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HMANA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONFERENCE IN DULUTH, MN

Join the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA) in celebrating 50 years at our upcoming conference to be held in Duluth, Minnesota - November 7-10, 2024 at the Holiday Inn & Suites – Downtown Duluth Hotel.

Five decades ago, HMANA emerged as the first organization to design standardized protocols in order to monitor long-term trends and patterns at hawk migration counts across the Americas. Today, over 200 count sites annually submit standardized hawk migration count data to the HMANA data repository, Hawkcount.org – the largest raptor migration monitoring database in the world. These data play a critical role in long-term monitoring of raptor population trends, providing valuable insight into population health, and potentially vulnerable populations, which aid in a better understanding of where conservation efforts are most needed. HMANA has been a pillar of raptor conservation science for the past 50th years and this year's conference in Duluth will serve as both a celebration of great accomplishments, as well as looking ahead into the future and 50 more years of raptor migration monitoring and education!

The conference weekend will offer a variety of speakers, consisting of the top names in raptor migration research and education, as well as enriching symposiums, poster sessions, and field trips throughout the Duluth area. Keynote speaker, Dr. Ernesto Ruelas Inzunza, founder of the Veracruz River of Raptors in Mexico, will be speaking about raptor migration in the Neotropics: three decades of discovery. Plenary speaker Clay Sutton (co-author of *Hawks in Flight*), will share his insight into hawk watching over the last 50 years. Some other areas of focus will include movement ecology, current status and threats, winter monitoring efforts, raptor education insights, and what the future of hawk watching may bring.

A diverse mix of field trips will allow you to visit the renowned Hawk Ridge overlook to experience late fall migration hawk watching along Lake Superior's north shore, as well as traveling north along the shore in search of northern avian specialties and visiting the Hawk Ridge owl banding station. Field trip space is limited so save your spot today!

Conference Registration is now open! Virtual options are available. View the conference program, make hotel reservations or become a conference sponsor here: <https://www.hmana.org/50thconference/>.

Please direct any questions to Julie Brown, HMANA's raptor migration and programs director at brown@hmana.org. We hope you'll join us for this celebratory and historic event!