

Green Ridge Hawk Watch 2017

In 4 weekends of hawk watching this fall East Cascades Audubon Society volunteers tallied a total of 1381 migrating raptors. Each day consisted of 7 hours of observing from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for a total of 56 hours of observation time. In addition, ECAS's Wednesday Morning Birders visited the site for 5 hours on 10/4 and counted 24 birds. The people total was 106 which included multiple days for observers, counter, frequent flyers (you know who you are) and a bunch of great visitors.

Daily totals:

9/23	147
9/24	166
9/30	223
10/1	183
10/7	117
10/8	87
10/14	181
10/15	277

Species totals:

245	Turkey Vulture
11	Osprey
78	Bald Eagle
6	Northern Harrier
484	Sharp-shinned Hawk
210	Cooper's Hawk
5	Northern Goshawk
166	Red-tailed Hawk
1	Ferruginous Hawk (a first for this site)
1	Rough-legged Hawk
1	Broad-winged Hawk (possibly 2 more placed under unidentified buteos)
40	Golden Eagle
2	American Kestrel
54	Merlin
4	Peregrine Falcon
1	Prairie Falcon
48	Unid. Accipiter
3	Unid. Buteo
1	Unid. Falcon
20	Unid. Raptor

This citizen science project would not be possible without the enthusiastic participation of ECAS volunteers. A special thank you to Sisters Ranger District Biologist Monty Gregg for his ongoing support. Peter Low, who so freely shares his considerable skills and knowledge with others, continues to be the driving force behind this project.

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