



Greene Valley Scenic Overlook Hawkwatch Summary

Twice a year, many raptors migrate. They spend the spring and summer in northern areas, where they nest and rear young. In fall and winter when food supplies become scarce, the birds fly to more southern latitudes, where food is more abundant.

Every fall, volunteer bird monitors at the Greene Valley Scenic Overlook participate in Hawkwatch, a research and monitoring program that counts migrating raptors. Data is contributed to a long-term, large-scale database maintained by the Hawk Migration Association of North America, which tracks migrating raptor population numbers and trends across North America.

Hawkwatch results are summarized below. Species in **red** are listed as endangered or threatened in Illinois. The season total for 2010 is lower than for 2007 and 2008 primarily because sustained northeasterly winds pushed the broad-winged hawk migration far west of the Greene Valley Scenic Overlook.

Interesting nonhawk sightings in 2010 included the trumpeter swan, red-throated loon, American wigeon and cattle egret. On November 23, over 26,000 sandhill cranes flew over, almost double the overlook's previous record of 14,000 in 2006.



Red-tailed hawk

Year	Turkey Vulture	Osprey	Bald Eagle	Northern Harrier	Sharp-Shinned Hawk	Cooper's Hawk	Northern Goshawk	Red-Shouldered Hawk
2006	185	16	12	45	236	113	2	7
2007	471	17	12	60	682	164	10	13
2008	510	39	22	50	328	103	2	20
2009	650	17	21	45	574	124	5	24
2010	306	36	22	69	486	94	6	14

Year	Broad-Winged Hawk	Red-Tailed Hawk	Rough-Legged Hawk	Golden Eagle	American Kestrel	Merlin	Peregrine Falcon	Mississippi Kite	TOTAL
2006	786	318	2	6	5	26	8		1,794
2007	687	838	14	3	25	33	32		3,099
2008	1745	788	17	10	14	31	16	1	3,735
2009	73	893	10	3	22	29	40		2,571
2010	48	643	31	11	14	31	30		1,889