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Migration and Summer Ranges of Golden Eagles Tracked by Tail Mounted Satellite Transmitters

Page 26, Right col. 1st full par. 2nd line value should be 46.5

Page 30, on Graph, col. 7, entry on 8th row is blank. Should be 27.4.

An upside-down primary in a Sharp-shinned Hawk

Proper feather development in birds is key to maintaining their habits and survival, and feathers start growing in specialized pockets called follicles (Gill 2007, Krawinkel 2012). Feather growth and development has been well described (Prum and Brush 2003, Gill 2007, Krawinkel 2012) and primary feather regrowth from damaged follicles has been studied within rehabilitation contexts (Delnatte et al. 2014), however there are few reports of follicular growth defects in free-living birds. Further, for Sharp-shinned Hawks (*Accipiter striatus*), one of the most well-studied North American raptors (Bildstein et al. 2020), there are no published accounts of abnormal flight feather growth. Here, I report the observation of a primary feather grown in reversed orientation – basically, upside-down – in a wild Sharp-shinned Hawk caught during fall migration.

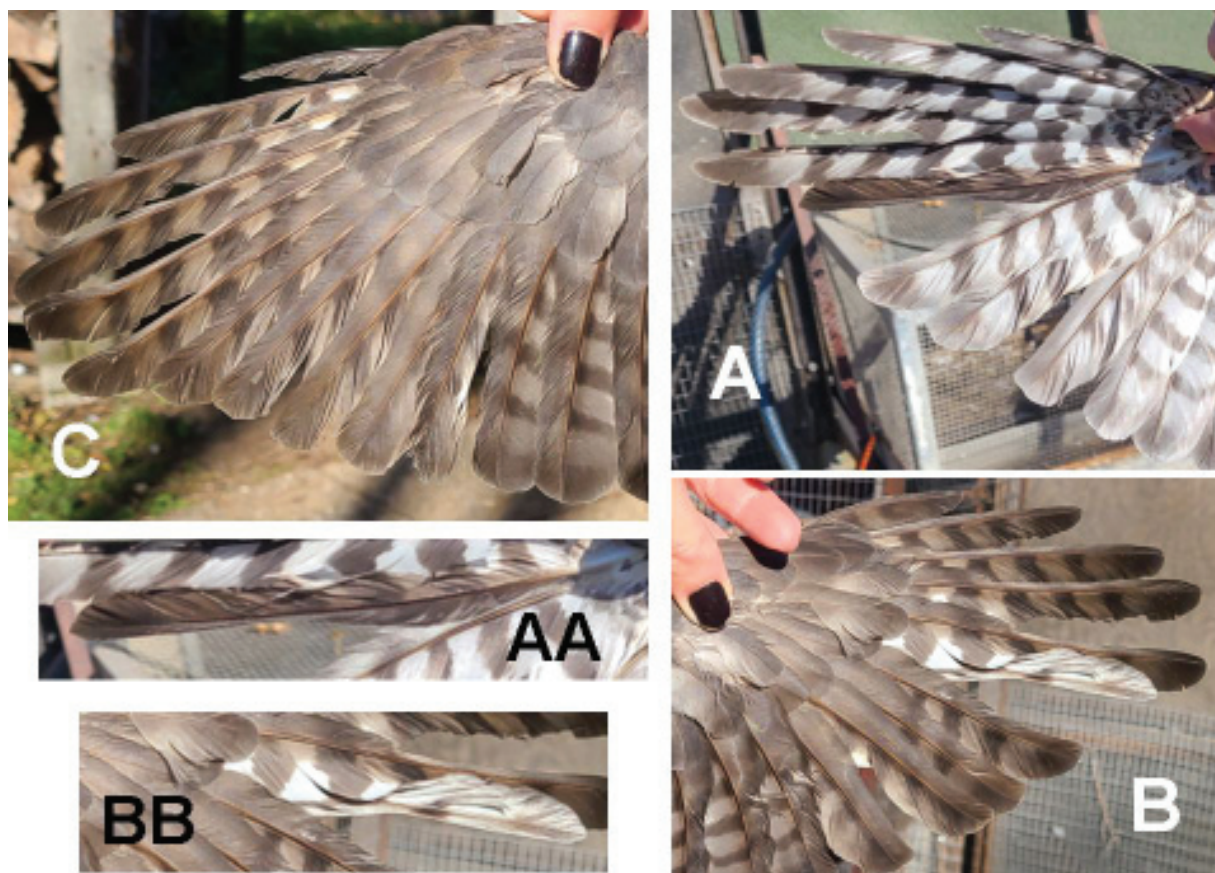


Figure 1. Ventral (A) and dorsal (B) views of right wing showing the fifth primary that grew in upside-down. AA and BB represent enlarged portions of A and B, respectively, showing the fifth primary. Dorsal view of the left wing (C) show normal primary orientation.