

Spring Hawk Watch

The EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HAWK WATCH will be in two parts this spring. There will be coordinated weekend watches throughout New England on the weekends of April 19-20 and 26-27, and a consecutive-day watch on Plum Island from April 12-May 3.

Don't hesitate to participate because you may not feel confident about your ability to identify hawks. The watch attempts to have two or more people at each site. If you wish, you can be stationed with more experienced observers who will be able to help you learn to identify the hawks while you help spot the birds. Studying hawks during migration is the best way to become familiar with them. Even if you are unable to identify some of the hawks you see, it is important for the watch to learn if there was any hawk activity at your site.

Volunteers are needed for both inland and coastal sites for April 19-20, 26-27. If you don't have a preferred site, please ask Paul to recommend one to you. If you are interested in participating, even if for only a half-day, please contact:

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Any birders who observe significant hawk flights or uncommon individuals during the season are also asked to report them to Paul. Please send him a brief note describing what species were seen, how many of each, in which direction they were flying, where they were observed, and what the weather conditions were. If you observed a sustained flight, please specify the time spent looking for hawks. We are particularly interested in incidental reports from Plum Island, the Buzzards Bay area, and Cape Cod.

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