the day of the trip). Please note: cancelled reservations will be refunded only if someone else is found to take your seat. Lunch will be a bring-your-own-brown-bag at a little country park near Mill Grove. Dinner is not included in the price of the trip. Mail reservations to Dora Brown, 5208 4th Ave., Altoona, Pa. 16602. (942-2349) Make checks payable to Juniata Valley Audubon Society. For more information call John Orr (943-5629).

Summer Audubon Workshops Apply now for a scholarship to an Audubon Workshop. For more information and forms, see George Mahon, education committee chair (946-4177).

Notable Birds Marion Plitt of Altoona reports a screech owl staying in a hole in a tree at her home. Craig Cameron was able to take some pictures of a screech owl from a distance of three feet on the Williamsburg Nature Trail. Turkey vultures returned to Point View on March 15. (The Hinckley, Ohio, turkey vultures made the CBS evening news on the same day.)

Marcia Bonta Be sure to read Marcia's article "Watching Wood Frogs" in the March Game News.

Other interesting reading A report comparing conservation groups in March Pennsylvania Outdoors and an article about woodcocks in March Country.

Joint Conference The Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Regions of NAS will hold a joint conference on April 29,30, and May 1. Call John Orr (943-5629) if you are interested in going.

What Wild Names? Berry, Burd, Cherry, Feather, Fox, Gill, Hill, Root, Weed. Members all.

Don't forget Do Something Wild when you file your Pennsylvania State Income Tax.

Have some time? The Forest Service is looking for volunteers. Last year's volunteers provided the following services: issued permits, reported fire information, assisted in archeological work, called in weather data, conducted VIS programs at campsites, cleaned recreation areas, maintained trails, and performed clerical duties. If you have a special skill or are interested in trying something different and would like to volunteer, contact the Forest Supervisor's office of any of the 14 National Forests. The address for Pennsylvania is Forest Supervisor's Office, P.O. Box 847, Warren, PA 16365. TL (814) 723-5150. Contact Paula Cameron for addresses of offices in 14 other Eastern states. 832-2462.

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