

South American hawk in Maine euthanized as condition worsens

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In this Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, file photo, a great black hawk, a native of Central and South America, flies at Deering Oaks Park, in Portland, Maine. On Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019, Avian Haven, the group caring for the injured South American hawk, said the bird has been euthanized. The hawk was recently found in the snow suffering from frostbitten feet. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

A group caring for an injured South American hawk that turned up in a park in Maine says the bird had to be euthanized after its condition

deteriorated.

Avian Haven says in a Facebook post on Thursday the decision to euthanize the great black hawk was "tinged with regret, sorrow, even heartbreak." The group had said earlier in the week the hawk was struggling with frostbite and would likely lose toes on both feet.

They were also concerned that the "overall viability" of both feet had been compromised.

The [birds](#) are native to Central and South America, and this one drew the attention of wildlife fans when it appeared in Deering Oaks Park in Portland weeks ago.

It was later found lying in snow on Jan. 20 and taken to a [rehabilitation center](#).



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