

2016 Fall Hawk Watch Volunteers

What do Hawk Watch Volunteers do?

- Enjoy being outside & birding
- Schedule yourself observing schedule in Google Calendar
- Your email will be added to a public Preserve Hawk Watch Google Calendar
- Actively identify, count, and record daily raptor migrants
- Record all observation in Hawk Watch Daily Log Book
 - Stays at Hawk Watch; kept in Hawk Watch Lock Box
- Record number of visitors
 - people not Hawk Watch volunteers – guests, hikers, climbers, etc. that are stopping and checking out what you are doing
- Summarize observation from Log Book to a HMANA Daily Report Form (hardcopy)
- Submit Daily Report Form
 - Drop off at the data submission box on Trapps Rd behind “Welcome to the Mohonk Preserve” sign
- Receive Updates and Hawk Count Reports through a Hawk Watch Distribution List

Volunteer Expectations:

- Bird Identification Experience & Knowledge
- Ability to hike up to Hawk Watch
 - (on top of the Near Trapps – up the Millbrook Ridge Trail)
- Season: Early Sept – Late Nov
- Volunteer at least 1x / week
 - At Least 2-hrs / day
 - Early mornings, afternoons, or late afternoons
 - Weekends
- Record all observation in Hawk Watch Daily Log Book
 - Stays at Hawk Watch; kept in Hawk Watch Lock Box
- Submit Daily Raptor Count Reports
 - Drop off at the data submission box on Trapps Rd behind “Welcome to the Mohonk Preserve” sign
 - No e-mail of reports this year
- Communicate and speak professionally with visitors, students, other volunteers
 - Especially International Hawk Migration Week – Sept 17-25 from 10-Noon
- Submit Volunteers Hours to Volgistics
 - Chat with Andy Reynolds for assistance

Materials to Bring:

- Personal pair of Binoculars
- Scope (optional)
- Writing Utensils
- Clipboard
- Field Guides or Bird ID Sheets

Materials Provided:

- Hawk Watch Daily Log Book
 - (always stays at Hawk Watch)
- Hawk Watch Daily Report Form
 - (can also be downloaded)
- Clicker, Compass
- Weather Equipment



International Hawk Migration Week:

- September 17-25, 2016
- Coverage **Definitely** Needed daily during this week
 - From 10am – Noon
 - Hawk Watch will be advertised for the public to visit
 - Volunteers may interpret and educate the public on what Hawk Watch is and what the volunteers are doing while at Hawk Watch.
- **Other Events** (pre-registration required, Hawk Watch Volunteers invited to register too):
 - **Children & Family Raptor Biology**
 - Saturday, September 17 from 10am – Noon
 - Max of 18 people
 - As part of International Hawk Migration Week, Mohonk Preserve Citizen Science Education Coordinator Christy Belardo will explore the hawks that migrate over the Shawngunk Ridge. Meet at the Visitor Center and take a short walk to the Hawk Watch site. This program is open to the public but registration is required as space is limited. In the event of inclement weather this event may be cancelled. Please call the Visitor Center at 845-255-0919 in case of questionable weather.
 - Register Online at the Mohonk Preserve website
 - **Identifying Raptors in Flight**
 - Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 7-8pm
 - As part of International Hawk Migration Week, raptor biologist Zach Smith will give a presentation on the tips and techniques on spotting raptors on the wing at the Mohonk Preserve Visitor Center. This program is aimed at advanced-beginner and intermediate birders. This program is open to the public but registration is required as space is limited.
 - Register Online at the Mohonk Preserve website

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