

## BOOK REVIEW

Heintzelman, Donald S. 1972. *A Guide to Northeastern Hawk Watching*. Lambertville, N.J.: Privately published by the author. 64 p. 5¼x7¾". Paper covers. 11 photos, 5 figures and 7 maps. \$1.75 postpaid. Order from Donald S. Heintzelman, 35 Church Street, Lambertville, New Jersey 08530.

We are provided within the covers of this new booklet with a service, i.e., with detailed travel directions to 22 good points for observing migrating birds of prey. Scattered from Maine to Virginia, these lookouts include such popular points as Hawk Mountain Sanctuary (Pennsylvania), Cape May Point (New Jersey), Assateague Island (Maryland), and little-known places such as Tuscarora Mountain (Pennsylvania), Mendota Fire Tower (Virginia) and many others. The descriptions of the lookouts are the strength of the publication.

Other portions of the work are extremely basic, yet adequate within one's general idea of a "guide." Brief discussions of spring and autumn hawk migrations, weather, field equipment, and identification will, perhaps, stimulate the casual hawk watcher to pursue this outdoor activity further.

Most of the 11 photographs are excellent, but one blurred shot of a Sharpshinned Hawk should never have been published. Another illustrating the proper way to hold a pair of binoculars may insult most readers' intelligence. The figures and maps are well prepared, except for one very poor attempt to depict hawk silhouettes. One of the most useful suggestions is a "hawk migration data sheet" which is accompanied by directions for its use. Beginners (and some professionals) need such encouragement to take detailed, quantitative field notes.

In general, *A Guide to Northeastern Hawk Watching* is a booklet which people in the eastern United States will use not only en route to the lookouts, but at the observation points as well. If you are looking for a detailed technical discussion of hawk migration, this is not the place to look. If, however, you want to know when and where to watch hawks on migration, this publication is a must. *Richard R. Olendorff*.