

STATE OF NEVADA

BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Title 45 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, NAC 503.300, and NAC 503.305, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of raptors:

Commission Regulation 23-02 2023 and 2024 SEASONS AND PERMIT QUOTAS FOR TAKING RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY

- LIMIT:** A person is allowed a single raptor per permit, with a maximum number of two permits issued to any one person per calendar year. NRS 503.583, NAC 503.300.
- SPECIES LIMITS:** Not more than one of any species.
Exception: Under the authority of the second capture permit, a person may take another raptor of the same species to replace a bird, captured in the same year, which died or was lost. NAC 503.228
- TAKE RESTRICTION:** One Eyas must be left in every nest from which raptors are captured.
An eyas may not be removed from its nest prior to 10 days of age. Nests may not be entered when young are 28 days or more of age. NAC 503.305
- HOURS:** Raptors may be taken any time of the day or night during the open season
- AREA:** Statewide for all authorized species except Northern Goshawks. The take of Northern Goshawk is closed in Elko County north of I-80.
- SEASON:** All seasons are open during the following specified period or until a species quota is met.
- 2023 season - Eyas season: March 1 through August 31, 2023
Passage season: January 1 through December 31, 2023
- 2024 season - Eyas season: March 1 through August 31, 2024
Passage season: January 1 through December 31, 2024.

Deadline for Acceptance of Application/Drawing

Applications for permits to take raptors for falconry will become available the first weekday of December.

The deadline for the receipt of permit applications is 5:00 p.m. on the second Monday of January. Applications must be mailed through a postal service to the address listed on the application.

A drawing will be conducted by the Department if there is an over-subscription of applications for any raptor species for which a permit quota has been established. After the drawing, any quota remaining will be available by application. Applications after the drawing will be processed in the order of receipt until the quota is filled or the close of the season.

Resident applicants will apply for a species in accordance with the instructions on the application. Nonresident applicants may only apply for **one** (1) species per application.

The number of applications for residents is unlimited, however there is a quota for the number of birds that can be taken. Once the Department records that a species quota has been filled, permittees will be notified of the species closure.

**2023 and 2024 SEASONS AND PERMIT QUOTAS
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Species	Permit Quotas		Species Quotas
	Resident	Nonresident	
Northern Goshawk (Eyas – March 1- August 31)	10	3	10
Northern Goshawk (Passage January 1- December 31)	Unlimited	3	15
Cooper's Hawk	Unlimited	3	50
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Unlimited	3	50
Prairie Falcon	Unlimited	3	15
Merlin	Unlimited	3	50
American Kestrel	Unlimited	3	15
Red-tailed Hawk	Unlimited	3	50
Ferruginous Hawk	5	1	5
Great Horned Owl	Unlimited	3	50

THE CAPTURE SEASON IS CLOSED FOR ALL RAPTOR SPECIES NOT LISTED.