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The Ornithological Technical Committee (OTC) of the Pennsylvania Biological Survey (PABS) seeks your help in determining the distribution and abundance of nesting Northern Goshawks in Pennsylvania.

Goshawks nest in large forests from the Appalachians north within Pennsylvania. They are highly secretive and hard to detect during nesting, but recent data suggests their numbers may be declining.

During 2016 and 2017, we are asking outdoor enthusiasts to report sightings of this rare but beautiful woodland hawk or its nest to the OTC subcommittee members soon after a sighting.

The attached documents provide identification information and a form to use to record on your sighting.

Goshawks begin nesting in April and May and may be active when many of you are taking your first spring outing. All we need is for you to observe any raptor you see carefully and share the information with us.

All reports will be **kept confidential**. Nest sites will need to be mapped so they can be protected but the exact location will remain confidential and undisclosed. If you have other concerns please discuss your sighting or location with a team member so we are at least aware of the area of the nest site.



We cannot conserve what we do not know is there!

Thank you for your help in improving understanding of this rare and beautiful Pennsylvania bird.

Please send reports of any sightings to goshawk@psu.edu or one of the *OTC Goshawk Subcommittee*:

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