

CR 23-02
Taking of Raptors for Falconry
2023-2024



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NEVADA RAPTORS

- 18 regularly occurring diurnal raptors in NV:
 - 15 breeding species
 - 3 additional migrants
- 11 species of nocturnal raptor (i.e., owls) breed in Nevada
- 8 diurnal and 1 nocturnal are allowed for falconry



Great-horned Owl



Northern Goshawk



Peregrine Falcon

FALCONRY IN NEVADA SINCE 2010

Year	Number of Applications / Number of Falconers*	Number of successful Falconers	Number of Raptors	Red-tailed Hawk	Cooper's Hawk	Prairie Falcon	Goshawk (early)	Ferruginous Hawk	Kestrel	Merlin	Goshawk (passage)	Great-horned Owl	Sharp-shinned Hawk
2021	31/30	9	9	3	2	1	1		1	1			
2020	27/24	6	7	2	1	2	1						1
2019	28/26	8	9	5	2	2							
2018	30/28	13	14	7	4	1	1				1		
2017	35/29	12	15	4	3	3	2	1	2				
2016	30/27	9	9	5	2	1		1					
2015	35/34	15	17	8	1	1	5	2					
2014	38/34	16	19	8	2	5	1	1		2			
2013	36/31	19	26	13	5	4	3					1	
2012	26/20	9	14	2	3	5		2	1		1		
2011	27/25	14	15	5	3	4	1		1	1			
2010	27/24	17	18	8	1	2	5	1	1				
			Total for past 12 years:	70	29	31	20	8	6	4	2	1	1

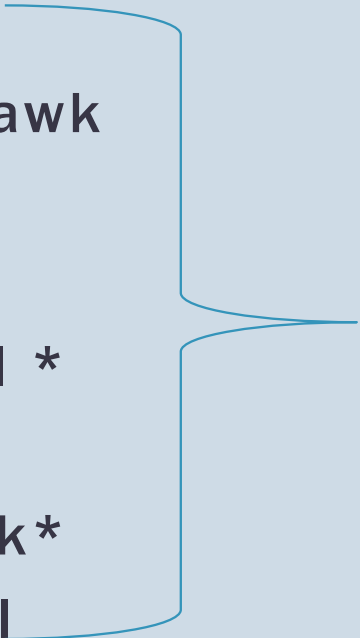
* Each falconer is allowed to submit up to two applications

RECOMMENDED 2023-2024 REGULATIONS



- Limit of one raptor per permit of 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.
- Limit of two permits issued to any one person per calendar year
- Raptors may be taken any time of the day or night during the open season

SPECIES OPEN TO FALCONRY

- Cooper's Hawk
 - Sharp-shinned Hawk
 - Prairie Falcon *
 - Merlin
 - American Kestrel *
 - Red-tailed Hawk
 - Ferruginous Hawk*
 - Great-horned Owl
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- Open statewide
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- Northern Goshawk * - statewide except Elko County north of I-80, which is closed.

* Species of Conservation Priority in the Nevada Wildlife Action Plan

SEASONS AND TAKE RESTRICTIONS

Eyas Season – March 1 – August 31 of each year

Passage Season – January 1 – December 31 of each year

- One eyas must be left in each nest from which a raptor is captured
- No eyas may be removed prior to 10 days of age
- No aerie may be entered when young are 28 days or more of age.



SPECIES QUOTAS

- Cooper's Hawk
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Merlin
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Great-horned Owl

- Unlimited Resident Applications
- Limit of 3 Nonresident Applications
- Quota of 50 individuals

- Prairie Falcon *
- Passage Northern Goshawk *
- American Kestrel *

- Unlimited Resident Applications
- Limit of 3 Nonresident Applications
- Quota of 15 individuals

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SPECIES QUOTAS

■ Eyas Northern Goshawk *

- Resident Limit of 10 Applications
- Nonresident Limit of 3 Applications
- Quota of 10 individuals

■ Ferruginous Hawk *

- Resident Limit of 5 Applications
- Nonresident Limit of 1 Application
- Quota of 5 individuals

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QUESTIONS?



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