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Have you seen a Swainson's Hawk this spring? These amazing birds truly connect North and South America during their migratory journeys.

Each spring, nearly the whole population of Swainson's Hawks leaves their wintering grounds in Argentina and migrates north to breeding territories in North America. For birds nesting in southern New Mexico, this migration covers a distance of ~6,000 miles. With some Swainson's Hawks living into their 20's, it is possible for a single bird to cover ~250,000 miles in a lifetime!

