

2018 Hawk Ridge Highlights

Bird Migration Count Research – Conducted both spring and fall counts this year with close to 78,000 raptors of 17 different species and nearly 225,000 other migrating birds of approximately 200 species counted in 2018! Over 3 million raptors have been counted at Hawk Ridge since the standardized count started in fall 1972! The West Skyline Spring Count starts again March 1st!



Bird Banding Research – Hawk Ridge is the largest raptor banding operation in the country and completed its 47th fall season! Close to 2500 raptors (including 782 owls and 1st Eastern Screech Owl) were banded in fall 2018. A 16 ½ year old male Northern Goshawk was recaptured! We continued passerine banding research & education at Hawk Ridge, including the volunteer-led summer MAPS project. All banding data is contributed to the USGS Bird Banding Lab.



Education – Taught 190 programs for approximately 5,000 participants of all ages in 2018! This includes our school programs, youth groups, workshops, field trips and outreach events. We also continue to share the wonder of the migration with thousands of visitors through live bird education demos, kid's cart, and programs.

Stewardship – Coordinated volunteer-led projects and efforts throughout the year at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, including breeding bird point counts, 3rd BioBlitz event, invasive species management, cleaning up the reserve (trails, litter), & working on site management issues.

Events - Held our annual Hawk Weekend festival in September. Dr. Francesca Cuthberth presented on her Piping Plover research. We also and held our 2nd Take Flight with Hawk Ridge Gala in October with over 130 in attendance. Spring Count was highlighted, Frank Nicoletti received the Hawk Ridge Lifetime Achievement award, and nearly \$10,000 filled our kettle of hawks in support of Hawk Ridge!

Volunteer & Traineeship Programs - Nearly 70 volunteers contributed about 3,000 hours to Hawk Ridge this year! We had 6 new trainees this fall that worked closely with our managers and gained professional field experience skills within our count, banding, and education program areas. THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and trainees from 2018! We couldn't do what we do without you!



You can also find out more on how your gift can help Hawk Ridge Take Flight by reading our booklet at www.hawkridge.org/support/donate/ and please consider becoming a member or donating today! **We hope our 2019 highlights will be just as memorable as this year! We are counting on your support!**