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A blizzard of falcons

Thousands of Amur Falcons *Falco amurensis* congregate over Doyang reservoir, Wokha district, Nagaland, India, during their south-bound migration in autumn 2013.
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