

## Fermilab offers diversity in undisturbed environment

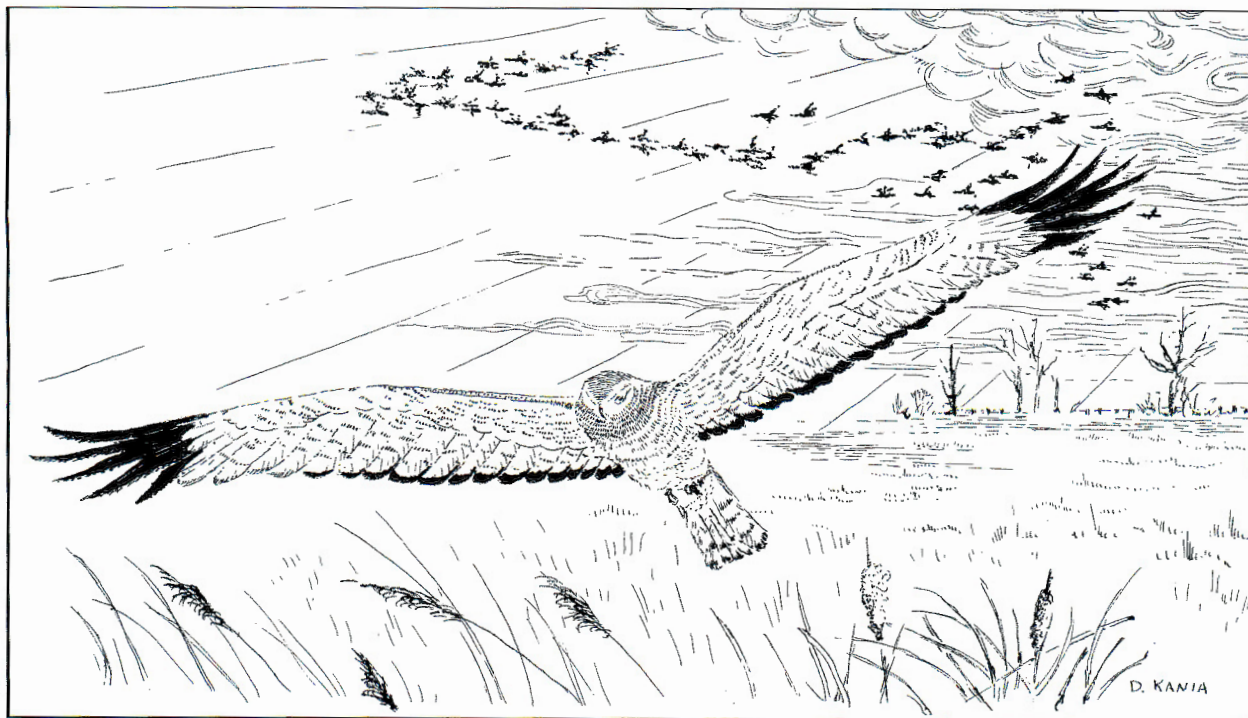
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Diverse habitat and the relative lack of disturbance make Fermilab one of the best birding locations in the Chicago area. This 6,800-acre site has harbored 251 species including 80 confirmed breeding species and eight which probably breed there.

Rarities found at Fermilab include Neotropic Cormorant, Ross' Goose, Garganey, Cinnamon Teal, Yellow Rail, Baird's Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Snowy Owl, Yellow-throated Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, LeConte's

Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Harris' Sparrow. Birders have also observed some species more typically associated with the Lake Michigan flyway such as Piping Plover, American Avocet, Willet, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Sanderling, all three phalaropes, and Common Tern.

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*Northern Harriers can be found hunting the fields south and west of Lake Law at Fermilab.  
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