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“Audubon International Raptor Relocation Network”: Data Tracking & Network Expansion

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Abstract. Audubon International’s Raptor Relocation Network (RRN) provides safe and high-quality habitat needed to relocate raptors that are found on and around airport runways. Through this network, Audubon International connects our certified golf courses, which are already being managed with wildlife habitat in mind, with airport wildlife management representatives who are trapping and relocating these raptors for safety reasons, including to reduce bird strikes. Over 80 raptors have been relocated, and the program has expanded from the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, to now include San Francisco International Airport. The methodology is now in place to begin implementing the tracking of relocated raptors with the use of nanotags during the Fall 2019 migration. The location data from relocated raptors will then be used to access the movement of the birds once they are relocated. This data will aid in management decisions at both airports, and relocation sites.
