Relative proportions of breeding, wintering, and migration seasons for swallow-tailed kites nesting in the United States

Spring Migration
Spring migration represents 14% of the total season.

Summer
Summer migration constitutes 38% of the season.

Winter
Winter migration accounts for 22% of the season.

Fall Migration
Fall migration comprises 15% of the season.

Audrey Washburn and Gina Zimmerman are providing important chapters of the story with their challenging graduate research on swallow-tailed kite genetics and migration stopover ecology (respectively). We all hope that we can continue the program with the Yankeetown students, perhaps even expanding it to other schools. We offer a special thanks to Genie Sturtevant for adding this project to the challenge of doing so much with so little, and to Microwave Telemetry for creating their grant program.

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