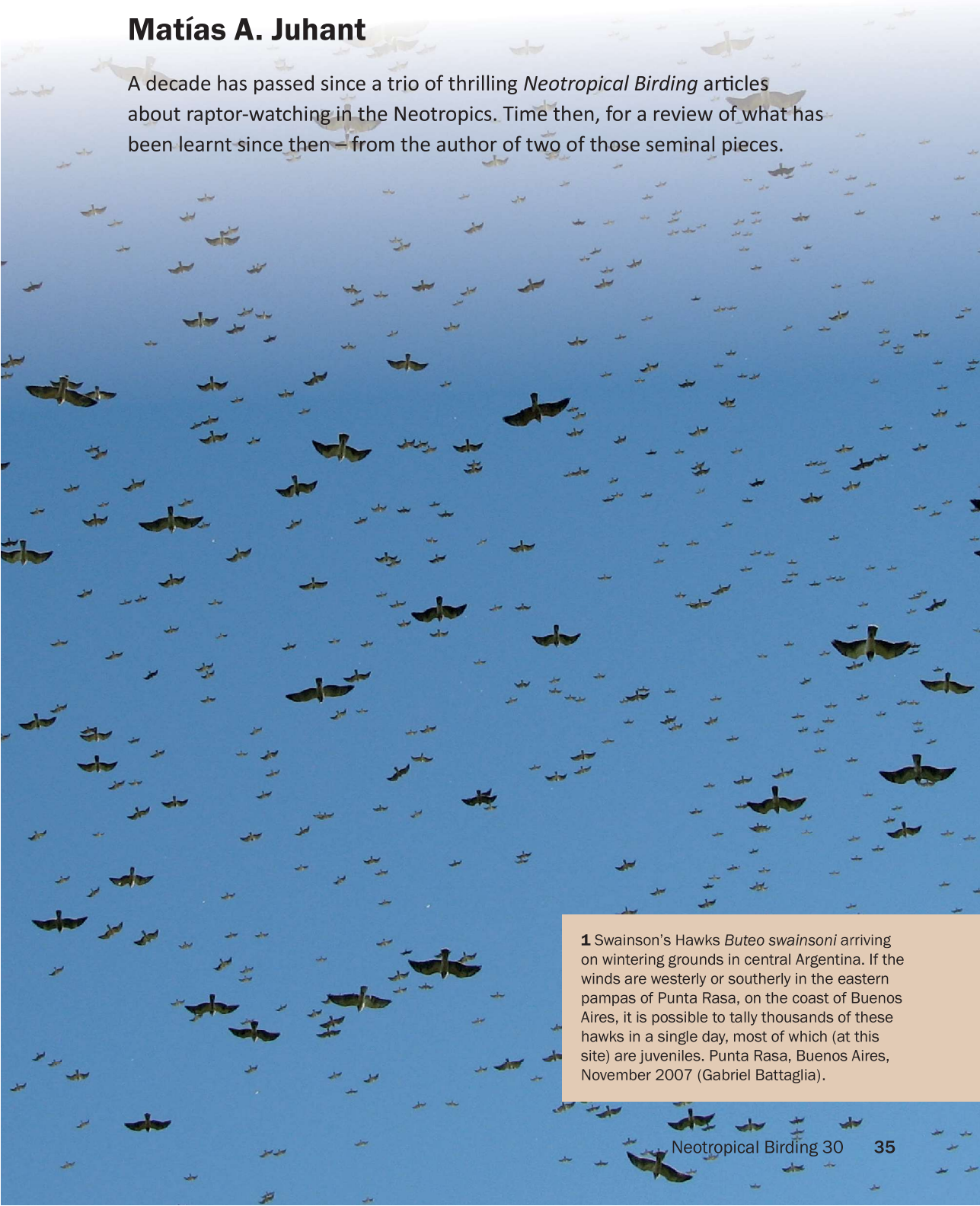


Raptor migration across South America

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A decade has passed since a trio of thrilling *Neotropical Birding* articles about raptor-watching in the Neotropics. Time then, for a review of what has been learnt since then – from the author of two of those seminal pieces.

A large-scale photograph showing a massive flock of Swainson's Hawks in flight against a clear, bright blue sky. The birds are scattered throughout the frame, appearing as numerous dark silhouettes with their wings spread. The density of the birds is high, filling most of the sky. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

1 Swainson's Hawks *Buteo swainsoni* arriving on wintering grounds in central Argentina. If the winds are westerly or southerly in the eastern pampas of Punta Rasa, on the coast of Buenos Aires, it is possible to tally thousands of these hawks in a single day, most of which (at this site) are juveniles. Punta Rasa, Buenos Aires, November 2007 (Gabriel Battaglia).