

## *Monitoring the Peninsula Black Sparrowhawks.*



*photograph by Ann Koeslag.*

*The Black Sparrowhawk showing her brood patch. Not many people will have seen such a sight before, unless you monitor or breed BSH's. The female plucks the breast feathers to line the nest.*

Ann Koeslag wrote " I have Black Sparrowhawks and African Harrier Hawks playing musical chairs with nests in the plantations at the moment. There is lots of stress in the tree nesting raptor kingdom at the moment, with not enough trees to go round.

The Egyptian Geese are being impossible with regards the nests! The weather doesn't help either at the moment". (September 2013 - it snowed heavily on the nearby mountain ranges for the 2nd time this winter).

Graham Pringle commented that he has seen African Harrier Hawk recently in the Diep River / Plumstead area.



*photograph by Ann Koeslag.*

*African Harrier Hawk on a Black Sparrowhawk nest. Or is it visa versa?  
Or is it just really an Egyptian Goose nest?*



*photograph by Graham Pringle.*

*A juvenile African Harrier Hawk in the Diep River / Plumstead area. They are moving further away from the mountain and into the Cape Flats areas.*