



2014 Raptor Banding

Summer Screech Owls

BBRR was excited to get a message this summer from a fan in North Greece who purchased a Screech Owl nest box from us a couple seasons ago. After patiently waiting, she was excited to share that a family of Eastern Screech Owls was nesting there this summer (see photo at right). Contact was made with Anne Schnell, BBRR Banding Director, and she and her husband Paul were able to band the two nestlings and the mother owl.



Eastern Screech Owls will take to using nest boxes since they are naturally cavity nesters.—Photo by Linda Bower

Harlan’s Hawk at Braddock Bay— Rare Record for the Eastern U.S.

An interesting discovery was made recently regarding a dark Red-tailed Hawk that was originally banded here back in May of 2003. Photos that had been used for a blog post written by Luke Tiller on dark buteos ended up crossing paths with raptor expert Jerry Liguori. He identified the hawk (pictured right) as a Harlan’s Hawk, which is a sub-species of Red-tailed Hawk very rare to the eastern United States. So rare in fact that only a couple of accounts of them exist in the East (Virginia and Ontario, Canada) and none in NY state. To learn more about this and the Harlan’s Hawk in general, you can read Luke’s more recent post on the HMANA blog at



The one and only Harlan’s Hawk to be banded at Braddock Bay

<http://hmana.blogspot.com/2014/07/historical-harlans-second-us-east-coast.html>

Spring 2014 Raptor Banding Totals				
SPECIES	March	April	May	TOTAL
Red-tailed Hawk	0	18	8	26
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	0	0	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0	148	20	168
Cooper’s Hawk	1	13	6	20
Northern Goshawk	0	1	0	1
American Kestrel	0	7	0	7
Merlin	0	3	1	4
TOTAL	2	190	35	227