

# Hawk Watch

## Pilot Mountain State Park

### September 24, 2017

*Submitted by Matt Wangerin*

Several members of the Piedmont Bird Club stopped by Little Pinnacle at Pilot Mountain State Park on a warm, sunny Sunday to participate in the annual hawk watch. Although a relatively “light” day of migrating raptors, the hiking public and their dogs were well represented, and it was very interesting to observe soaring raptors and other local and migrating critters from such a high perch. PBC Trip Leader Scott DePue was spotter *par excellence* here and there indicating a high, circling broadie or an incoming sharpie, aiding Jesse Anderson, the official counter for the day.

#### List of Sightings

- 11 Black Vulture
- 29 Turkey Vulture
- 2 Osprey
- 1 Northern Harrier
- 4 Sharp-shinned Hawk
- 2 Cooper's Hawk
- 2 Bald Eagle
- 2 Red-shouldered Hawk
- 20 Broad-winged Hawk
- 2 Red-tailed Hawk
- 1 Mourning Dove
- 25 Chimney Swift
- 2 Red-headed Woodpecker
- 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker
- 1 Pileated Woodpecker
- 1 American Kestrel
- 7 Blue Jay
- 2 Common Raven
- 2 Carolina Wren
- 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 1 Chestnut-sided Warbler
- 1 Pine Warbler
- 2 Black-throated Green Warbler
- 1 Eastern Towhee
- 1 Scarlet Tanager
- 1 Indigo Bunting
- 1 American Goldfinch

|                     | This Hour | Today | Yesterday | YTD  |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|
| Red-tailed Hawk     |           |       |           | 5    |
| Red-shouldered Hawk |           |       | 1         | 41   |
| Broad-winged Hawk   | 1         | 19    | 62        | 2334 |
| Cooper's Hawk       | 1         | 1     | 2         | 17   |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk  |           | 5     | 3         | 16   |
| Osprey              |           | 5     | 2         | 45   |
| Northern Harrier    |           | 1     |           | 4    |
| Bald Eagle          | 1         |       | 1         | 26   |
| American Kestrel    |           | 1     |           | 5    |
| Peregrine Falcon    |           |       |           | 2    |
| Merlin              |           |       |           | 1    |
| Turkey Vulture      |           |       |           |      |
| Black Vulture       |           |       |           |      |

*Photo Credit: Matt Wangerin*

12 Monarch Butterfly  
18 various dragonflies



*Photo Credit: Julien McCarthy*