

# Join the Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch (NPH) Online Raptor Identification Course In Winter 2024!

The NPH is pleased to announce that our Raptor Identification Course will be offered again in January / February 2024, just in time for the spring raptor migration season. This course was created by Catherine Manschot who is a former teacher, a hawk enthusiast, and an NPH committee member and counter.

The course is designed to teach you how to identify Ontario raptor species seen perched or in-flight. Each week you will build your roster of raptor species identification skills. We will compare similarities and differences among genera and species covering shape, flight behaviour, and field marks (including juvenile, sub-adult and adult age classes and sexually different plumages). There will be opportunities to apply your skills through fun quizzes and questions will be fielded along the way. No prior knowledge of hawks is needed. Birding experience is beneficial.

Species covered will include the Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Goshawk, Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier, Osprey, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Turkey Vulture, and Black Vulture.

**Dates:** Every Monday and Thursday night at 7 pm → January 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, one week break, then February 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Each session will run between 60 and 90 minutes.

*Recordings will be made of each session and made available to all registrants until March 15th.*

**Fee: \$48.00, of which 50% is a donation to the Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch**



Cooper's Hawk at Beamer  
Photo by Keith Dieroff

To register, please email the following three (3) things to Keith Dieroff → [kdieroff@yahoo.ca](mailto:kdieroff@yahoo.ca):

- 1) Your first and last name – VERY IMPORTANT!
- 2) Your preferred email address for Zoom invitations
- 3) E-transfer of \$48

**Registration will close on  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**