

Greenlaw Mountain Hawk Watch Counts - September 8, 2015

Osprey 11
Bald Eagle 1
Northern Harrier 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk 21
Northern Goshawk 2 (1 adult, 1 unknown)
Broad-winged Hawk 2
American Kestrel 1
Merlin 2
Total: 41

Observation Period: 9:30AM-4:30PM Observers: The counter was the only observer.

Weather: Mostly cloudy with haze lasting through most of the morning. Relative humidity was 93% at the start of today's counts. Winds were light and from the northwest, shifting to NE then to SE after 4:00PM.

Notes: Had to make a last minute decision to head up the mountain. Conditions were poor early, greatly improved through much of the afternoon before becoming poor again as the winds brought in moist air from the bay. Two early Goshawks were recorded. The first was clearly an adult and the second might have been as well. At this early date, I expected them to be immature. Local raptors included Sharp-shinned Hawk (2), American Kestrel (4), Merlin (1), Osprey (1), Bald Eagle (5) and Turkey Vulture (6).

Highlights of the day: A mature Northern Goshawk relatively close to the watch and then another Goshawk not far behind. Rare for early season and nice to see any day. Several birds came in for the decoy. All of the resident Kestrels (4) were overhead at one point with a Sharp-shin. Later in the day, 4 Sharp-shins were overhead.

Non-raptors: Nothing noteworthy.

Tomorrow: Poor conditions for Wednesday and Thursday. Winds might improve on Friday, but rain is possible. Forecasters are not in agreement for Saturday. Some predict very good conditions. Others call for rain. Good conditions could produce a flight of Broad-wings. A flight forecast will be posted later in the week.

More details can be found at

<https://www.hawkcount.org/siteinfo.php?r=on&rsite=686&go=Go+To+Hawkwatch+Profile>

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