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Autumn Hawk reports from Grammer Grove

From Sept 17 - Nov 28, 1997

other hawk-watchers: Mark Proescholdt

Eugene & Eloise Armstrong, Jackie Stoltzman

(and a few others on rare occasions)

Season totals and big counts:

Turkey Vulture	107	Sept 28-27			
Osprey	7				
Bald Eagle	193	Oct 27-72 ✓ Nov 1-12	Nov 15-27	Nov 22-13	
Harrier	30		Nov 16-33		
Sharpshin	558	Sept 27-85 Sept 28-60	Oct 2-72 <u>Oct 5-115</u> ✓	Oct 15-165 Oct 19-37	
Cooper's	91				
Goshawk	1	Oct 14			
acc sp	16				
Red-shouldered	10	Sept 28-1 Oct 2-1	Oct 14-1 Oct 19-1	Oct 27-4 ✓ Nov 3-1	Nov 18-1
Broadwing	66				
Swainson's	8	Sept 24-1 Sept 25-1	Sept 29-1 Sept 30-2	Oct 14-3	
Redtail	519	<u>Oct 19-118</u> ✓			
Roughleg	9				
buteo sp	10				
Golden Eagle	5	Oct 13-1	Oct 19-1	Oct 27-3	
Kestrel	23				
Merlin	1				
Peregrine	6	<u>Sept 27-4</u> ✓			
Falcon sp	2				
eagle sp	1				
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I'm sending a note to Jim for I B L with more details, but briefly:

The most exciting day of the season was after the big snow of October 26.

Eugene Armstrong called that night of the snow saying he expected a big count the next day, so on the 27th Eugene + Eloise + I were sitting in our yard chairs in pinches of snow, waiting.

It was clear and calm with great reflections from sun on snow up onto the birds as they passed. (Redtails appeared as white as gulls with patagial marks + belly bands faintly showing)

By 1:00 an amazing 72 Bald Eagles of all ages had passed, more than I'd ever seen before in an entire season at Grosvenor Grove. They came through 3 at a time, 5 or 6, and once there were 12 Bald Eagles + 4 Redtails circling together over the field before moving on.

Along with them were

3 Golden Eagles (one a juvenile)
2 Roughlegs (1 dark morph)

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4 Red-shoulders (always scarce here)
69 Redtails
1 Harrier
4 Sharpshins
1 Cooper's.

Fantastic day!!

At another site:

Sept 20 - The weekend of our IOW fall meeting at 10-Div-E-Ca near Coralville:

Sat AM - 61 Broadwings

noon - 500 +/- Broadwings in a stream on the strong north winds, so high they were like specks of pepper

PM - 500 +/- - another huge group streaming south - really high

then groups of approximately

140 - 60 - 11 - 45 - 140

Approximately 1500 Broadwings passed - impossible to have an accurate count because they were so high.

A nice hawk's year - and I'm not done yet. I still go out, hoping for some share of the Big Boys! *Our best eagle record*