



Migratory Raptors Observed at Cape May 1976-2009

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Species	Season Counts	Max. Daily Counts	Timing	Graph (through 2004 only)
Black Vulture	Average: 154 Max: 564 (2009) Min: 1 (1985)	194 (Nov 28,2009) 113 (Oct 23,2006) 55 (Oct 12,2006)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Turkey Vulture	Average: 1538 Max: 6420 (1996) Min: 370 (1982)	784 (Nov 03,1996) 607 (Nov 18,2005) 602 (Oct 29,1996)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Osprey	Average: 2380 Max: 6734 (1996) Min: 790 (1978)	1023 (Oct 03,1989) 800 (Oct 02,1986) 616 (Sep 23,1996)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Bald Eagle	Average: 122 Max: 476 (2009) Min: 5 (1979)	46 (Sep 14,2009) 39 (Sep 26,2006) 34 (Oct 05,2009)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Northern Harrier	Average: 1609 Max: 3087 (1980) Min: 613 (2008)	278 (Nov 12,1980) 266 (Oct 02,1986) 213 (Oct 02,1994)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Average: 25775 Max: 61167 (1984) Min: 8185 (1992)	7000 (Oct 04,1984) 5954 (Oct 20,1997) 5185 (Sep 28,1980)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Cooper's Hawk	Average: 2897 Max: 6927 (2006) Min: 695 (1977)	1231 (Sep 26,2006) 601 (Oct 20,2005) 587 (Oct 11,2009)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Northern Goshawk	Average: 32 Max: 89 (1997) Min: 6 (2008)	13 (Nov 15,1997) 13 (Oct 29,1985) 12 (Nov 27,1997)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Red-shouldered Hawk	Average: 446 Max: 870 (1994) Min: 136 (1989)	185 (Nov 18,2005) 165 (Nov 10,1994) 162 (Nov 13,1980)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Broad-winged Hawk	Average: 2130 Max: 13713 (1981) Min: 362 (1991)	5257 (Sep 30,1994) 4973 (Sep 25,1981) 2986 (Oct 02,1986)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Red-tailed Hawk	Average: 1904 Max: 5135 (1996) Min: 601 (1991)	1022 (Nov 11,1994) 730 (Nov 08,1999) 720 (Nov 03,1996)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Rough-legged Hawk	Average: 4 Max: 13 (1999) Min: 0 (2009)	4 (Nov 13,1983) 4 (Oct 20,1986) 3 (Nov 17,1999)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Golden Eagle	Average: 13 Max: 38 (1996) Min: 3 (1983)	14 (Nov 10,2008) 8 (Nov 03,1996) 7 (Nov 02,2005)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
American Kestrel	Average: 8796 Max: 21515 (1981) Min: 2672 (2004)	5038 (Sep 30,1999) 3694 (Oct 01,1987) 3538 (Sep 23,1981)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Merlin	Average: 1638 Max: 2870 (1985) Min: 542 (1976)	867 (Sep 30,1999) 558 (Sep 29,1994) 342 (Oct 15,2005)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Peregrine Falcon	Average: 736 Max: 1793 (1997) Min: 60 (1977)	298 (Oct 05,2002) 291 (Oct 07,1997) 241 (Oct 05,2005)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	

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Unknown Accipiter	Average: 6	4 (Sep 20,2006)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec			
	Max: 12 (2006)	2 (Sept 04,2004)				
	Min: 1 (2009)	2 (Sep 11,2006)				
Unknown Buteo	Average: 1	1 (Sep 22,2005)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec			
	Max: 1 (2005)	1 (Nov 23,2004)				
	Min: 1 (2004)					
Unknown Falcon	Average: 1	1 (Sep 13,2004)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec			
	Max: 1 (2004)	1 (Sep 20,2007)				
	Min: 1 (2007)					
Unknown Raptor	Average: 17	7 (Oct 22,2004)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec			
	Max: 58 (2004)	6 (Nov 09,2004)				
	Min: 1 (2009)	6 (Sep 17,2006)				
Mississippi Kite	Average: 1	2 (Sep 19,1980)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec			
	Max: 2 (2008)	1 (Sep 30,2006)				
	Min: 1 (2006)	1 (Oct 03,2008)				
Swallow-tailed Kite	Average: 1	1 (Oct 04,2008)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec			
	Max: 1 (2008)					
	Min: 1 (2008)					
Swainson's Hawk	Average: 3	3 (Nov 01,1998)	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec			
	Max: 10 (1998)	3 (Sep 25,1981)				
	Min: 1 (1991)	2 (Sept 10,1998)				