

Join The Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch Raptor Identification Course This Winter

The NPH is pleased to announce that our Raptor Identification Course will be offered again this winter, just in time for the 2027 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 Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, American 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 7:00pm - January 11th, 14th, 18th, 21st and 25th (one week break), then February 4th, 8th, 11th and 15th. Each session will run between 60 and 90 minutes.

Recordings will be made of each session and made available to registrants until March 1st.

Fee: \$50.00 CAD (or \$40 USD), of which half is a donation to the Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch.



To register, please email the following three things to Keith Dieroff: kdieroff@yahoo.ca

1. Your first and last name - **VERY IMPORTANT!**
2. Your preferred email address for Zoom invitations
3. e-Transfer of \$50 CAD or \$40 USD

***Registration closes
December 31st, 2026***