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TIDBIT! Each fall millions of hawks migrate south leaving their summer homes for warmer, southern climates. Some species will travel to the southern coasts of North America while others will fly more than 4,000 miles to the forest of South America. To conserve energy on these long flights, hawks utilize favorable atmospheric conditions such as updrafts and thermals. The need to use thermals during migration plays an important role in when they migrate. The migration begins in mid – Aug. and continues until early Dec. with peak flight occurring mid to late Sept.

Scientists and volunteers watch the skies for hours, collecting data which is submitted to a nationwide database maintained by the Hawk Migration Association of North America. This data is analyzed to gain a better understanding of hawk migration including population changes. While species like Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons have increased. Others, like the American Kestrel have declined. Current and past data can be observed by visiting the Hawk Count website at hawkcount.org.

A favorite flight path is past Caesars Head State Park. Join us for Hawk Watch programs on Sept. 15 and 22. For more info: <http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/caesarshead/storiesFeatures.aspx?id=32>



Sharon Clark Saw a hawk just the other day up close in nature ... amazing animal

at 18:32:10 on 9/11/2012 UTC



Nelljean Rice I will tell you a great hawk story sometime.

at 19:22:41 on 9/11/2012 UTC



Jan Scarber Perry saw one of those today on our "hike"

at 20:16:26 on 9/11/2012 UTC



Poppa Danny Love watching the hawks at Caesars Head.

at 20:31:11 on 9/11/2012 UTC



Lana Beeler So far the large hawk in our neighborhood is still here !

at 23:19:09 on 9/11/2012 UTC



Mary Esterline I love watthing

at 1:57:39 on 9/12/2012 UTC

Mary Esterline Oops I love watching hawks and taking photos of them when I get a good opportunity.



at 1:59:47 on 9/12/2012 UTC



Cat Ayre how beautiful. One flies over my neighborhood and greenville tech - often.....
at 15:24:45 on 9/16/2012 UTC