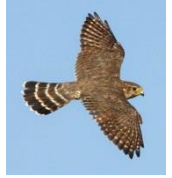




**The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory is pleased to host:
Raptor Flight Identification Workshop
With William S. Clark**



Bill Clark is a photographer, author, researcher, and lecturer and has over 50 years of experience working with birds of prey, including 5 years as Director of NWF's Raptor Information Center. He has published numerous articles on raptor subjects; has traveled extensively world-wide studying, observing, and photographing raptors; and regularly led raptor and birding tours and workshops, both home and abroad. Bill regularly teaches evening and weekend courses on raptor field identification and biology in the US and Canada. He has written a raptor field guide for Europe and another for Mexico and Central America and yet another for Africa is in press. He is a coauthor of the *Photographic Guide to North American Raptors* and the completely revised Peterson series guide, *Hawks*. He has on-going research projects on Harlan's Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, and Harris's Hawk.

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, Bill will present a series of lectures on how to identify raptors in flight. Each student will be given a handout with a course outline and notes on the subjects to be covered which include field marks, shape, measurements, terminology, feathers, molt, and raptor flight identification. All expected species at Smith Point will be covered including vultures, Osprey, Northern Harrier, accipiters, buteos, eagles, kites, and falcons. Bill will also address unusual plumages that you might encounter. Lunch will be provided on Saturday.

On Sunday, October 8, 2017, participants will meet at Smith Point for an in-field session with Bill to put into practice everything from the previous day. In addition, Robert and Kay Lookingbill will trap raptors locally for an up close and personal look at raptors in the hand. There are no services at Smith Point. Bring your lunch, sunscreen, hat, binoculars, camera, spotting scope, and plenty to drink. Bill will provide the rest!

Cost: \$150 per student

Please call GCBO at 979-480-0999 to reserve your spot and make payment

Saturday, October 7, 2017: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 Hwy 332 West, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Sunday, October 8, 2017: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (or until the flight stops) at the Smith Point Hawk Watch, for directions [click here](#).

Proceeds will benefit the Smith Point Hawk Watch