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Thanks to you, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary continues to soar. For seven consecutive years, we have not only met but exceeded our budget, a testament to your belief in the mission and your investment in the future of raptors and the people who cherish them.

In the past decade, our endowment has more than doubled, surpassing \$20 million, and in just the last six months, 10 new members have joined the Rosalie Edge Society, bringing the total of these visionary legacy donors to 155. Their planned gifts, alongside your support, provide financial strength and stability. This type of foundation empowers our staff to advance raptor conservation worldwide while ensuring Hawk Mountain remains a welcome and inspirational place where people of all ages can connect with nature and the wonder of raptors in flight.

Looking ahead, our most ambitious project yet is well underway: the creation of a new Visitor Center, a true Center for Global Raptor Conservation. Already 70% funded, this ADA-accessible facility will connect every guest with our far-reaching mission through dynamic new exhibits, expanded meeting spaces,

and opportunities to engage more deeply in our science, stewardship, training, and education programs. If you would like to help us close the gap, please feel free to contact me any time.

Hawk Mountain's greatest strength is its community. Your generosity provides the tools we need to protect birds of prey and share their stories with the world. Together, we are ensuring a legacy of conservation that will inspire generations to come.

Yours in Conservation,

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HIGHLIGHTS



Hawk Mountain's 20-acre Guers Pollinator Meadow, once cropland, has blossomed into a vibrant refuge for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife along the Kittatinny Ridge. Since its 2019 restoration, the meadow now supports nesting songbirds, raptors, butterflies, and native bees, while also protecting water quality in the Little Schuylkill River. This success is the result of dedicated stewardship, which included planting native wildflowers, installing nest boxes, and managing invasive species, and stands as a living example of conservation in action.

Hawk Mountain expanded its Broad-winged Hawk Project with a new pilot study in south Florida, where a small portion of the eastern population spends the winter. Partnering with Pelican Harbor Seabird Station and Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center, researchers fitted three rehabilitated broadwings with GPS transmitters, which marks the first time the project has worked with rehabbed birds. This study will provide critical insights into the species' winter survival, habitat use, and migration from Florida, while also contributing to the little-studied field of post-release outcomes for rehabilitated raptors.

Our PA Farmland Raptor Project recently expanded into the Chesapeake Bay watershed thanks to a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant, linking raptor conservation with riparian restoration. In partnership with Stroud Water Research Center and others, the project highlights how farmland raptors, including American kestrels, northern harriers, barn owls, and short-eared owls, naturally help control rodents that threaten young tree plantings in riparian buffers. These buffers, made of native trees and shrubs along streambanks, improve water quality, increase biodiversity, and provide prime hunting and roosting habitat for raptors. Over the next two years, Hawk Mountain and its partners will monitor nest boxes, track young raptors, survey prey species, and engage community scientists to report sightings, aiming to use raptors as indicators of ecosystem health. This collaborative effort, spanning several Pennsylvania counties and Maryland, underscores the value of natural pest control, landowner participation, and conservation partnerships in restoring functional landscapes.

For the first time in its 40-year history, the Pennsylvania Bird Atlas launched winter surveys in 2024–25, documenting the distribution and abundance of about 120 species that overwinter in the state. From rare visitors like American goshawks and rough-legged hawks, to common feeder birds such as chickadees and cardinals, volunteer observations will help identify key habitats and guide future conservation priorities. The winter surveys will continue each year through the end of the Atlas project in 2029.



Hawk Mountain recently supported three trainees through Project Soar: Esther Vallejo of Colombia, who presented at HMANA's 50th anniversary conference to raise awareness about raptor hunting and promote her project Conserving Migrating Raptors in Colombia; Charles Showers of Sierra Leone, who is leading a campaign to change negative cultural perceptions of owls through education, media, and outreach; and Yohn Gomez of Colombia, whose Master's research explores how birdwatching in Latin America supports biodiversity conservation, local economies, and community engagement, while identifying key gaps around raptor tourism. Project Soar provides small grants to early-career conservationists, helping them launch research, education, and outreach projects that advance raptor conservation worldwide.



Hawk Mountain Sanctuary welcomed Megan Roselli as its new Director of Education in 2024. Megan brings extensive experience from her leadership role at the Da Vinci Science Center, a strong background in ornithology and field research, and a proven record as a nationally recognized informal STEM educator. With a BS in Biology, an MS in Natural Resource Ecology and Management, and multiple peer-reviewed publications, she is well equipped to expand Hawk Mountain's education programs. The Sanctuary also welcomed Dan Jenkins as a new Educator and Raptor Care Specialist. Dan brings extensive experience in environmental education, wildlife stewardship, and ambassador animal care from his work with Cleveland Metroparks, Penn State, and Shaver's Creek.



Hawk Mountain is building community connections through summer programs and outreach. Staff and trainees highlighted farmland raptor conservation at Rodale Institute's Organic Field Day, led purple martin banding with local partners, hosted kestrel nestbox checks and banding for visitors, and offered tours of forest restoration sites. Together, these efforts share the wonders of local wildlife while strengthening community ties.



The Sanctuary is always looking to expand accessibility resources and programming, utilizing its ADA-accessible Silhouette Trail, South Lookout, Native Habitat Garden, and Outdoor Amphitheater. Led by Visitor Services Manager Mary-Therese Grob, recent efforts include her training as a Certified Access Birding Outing Leader, developing social narratives for visitors with autism in partnership with Kutztown University, and hosting inclusive programs with local organizations.

Hawk Mountain has launched two exciting new resources: an interactive Global Trainee Map, now live at hawkmountain.org/globalreach, which highlights the Sanctuary's worldwide impact with trainees from 75 countries and offers a searchable tool to help alumni connect and collaborate; and a new edition of the Flight Guide, featuring updated photos, species details, and population trends, now available in the Mountain Bookstore.

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Fiscal Year April 1, 2024 — March 31, 2025

REVENUE	FY 2024-2025	FY 2023-2024	VARIANCE
Membership Dues	412,931	395,585	17,346
Admission Fees	315,270	301,386	13,884
Bookstore Net Sales	117,616	107,565	10,051
Fees and other income	158,645	503,739	(345,094)
Grants	430,037	134,324	295,713
Contributions	5,078,909	3,905,181	1,173,728
Investment Income	905,563	2,505,624	(1,600,061)
TOTAL	7,418,971	7,853,404	(434,433)
EXPENSE			
PROGRAM			
Education	473,823	555,681	(81,858)
Conservation Science	1,211,806	1,025,079	186,727
Communications	174,549	202,203	(27,654)
Operations	721,409	719,218	2,191
Bookstore	188,574	215,286	(26,712)
SUPPORTING SERVICES			
Development & Membership	534,555	446,869	87,686
Administration	212,275	151,719	60,556
TOTAL	3,516,991	3,316,055	200,936
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	3,901,980	4,537,349	(635,369)
Note depreciation is included in above numbers	267,743	263,581	

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary received a clean opinion from the auditing firm Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. Of particular interest is that 79 cents of every dollar received goes directly to support Sanctuary research and education programs.

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