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**Spring Raptor Migration Along Lake Ontario
Tug Hill Winter Wildlife Webinar Series, Part 4: April 10, 6 p.m.**

WATERTOWN, NEW YORK – The Tug Hill Commission and Braddock Bay Raptor Research invites the public to join a webinar on Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m. focused on ongoing conservation efforts concerning raptor species along key migration points of Lake Ontario, including Braddock Bay in Monroe County and Derby Hill in Oswego County. Register at tinyurl.com/tughillraptor and a Zoom link will be sent along with your registration confirmation email. This is the last of the 2025 Tug Hill Winter Wildlife Webinar Series, which also included presentations on sea lamprey, bats, and American chestnut.

The April 10 webinar will highlight the raptor migration counts at sites along Lake Ontario like Braddock Bay and Derby Hill, the importance of raptor populations as an environmental barometer, the challenges and threats our native raptor species face and which populations are in decline, and previous conservation challenges and victories such as raptor recovery and DDT. The presentation will also focus on several distinct migratory species, some identification tips, ways for people to get out and see the raptor migration in person. The featured speaker is Daena Ford, President of Braddock Bay Raptor Research with over thirty years of raptor conservation experience. She has worked with raptor species in both research and educational settings to help the community learn more about birds and their native environment. From 2010-2018, she served on the board of directors for the Hawk Migration Association of North America. Braddock Bay Raptor Research is a non-profit organization with a mission to conduct research projects, educate the public, and contribute to consideration of public policy on birds of prey, other wildlife and the environment.

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The NYS Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.

[Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.](#)