



FALL 2017 PAID RAPTOR COUNTER NEEDED (September 1 - November 30)

to continue raptor migration monitoring for the **Detroit River Hawk Watch** (<http://www.drhawkwatch.org/>). Annual raptor monitoring began in 1983 and documents one of the most significant fall raptor migrations in North America.

Our hawk watch site has spectacular annual flights of broad-winged hawks, golden eagles, and all eastern raptors, including reliable passages of Swainson's Hawk. During the month of September we can expect upwards of 10,000 to 100,000 Broad-winged Hawks, alone! **There have only been seven primary counters since 1998 and most return for multiple seasons.** We seek individuals who enjoy working with volunteer counters and communicating with visitors. Applicants must have some initial field biological experience and extremely high personal interest in raptor migration. Good writing skills are essential for daily and end-of-season summary reports. Counters will be expected to follow the official [DRHW Protocol](#).

We are very willing to work with student schedules and contract on a part-time basis ensuring the entire season is covered. Contract will be through the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, which is a non-profit (501c3) organization furthering the mission of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

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Deadline for Application is August 1, 2017.