

## Timing of Migratory Raptors Observed at Holiday Beach Conservation Area

The Timing Graphs on the left show the average fall weekly counts for each species.

The height of each graph is independent from all other specie's graphs.

For example the Broad-winged Hawk graph's maximum height might represent 50,000 birds, where as the Sharp-shinned Hawk graph's maximum height might represent 2,400 birds.

Knowing the timing for each species helps in the early stages of identifying hawks in flight. Rarely will a late migrant, like Golden Eagle or Rough-legged Hawk, show up early or conversely an early migrant, like a Broad-winged Hawk, to show up in late November.

Therefore one doesn't have to think of those species as part of the flight identification process at times they rarely are seen.

On September 23, 1992 all 15 *regular* raptor species were recorded on this date, a rare single day.

