

The Next Three Years

RPI's primary goal over the next 3 years is to establish itself as a permanent monitoring program producing timely and regularly updated information on the status of North America's raptors, in order to achieve its vision of becoming an essential component of raptor monitoring, migration research, and conservation planning in North America.

To that end, RPI will focus on improving scientific and monitoring output and contributing results to conservation. RPI's research agenda will be centered on improving our understanding of raptor migration to better interpret migration count data.

Current Activities

Ongoing work includes (1) publication of trend analyses for 7 spring watch sites, (2) upgrading as many data sets as possible to allow their inclusion in future RPI analyses and publications, (3) addition and updating of site descriptions in HawkCount.org, (4) improvements to HawkCount.org and RPI-project.org, particularly to provide more user-friendly results and outputs.

All of these continuing activities are aimed at developing RPI's special role in North American hawk-watching and at contributing to raptor conservation.

New Grant, New Challenge!

We are pleased to report that RPI has been awarded a new challenge grant from NFWF *Legacy Funds* in the amount of \$197,920 over a 2-year period starting on January 1, 2009. This grant represents a strong endorsement by NFWF of RPI's performance under the previous grant. Moreover, with your support it will ensure that RPI can continue to expand and develop as outlined in this report. Once again, this grant requires a 2:1 match and this time we are depending even more on you, our supporters, to meet our goal of \$80,000 in cash donations, both this year and next year. Remember, each dollar you donate will be worth \$1.50 to RPI. Please make your commitment now at as high a level as possible.

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