
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HAWK WATCH

Hawks are flying and, again, birders in eastern Massachusetts have an excellent opportunity to see significant numbers of hawks in good variety. The Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch (EMHW), in its eighth year, will attempt to monitor portions of this flight.

The EMHW will maintain a consecutive-day hawkwatch on the summit of Wachusett Mountain in Princeton from September 3 through October 10, and on all weekends from September 3 through November 13.

Participating in a coordinated watch throughout New England, the EMHW will also cover as many sites as there are volunteers available on four weekends, September 10-11, 17-18, October 1-2 and October 29-30. Volunteers are needed to report hawk activity from any site on any of the eight coordinated weekend dates. Select a site near your home or contact the EMHW coordinator for recommendations as to the best sites requiring coverage.

You don't need to be a hawk identification expert to participate and report. In fact, reporting the magnitude of the hawk flight is the critical essential, but there is no better way to learn hawk identification than in the field.

Volunteers are also needed to cover Wachusett Mountain and to submit a report of the day's flight. Observers are needed for all dates between September 5-9, 19-23, 26-30, and October 3-10. Can you contribute one weekday's coverage to the Wachusett watch? We need your help if we are to maintain consecutive day coverage there and maintain the coordinated weekend watch.

If you would like to participate, please contact:

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If you would like more information on hawkwatching in eastern Massachusetts, including a complete report on the 1982 hawk flights, please send \$1 to help defray the costs of printing and postage. Additionally, a silhouette guide (six pages) to the hawks of the northeast is available for \$1.25, including postage, and a sixteen page Beginner's Guide to Hawk-watching is available for \$1, including postage. (Checks should be made payable to Paul M. Roberts.)

