

In this issue: It's October, and that can only mean that birders all over the continent will be gathering at ridgetops, along ocean beaches, and even in our large cities to observe migrating raptors. The study of raptors—especially of migrating raptors in flight—presents special ID challenges, and we examine several of them in detail in this issue. *Our cover image of a juvenile Cooper's Hawk was photographed in October 2000 at Cape May, New Jersey, by © Jim Zipp.*

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Gray Hawk with Lesser Ground-Cuckoo (*Morococcyx erythropygus*). See Photographers' Gallery, beginning on page 472. Photographed near San Blas, Nayarit, Mexico, February 2002, by © Jim Zipp.