North, 50 South] Reported in all regions of the state. High counts 11/15 Blue Earth (310) B.H.W., 9/19 St. Louis (276, H.R.B.O.) KJB. Seasonal total of 5,671 at Hawk Ridge (KJB) was the second highest ever—this, despite the fact that by the end of the count on 11/30 conditions north were still relatively mild, and certainly many more eagles remained to the north.


Sharp-shinned Hawk (Accipiter striatus) — [26 North, 42 South] Early south (median 8/13) 8/15 Anoka LBi, 8/25 Ramsey JFR, 8/26 Blue Earth (2) B.H.W., Rice JHI, DAT. High count 10/11 St. Louis (1,055, H.R.B.O.) KJB.

Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii) — [27 North, 45 South] High count 9/7 St. Louis (10, H.R.B.O.) KJB. Late north 11/6 Becker PRH, 11/19–21 Crow Wing PSP, EGa, 11/29 Polk SAu (median 11/24), but also see winter report.


Red-shouldered Hawk (Buteo lineatus) — [7 North, 22 South] Late north 10/4 Morrison (4, Charles A. Lindbergh S.P.) DLP, m.ob., 10/13 Becker HeH, 10/16 St. Louis (H.R.B.O.) KJB. Additional north reports from Carlton, Mille Lacs, Otter Tail, Todd.

Broad-winged Hawk (Buteo platypterus) — [28 North, 38 South] High count 9/19 St. Louis (16,815, H.R.B.O.) KJB. Late north 10/17 St. Louis (H.R.B.O.) KJB (median 10/31). Additional north reports from Carlton, Mille Lacs, Otter Tail, Todd.

Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni) — [4 North, 15 South] High count 9/28 Blue Earth (4) B.H.W. Late north 9/18 St. Louis (2, H.R.B.O.) KJB, 9/29 Todd CSh. Late south 10/5–12 Blue Earth (max. 2) B.H.W. (median 10/5).

Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) — [34 North, 53 South] Reported from every county in the state throughout the season. High counts were 888 on 10/17 and 824 on 10/16, both from St. Louis (H.R.B.O.) KJB.

Rough-legged Hawk (Buteo lagopus) — [19 North, 24 South] Early north (median 9/20) 10/7–11 St. Louis (H.R.B.O.) KJB, 10/11 Crow Wing RZi. Early south (median 10/4) 9/20 Stearns STW, 10/7 Blue Earth B.H.W., 10/9 Sherburne JlB.. High count 11/1 St. Louis (63, H.R.B.O.) KJB.

Golden Eagle (Aquila chrysaetos) — [6 North, 6 South] Early north (median 9/26) 9/29 Cook (Carlton Peak) JaJ, 10/1–6 St. Louis (H.R.B.O.) KJB. All south 9/22 Freeborn (adult) TAT, 10/29 Stearns (Pearl Lake) HHD, 11/6 Faribault WAF, 11/21 Le Sueur (adult) PRH, 11/23 Washington (adult) EzH, 11/24 Blue Earth (juvenile) B.H.W. High count 10/17 St. Louis (21, H.R.B.O.) KJB. Seasonal total of 209 at Hawk Ridge (KJB) was the third highest ever.

Eastern Screech-Owl (Megascops asio) — [8 South] No north and very few south reports, where all were within a rectangle bounded by Yellow Medicine, Sherburne, Dakota and Watonwan counties. No details on color morphs reported. Only 10/12 Hennepin (2) SAu noted more than one individual.

Great Horned Owl (Bubo virginianus) — [21 North, 36 South] Found statewide.

Snowy Owl (Bubo scandiacus) — [13 North, 6 South] Arrived north and south well prior to recent medians. Early north (median 11/4) 10/14 St. Louis AmJ, 10/18 Otter Tail fide JMj, Roseau fide JMj, 10/23 Polk EH. Early south (median 11/14) 10/18 Hennepin (MSP International Airport) SKe, 10/19 Anoka BAB, Hennepin (NE Minneapolis) KDR. Also reported south in Chisago, Lyon, McLeod, Mower.

Northern Hawk Owl (Surnia ulula) — [1 North] Only report 11/22 St. Louis (Sax-Zim Bog) TCo.

Barred Owl (Strix varia) — [20 North, 27 South] Observed statewide as far southwest as Redwood.

Great Gray Owl (Strix nebulosa) — [2 North] Few reports: 10/4 Lake (south of Summer 2016 67