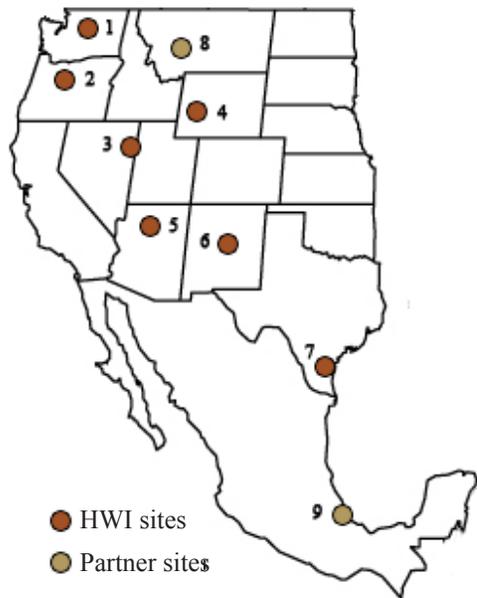


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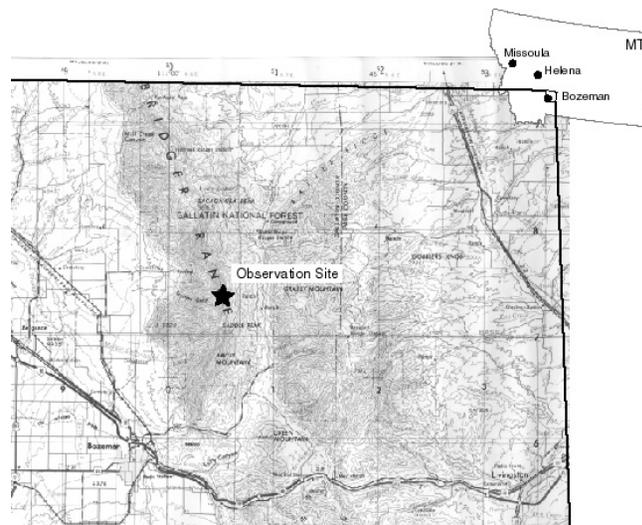
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Directions: Follow Bridger Canyon Road to the entrance to Bridger Bowl Ski Area. Follow the only road (it turns to dirt) past the ski lodges for ~ 1.5 miles to the parking area (and locked gate). Hike to the crest of the ridge (and the top of the ski area) generally paralleling the chairlift, following the footpath or preferably the jeep road. Near the top of the ridge the jeep road ends; follow the trail for another half-mile to the top of the ridge. The viewing point is the concrete helipad atop the Bridger Ridge, 200' north of the ski hut where the trail crests the ridge. The total hiking distance is about 2 miles (and 2200' elevation gain).



**Bridger Mountains
Fall Raptor Migration Project**

Sites	Dates of Operation
1. Chelan Ridge, WA	(Aug 23 - Oct 27)
2. Bonney Butte, OR	(Aug 28 - Oct 31)
3. Goshute Mountains, NV	(Aug 15 - Nov. 5)
4. Commissary Ridge, WY	(Aug 27 - Nov 5)
5. Grand Canyon, AZ (Yaki & Lipan Point sites)	(Aug 15 - Nov. 5)
6. Manzano Mountains, NM	(Aug 15 - Nov 5)
7. Corpus Christi, TX	(Aug 14 - Nov 15)
8. Bridger Mountain, MT	(partner operated)
9. Veracruz, Mexico	(partner operated)

How does your count stack up?

Your Observation	Species	Historic Annual Average
ACCIPITERS		
332	Sharp-shinned Hawk	
165	Cooper's Hawk	
31	Northern Goshawk	
60	Unknown accipiter	
588	Total Accipiters	
BUTEOS		
115	Red-tailed Hawk	
32	Rough-legged Hawk	
11	Broad-winged Hawk	
3	Swainson's Hawk	
3	Ferruginous Hawk	
12	Unknown/Other buteo	
176	Total Buteos	
EAGLES		
1350	Golden Eagle	
75	Bald Eagle	
6	Unknown eagle	
1431	Total Eagles	
FALCONS		
73	American Kestrel	
10	Merlin	
14	Prairie Falcon	
11	Peregrine Falcon	
12	Unknown falcon	
120	Total Falcons	
OTHERS		
1	Turkey Vulture	
6	Osprey	
50	Northern Harrier	
31	Unknown/Other raptor	
Grand Total		2,403

Cooper's Hawk
large head; longer, round-tipped tail; straight leading wing edge; steadier flight

Sharp-shinned Hawk
small head; shorter, square-tipped tail; wristy wings; fast, snappy wingbeats

Northern Goshawk
larger, heavier body; longer wings; broader, wider tail; steady flight

ACCIPITER



short, round-tip wings; long tail, flap-flap-glide

Swainson's Hawk
dark bib in adults; light belly; dark flight feathers; dihedral wing profile, long, tapered wings

Red-tailed Hawk
dark head and belly band; dark leading edge of wing near body; nearly flat wing profile, blunt wingtips; adults have red tail

Broad-winged Hawk
small, compact buteo; streaked or orange-banded belly; adults have black and white banded tail

Rough-legged Hawk
light head; dark belly band; dark square wrist patch; dark terminal band(s) on white tail; dihedral wing profile; blunt wingtips



larger; long, broad wings; short, broad tail

American Kestrel
Small
female orange-brown, male blue wings; false eye spot on nape; floppy wing beats; long tail; reddish banded tail

Merlin
heavily streaked; dark tail, white bands; blue or brown topside; minimal mustache; fast power fliers

Prairie Falcon
light brown back color; whitish underneath; dark wing pits; false eye spot on head; power flier

FALCON



long, narrow, pointy wings; mustache marks; usually power fliers

Golden Eagle
large; almost flat wing profile; smaller head; all dark except immatures with white tail base and white patches under wing; flies with dihedral

Bald Eagle
large; flat wing profile; prominent head; adults have white head and tail

EAGLE



Northern Harrier
thin, tubular body; long tail; long, narrow wings; white rump patch; owl-like facial disc; strong dihedral wing profile; rocky flight

NORTHERN HARRIER



Osprey
large; long, lanky wings with hooked profile; white head, dark eyelines; white belly; darker flight feathers with dark patch at wrist

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