

2019

Annual Fund

November 2019

Dear Friend,

On September 17, we held our staff meeting at North Lookout and were treated to great looks at hundreds of migrating broadwings. It is important for all of us to reconnect with Hawk Mountain. A special place where people and raptors come together and inspire us to lead raptor conservation.

When I see raptors I feel an emotional connection. It is wonderful to share the North Lookout each spring and fall with kindred spirits all connected by the wonder of migrating raptors.

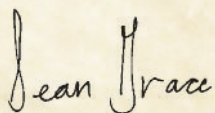
Each year we staff North Lookout with scientists and interpretive naturalists in the spring and fall, capturing scientific data and providing a great visitor experience. That takes an incredible amount of coordination, volunteer support, staff time, and resources. Today, we have the longest standing raptor count that has in turn inspired more than 200 watchsites in North America and many more around the globe.

And, as we celebrate 85 years, we want to shine a light on Hawk Mountain and our longstanding count that has inspired so many people to take action on behalf of raptors around the globe.

I know the special stories and memories Hawk Mountain holds for you and that's why I am asking you for a year-end donation to the **2019 Annual Fund with a gift above and beyond your membership dues.** Your gift to the annual fund keeps the count going and also supports our far-reaching raptor conservation training, research, education, stewardship and everything else that we do."

I hope I have the opportunity to share the lookout with you.

Yours in Conservation,



Sean Grace
President



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Sept 30, 1934: First day of hawk count at North Lookout by Maurice Broun with 125 hawks counted

Sept 4, 1950: 48 bald eagles in one day

Sept 14, 1978: 21,448 broad-winged hawk counted on what is known as the "Miracle Day" count

October 8, 1979: 2,475 sharp-shinned hawks in one day, the peak count in 85 years

October 8, 1992: A sharp-shinned hawk passes North Lookout to become the millionth recorded raptor

October 3, 2002: A one-day high of 31 peregrine falcons counted

November 2, 2012: 48 golden eagles passed by North Lookout

2018: A record 546 bald eagles counted during the official season

