

MOS Response to Killing of Northern Goshawks

The Maryland Ornithological Society is accepting donations to be offered as a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of a female Northern Goshawk and her three nestlings at Savage River State Forest near Grantsville, Garrett County, MD.



Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) has determined that the goshawk was shot between May 16 and June 17th in the Savage River State Forest near Westernport Road and McAndrews Hill Road, leaving three orphaned chicks in the nest to die. This was Maryland's only known nesting goshawk, a State-listed endangered species.

NRP is asking for the public's help in identifying the person or persons responsible for this crime. If anyone has information about this crime or description of individuals or vehicles seen in the area, please call the Catch-a-Poacher hotline at 800-635-6124. Callers may remain anonymous and are eligible for reward money.

MOS is accepting donations by checks. Please address the check and mail as follows:

Check to: Maryland Ornithological Society

Memo: Goshawk Reward Fund

Mailing Address: Maryland Ornithological Society

Goshawk Reward Fund

4141 Quail Way

Havre de Grace, MD 21078-1612

Please write "Goshawk Reward Fund" on both the check memo line and envelope. All donations accepted will be held in a restricted cash account by MOS until a conviction is imposed, at which time 100% of the account will be given to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for distribution to informants as decided by DNR. In the event that a conviction is not imposed by June 30, 2014, donors may request that MOS refund their check. Please be advised that donations will not be considered tax deductible by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

MOS is committed to encouraging the protection and conservation of bird life and natural resources that support bird life. By offering this reward, it is our hope that someone with information about this incomprehensible crime will step forward and help bring justice to those responsible.