



2019 Annual Highlights

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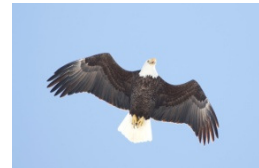
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THANKS to your support, we had another great year at Hawk Ridge! Here's a glimpse at what you have helped us achieve in 2019:

Bird Migration Count Research – Conducted both spring and fall counts this year with over 90,000 raptors of 17 different species and nearly 210,000 other migrating birds of over 160 species counted in 2019! New Bald Eagle records for both spring and fall! Over 3 million raptors have been counted at Hawk Ridge since the standardized count started in fall 1972! Join us for the Spring Count starting again March 1st!



Bird Banding Research – Hawk Ridge is the largest raptor banding operation in the country and completed its 48th fall season! Over 3300 raptors (including 1263 owls) were banded in fall 2019. Highlights were recapturing the Eastern Screech Owl from 2018, as well as banded Short-eared and Boreal Owls! We continued passerine banding research & education at Hawk Ridge, including the volunteer-led summer MAPS project and breeding bird surveys. All banding data is contributed to the USGS Bird Banding Lab.

Education – Taught over 200 programs to nearly 5,500 participants of all ages in 2019! 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 migration interpretation.



Stewardship – Coordinated volunteer-led projects and efforts throughout the year at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, including invasive species management, cleaning up the reserve (trails, litter), & working on site management maintenance and improvements.

Events - Held our annual Hawk Weekend festival in September. Dr. John Fitzpatrick gave a wonderful bird conservation presentation and attendees enjoyed field trips and workshops. We also held our 3rd Take Flight with Hawk Ridge Gala in October. We shared successes & highlights, celebrated long-time volunteers Gail Marsman & Jeanne Filiatrault Laine with the Hawk Ridge Lifetime Achievement award, enjoyed a fantastic owl presentation by guest speaker Scott Weidensaul, and close to \$9,000 filled our kettle of hawks in support of Hawk Ridge!

Volunteer & Traineeship Programs - Over 70 volunteers contributed 3000 hours to Hawk Ridge this year! We had 7 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 2019! We couldn't do what we do without you!



You can learn more about the future Hawk Ridge is working towards in our *Take Flight with Hawk Ridge* booklet at www.hawkridge.org/support/donate/. **We hope our 2020 highlights will be just as memorable as this year! We are counting on your support!**

Thank YOU and Happy Holidays!

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