

MPG Ranch Field Note  
April 29, 2011  
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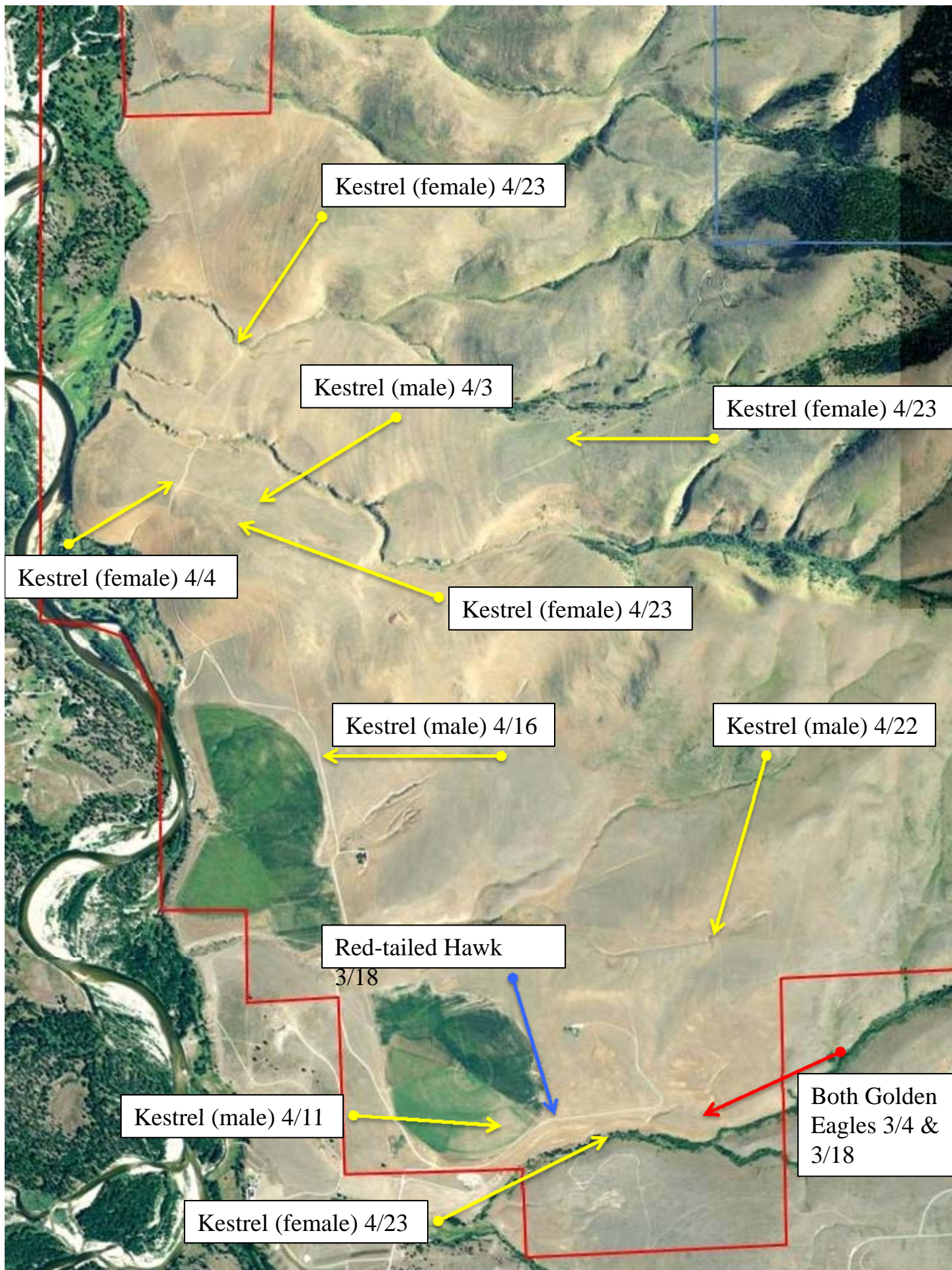


Rob Domenech has successfully trapped and banded 12 raptors on the ranch this spring. Below is a list of the birds banded with the date and general location the bird was trapped. The following page has a map of these locations.

- 3/4/11 Fourth - year Golden Eagle. Carcass trapped near upper house (lead 15.9 micrograms per deciliter).
- 3/18/11 Adult (5+ years) Golden Eagle. Carcass trapped near upper house (lead 19.4 micrograms per deciliter).
- 3/18/11 Adult Red-tailed Hawk. Trapped near main gate on Bal chatri (BC) trap.
- 4/3/11 Adult male American Kestrel (near power lines e. of Rock pile < 1/8 mile up Tongue Creek).
- 4/4/11 Adult female American Kestrel – possibly the mate of AK above (right near Rock Pile on main road).
- 4/11/11 Adult male American Kestrel – near first center pivot near upper house.
- 4/16/11 Adult male American Kestrel – five power pole north of Orchard House.
- 4/22/11 Adult male American Kestrel – upper Partridge Alley water tank.
- 4/23/11 adult female American Kestrel – Near Rock Pile (three pole east on Tongue creek).
- 4/23/11 adult female American Kestrel – (second drainage past Rock Pile).
- 4/23/11 adult female American Kestrel – (lower wood chuck Gully, between main gate and carcass bait).
- 4/23/11 adult female American Kestrel – (up the Tongue Creek Road on AK box on north side of two track road).











Kate is ready to release an American Kestrel.



Rob's friend, Tyler, helps with measurements and trapping procedures.



This male, distinguished by the bluish wings, shows its bold markings.



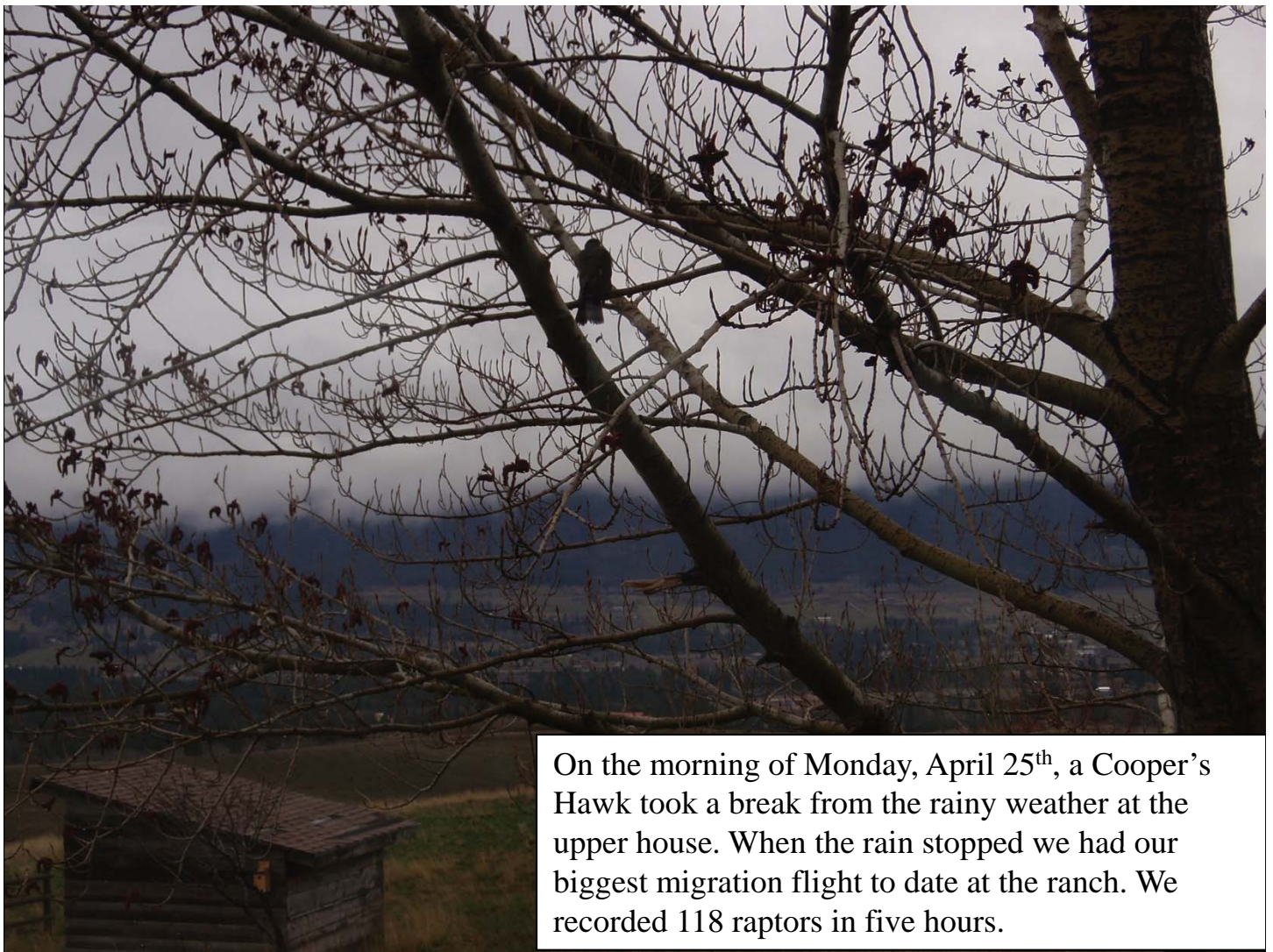
Each bird receives a plastic color band and a USGS band.



Females are a little less colorful.







On the morning of Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, a Cooper's Hawk took a break from the rainy weather at the upper house. When the rain stopped we had our biggest migration flight to date at the ranch. We recorded 118 raptors in five hours.





Wild horses grazing above the upper house  
on a rainy day.







The next day they were near the rock pile.





A long-billed curlew feeds next to the upper house. There have also been a couple of curlews near the rock pile.

