

Join the Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch (NPH) Online Raptor Identification Course This Fall!

The NPH is pleased to announce that our Raptor Identification Course will be offered again this Fall, just in time for the southerly raptor migration. 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, August 22nd, 25th, 29th, September 1st, 5th, 8th, 12th, 15th. Each session will run between 60 and 90 minutes, plus a question period at the end.

Recordings will be available until late September, 2022.

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



To register, please email the following to kdieroff@yahoo.ca: 1) your first and last name, 2) your email address, and 3) your etransfer of \$48. Registration will close on August 21st.