

first week of October. The largest concentrations of Peregrines occur on outer Cape Cod and the offshore islands. The frequency of occurrence of Peregrines at Monhegan Island in Maine and Block Island in Rhode Island, coupled with occasional reports of birds landing in riggings of ships at sea, indicate that perhaps the bulk of the migration occurs offshore.

When a Peregrine is encountered inland, it is likely to be seen in soaring flight, Broad-wing fashion, rather than performing a swift dash over a marsh that is typical of this species at coastal locations.

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MEET OUR COVER ARTIST

This issue's Peregrine Falcon is the third work to appear on our cover by Paul K. Donahue, ornithologist and artist. Having twice informed our readers of Paul's activities generally (see *Bird Observer* 18 [1]: 69 and 18 [4]: 249), we welcomed the opportunity give him a call in Machias, Maine, to find out for our readers and ourselves what Paul has been up to recently.

Paul continued his explorations of the rain forest canopy in Peru this year, but at a new location, Manu Lodge in Manu National Park, about 250 kilometers northeast of the Tambopata Nature Reserve, his base in previous years. At Manu, Paul has constructed about a dozen wooden platforms in canopy trees. He describes these new platforms as bigger and more comfortable than the metal ones he erected at Tambopata; and although he encourages everyone to climb, he has equipment available for hoisting people aloft. Paul has safely gotten nearly fifty Manu visitors up to his platforms for a canopy experience, which often includes good looks at guans, curassows, and up to five species of monkeys. He now looks forward to the construction of a 1.5-kilometer walkway through the canopy, an undertaking for which he seeks funding.

Since his return to Maine in mid-September, Paul has spent several weeks in another regular annual pursuit, hawkwatching in South Harpswell with George Appell, who has studied hawk migration at this location since 1965 (see "Sociality, Agonistic Interaction, and the Pulse Phenomenon in the Flight Behavior of Falconiformes Along the Maine Coast" by G. N. Appell, *Bird Observer* 6 [6]: 202). George Appell is also the person who commissioned Paul's series of paintings of North American raptors. This fall's count of Peregrine Falcons, seventy as of mid-October, has already set a new high for the site, reports Paul.

The artist will return to Manu in March. As usual, he will spend the winter in Machias painting. Paul's address is P.O. Box 554, Machias, Maine 04654.

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