



RAPTOR MONITOR

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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SUMMARY OF POSITION

Volunteers assist the Natural Resources Team in identifying and monitoring raptors in selected JCOS Parks. Raptor Monitors help determine the success of a nest or eyrie. Record observations of Golden Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Prairie Falcons, Peregrine Falcons, and Great Horned Owls and enable the Natural Resources Team to develop appropriate management plans related to habitat protection.

DUTIES

- Monitors known nest sites to determine territory use and nest success
- Attempts to identify new nests and eyries to include in observations
- Records observations and enters data electronically
- Reports volunteer service hours regularly through the online reporting system, Offero

REQUIREMENTS

- Attend JCOS New Volunteer Orientation and program training sessions
- Have general knowledge of Western U.S. Raptors
- Ability to work independently, sometimes in remote locations, often from the side of roads or highways
- Ability to provide your own spotting scope or binoculars, read maps and ability to use a compass is a plus
- Supply your own appropriate clothing and gear and be prepared to be outdoors for an extended period
- Volunteers must abide by the JCOS Park Regulations and established volunteer policies and procedures outlined in the JCOS Volunteer Handbook
- Volunteers must be able to monitor a site at least twice a month between February and August. Monitoring can be performed anytime during daylight hours, but mornings are often best for observing raptors. Each shift can take up to three hours.

BENEFITS

- Utilize and enhance birding skills and meet other birders
- Explore the JCOS Park System

NEXT STEPS

1. Create an Account and Submit an Application by February 22, 2024

Applications are available online at: <https://offeror.jeffco.us>

2. Attend an Interview

All prospective volunteers will be interviewed. Once you submit your application, you will be contacted to arrange for your interview.

3. Attend a New Volunteer Orientation

All new volunteers are required to attend a JCOS New Volunteer Orientation at JCOS Headquarters to become familiar with the entire JCOS system prior to specific program training. You must pre-register for orientation on Offero <https://offeror.jeffco.us>
You need attend only one of the following:

Thursday, March 14, 5:30–7:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 16, 8:30–10:00 A.M.

Thursday, March 21, 5:30–7:00 P.M.

4. Attend Program Specific Training

JCOS staff will provide training in observation techniques, data recording and entry, raptor identification, and will assign monitoring locations. Training is hosted at JCOS Headquarters and may include a visit to a nearby nest to practice observation techniques.

March 9, 8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. JCOS Headquarters, Ponderosa Room

5. Start volunteering!

