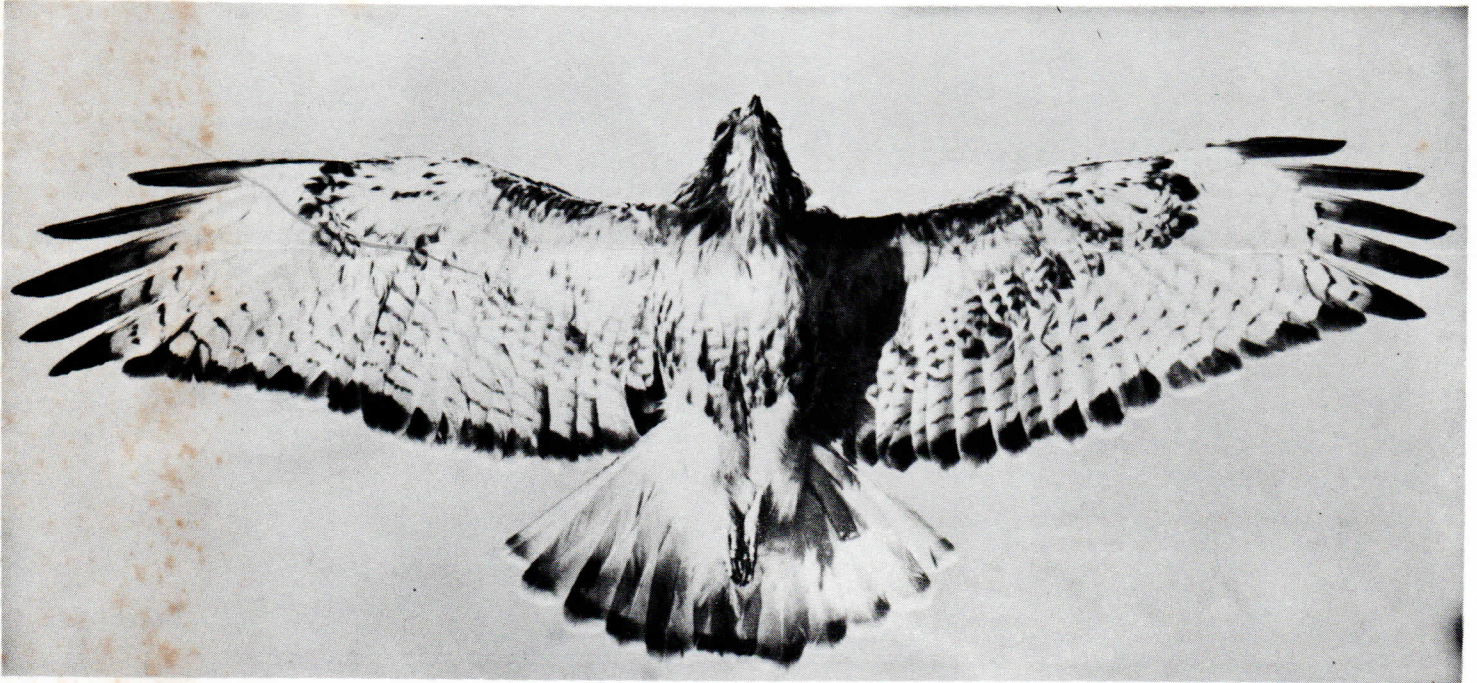


Appalachian Audubon NEWS

The Newsletter of the Appalachian Audubon Society

April 27, 1972



Red Tailed Hawk
over Hawk Mountain

MAY MEETING

Dauphin County Technical School - 8:00 P.M.

THE HAWK MOUNTAIN STORY
in movies and slides
with
ALEX NAGY
curator
HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY

Tuesday, May 9, 1972
8:00 p.m.

Alex Nagy is well known to most bird watchers in Eastern Penna. He can be found working, watching, or teaching the environment on and around Hawk Mtn. in his capacity as curator of one of the major wildlife sanctuaries in the East. Alex will be bringing us a lecture combining movies and slides to tell the story of Hawk Mtn. This story is guaranteed to entice anyone who has not been to the mountain into at least a visit and probably membership in the Sanctuary by this Fall.

Hawk Mtn. isn't really a separate mountain at all, just a bump on Blue Mountain - the same ridge which passes just north of Harrisburg. But there is something special about this bump located north of Kempton, some 60 miles northeast of Harrisburg. The something special brings 100's to 1000's of people out on chilly fall days to sit atop a jumbled pile of boulders for hours on end. Many of the hawks and other birds which summer
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From the president's desk

Since Appalachian Audubon doesn't have a president yet, I have taken the liberty of establishing a column for him. I'm Dick Rhindress, taking the reins as organizing chairman. You probably expected to see Quentin Schlieder's name here, but unfortunately after struggling since last fall to get Appalachian Audubon under way, he will not be able to see the organization reach full bloom. Fortunately for him (not so for us) he has found a new job in New Jersey; Quentin will be missed for his enthusiasm and ability to get things moving. Many thanks, Quentin.

This newsletter is our first, it is being sent to everyone in the Harrisburg area who is a member of National Audubon, plus anyone else who has shown an interest in the local chapter. This is over 250 persons. Our potential for membership is large. It is particularly heartening to have received over 20 inquiries as a result of the few press releases we have had so far. This makes me believe that there is a real need for a new active conservation group in the lower Susquehanna area.

One problem which concerns me and a number of others who have been active in conservation groups is that few young people are regular participants. The age group from teens to roughly forty. Their excuses are legion, but I am concerned that there is a lot of energy and interest going to waste in that age group. Since I am somewhere near the middle of that age range, I believe I can relate to the problem. Activities must be made more active and really achieve something, programs can inform and discuss as well as entertain. I would like to see Appalachian Audubon speaking to and involving these people. There is no thought here of de-emphasizing any age group or interest group; there are already 150 persons showing positive interest, so there is room for all.

What Appalachian Audubon needs right now is people - active people who will help in the many tasks of organization.

Hawk Mtn. (continued)

in the Northeast migrate south over this bump on the Blue Mountain. Hawk Mtn. seems to lie at the narrowest point of the eastern appalachian flyway.

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FEEDER WATCH call: 652-0824

What was the latest date you had redpolls?

Are the cattle egrets breeding in the area?

What store has the best prices on birdseed?

Has anyone else seen a goldfinch who keeps his yellow topnot all winter?

--call in your questions for next issue--

NATIONAL NEWS

EPA SAYS 'NIX' ON AERIAL GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING
The Environmental Protection Agency has recommended against the USDA continuation this year of its federal-state funded program of spraying 190,000 acres on the East Coast with Sevin to control the gypsy moths. In its comments on Agriculture's draft environmental impact statement on the spraying program, EPA charged lack of need, lack of effectiveness, and lack of assurances of safety. The Environmental Defense Fund and National Audubon also submitted statements in opposition to the program. The final decision rests with the Secretary of Agriculture.
Action is still needed, letterwriters

VOLPE SAYS USE HIGHWAY TRUST FUNDS FOR MASS TRANSIT
Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe has urged the Congress to permit a significant part of the Highway Trust Fund -- the multi-billion-dollar fund that comes chiefly from gasoline taxes and that in the past has been poured exclusively into highway construction -- to be used, instead, for mass transit. With the immense Interstate highway system nearin completion, Mr. Volpe proposes that an increasing share of the Fund's future surpluses go to state and city agencies for transportation purposes, beginning in 1973.
Write him your continued support

Did you know??? Those Panda Bears in Washington aren't bears after all, they're closer to raccoons!!!

April meeting report

Sleet and snow cut attendance at the April meeting of Appalachian Audubon. Thirty five hearty members enjoyed a slide show brought by Alan Miller. The slides demonstrated the desperate need for environmental education and action. The stream channelization program of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service was but one example of environmental destruction that was shown. Mr. Miller made it clear that there is ample work available for Appalachian Audubon. (Keep your pencils sharpened for those letters to Congressmen, they really read!!!)

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We will try to have a coffee hour after each meeting as an opportunity to get to know one another through vocalizing and opinionizing. Any businessman who desires to underwrite the cost of coffee and cookies should call Meredith Rhindress at 652-0824.

Thanks to Ritters Hardware in Mechanicsburg for the coffee and donuts in April.

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The print shop

Your chapter has received a gift of over 1000 A/M multi-lith masters. But we don't have a machine to run them on. Meeting announcements, newsletters, and press releases need to be duplicated.

Do YOU know a generous printer? For the next month or two, until we get a dues return from National we will need the donation of printing services.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Treaty adds Hawks, Owls, and other Birds to Protected List

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, under which the federal government protects many species of birds(including the game birds which are subject to federal hunting regulation) is based on treaties with Canada and Mexico. Early last month a treaty amendment was signed in Mexico City, extending the list to all previously unprotected species in 32 families of birds. With the signing of the amendment March 9, these species automatically became covered under the Act. Now covered are all hawks and owls; vultures; crows and jays; a number of fish-eating birds that were formerly unprotected, including kingfishers, anhingas, cormorants and pelicans, and ibises, including the white ibis which the Louisiana State Legislature has wanted to open for hunting.

The others are the alcids, limpkins, herons, storks, grebes, albatrosses, frigate-birds, flamingos, loons, oyster catchers, storm petrels, jacanas, gulls and terns, tropic-birds, shearwaters, skimmers, nuthatches, jaegers, boobies, spoonbill and trogons. Many species in these families were already covered. Appalachian Audubon should be working to inform local hunters about some families listed above!

\$\$\$ Our finances \$\$\$

By the time you read this Appalachian Audubon won't have any finances. With 250 persons receiving this newsletter at roughly 12 cents per copy, our 38 dollar treasury will be demolished.

Our treasury grew from a pass of the hat at the last meeting and a \$25 gift from a very generous member. We will again have to pass the hat at the May meeting for postage and printing, please come prepared. Until we become a certified chapter of National Audubon, we will have no treasury except the donations of our members.

After we become a certified chapter, National Audubon will return a percentage of the dues to the local chapter as follows:

Class	Dues	Chapter Share
Individual	\$ 12	\$ 4.00
Family	15	6.00
Sustaining	25	12.50
Supporting	50	25.00
Contributing	100	50.00
Donor	250	75.00

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An organizing committee meeting was held on April 13 to settle on the organizing tasks: A meeting date and program were set for May, and program suggestions were made for the future -- A sub-committee was formed to work up the Bylaws and Constitution -- Ed and Iris Swab volunteered to handle membership -- Mr. Charles Mears is looking into the details of incorporation -- Mrs. Gloria Keller will be exploring meeting room possibilities.

Anyone else who wants to work with the organizing committee, please call Dick Rhindress 652-0824.

Meeting Rooms

Mrs. Gloria Keller has been looking for a permanent meeting place for us. Anyone who has suggestions should call her at 766-7582. Our criteria are: 1) a central and/or easily accessible location with parking, 2) seating for 200, 3) good acoustics, 4) relatively comfortable, 5) allows refreshments, 6) low cost, 7) allows regular scheduling.

Second May Meeting

At a place and time to be announced later, but before or on May 23, Appalachian Audubon will hold a second meeting for the Month of May. This will be strictly for business, the questionnaires will be reviewed, committees established, incorporation finalized, field trips planned, future meetings finalized, projects chosen. Everyone welcome, here is your chance to become involved. Several other Audubon chapters have found that two meetings per month are needed all year long. One meeting for a program of entertainment or education, and the other for business and activities; please comment on this idea on the questionnaire.

QUESTIONNAIRE ????

In order to learn your interests for future meetings, and activities, locate talent, and simply find out who you are, we have devised the set of questions which make up the last four pages of this newsletter. If you will take the time to fill it out thoughtfully Appalachian Audubon can be better directed to fill the needs of the whole membership.

There has been a real temptation to place the word 'other' at the end of each list that follows; instead, please put your thoughts in the comments space at the end or on another sheet of paper.

Check as many places as you like, have each family member work independently, add comments and clarifications, the more opinions the better.

BRING THE completed forms to the May 9th meeting, or MAIL THEM to Dick Rhindress

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The chart on page 5 requires a slight explanation: Items a b c are required by National Audubon, thus are included for you to show your interest in helping with these activities. Items 1-10 are suggested by National, and we have to do either four from this list or two from the list and two others which we suggest.

Copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws will be available at the May 9 meeting for your consideration. Voting will be at the June meeting.

