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Grammer Grove Hawk Watch - 1999

Sep 5 - Nov 24 - 116 hours

totals:

Turkey Vulture	234
Osprey	11
Bald Eagle	48
N. Harrier	15
Sharp-shin	288
Cooper's	74
N. Goshawk	
Red-shouldered	7
Broad wing	444
Swainson's	1
Redtail	442
Roughleg	1
Golden Eagle	2
Kestrel	10
Merlin	10
Peregrine	9
acc. sp	8
buteo sp	4
falcon sp	1
eagle sp	1
unidentified raptor	34

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It was a low count this year, partly because of the fabulous November weather (why would hawks migrate when it was so nice?), and partly because there were only three count days that month to catch the few stragglers. Besides, I lost my enthusiasm for watching an empty blue sky!

All counts were low for each of the species except for Broadwings which had the highest count in 5 years with a total of 444.

A few highlights:

- ✓ the 7 Peregrines came within 1 1/2 hours on September 25, after 3:00 PM
  - ✓ Sept 20 - 324 Broadwings
  - ✓ and 74 on Sept 25
  - ✓ 2 lovely ~~mature~~ <sup>juvenile</sup> Golden Eagles - Oct 23
  - ✓ 1 Swainson's on Oct 13
  - ✓ also 134 Redtails the same day
- a total on that Oct 13 of 2/6 of all raptors

Not a high count year, but good sightings.

- Beth