

COMMON MIGRANTS AT HAWK RIDGE SOMETIMES MISTAKEN FOR HAWKS

Both Herring Gulls (1) and Ospreys have a similar wing profile and are often difficult to distinguish at a distance.

When a Mourning Dove (2) sets its wings and glides, it strongly resembles a falcon.

In spite of its name and falcon-like wings, the Common Nighthawk (3) is not a hawk.

A birder eager to see a Merlin might be fooled momentarily by a Purple Martin (4) when relative size is unclear.

Medium-sized migrants like flickers (5), jays (6) and robins (7) might be mistaken for a Sharp-shinned at first glance.

Ravens (8) and crows (9) not only resemble buteos in their size and soaring flight, but sometimes they also mix in with a kettle of hawks.

