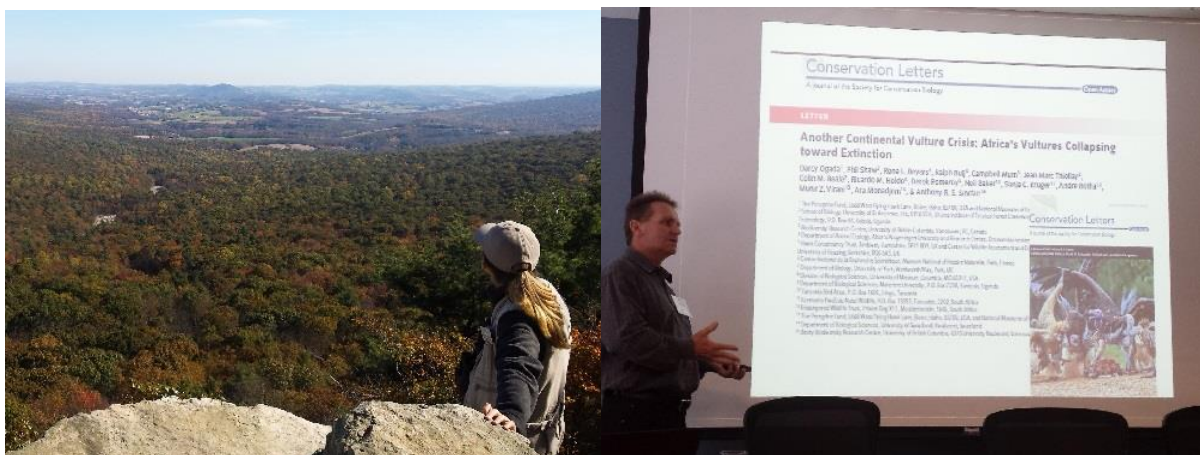


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Recently I travelled to the United States to present a talk at the Raptor Research Foundation's meeting in Salt Lake City, and I also took part in a workshop called 'Saving Africa's Vultures' in Annapolis. Both meetings were great networking and learning opportunities, and they helped to increase awareness of the current African vulture crisis. I also visited Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's education department, whose staff are assisting me and my local colleague, Gay Wabeke, to develop education programmes, to teach children about the value of vultures. This is important because vultures are the most threatened group of birds in the world, and yet local people continue to use vulture body parts to enable them to 'see into the future'. Finally, I am pleased to end this update with news that a pair of hooded vultures on the Crocodile River is raising a chick for the third year in a row.



Left: Lindy Thompson, next to an education tool showing the real size of a Hooded Vulture at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Right: A display showing our work on Hooded Vultures at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, USA.



Left: South Lookout on the Kittatinny Ridge, where observers count migrating raptors, at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, USA. Right: Project collaborator, Andre Botha, presenting at the 'Saving Africa's Vultures' Workshop in Annapolis.