

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH



RAPTOR TAKE POLICY

This policy allows for the taking of certain species of raptors from the wild for the use in falconry with the appropriate New Mexico state falconry permit pursuant to regulation 19.35.8 NMAC.

I. RAPTOR TAKE – General Provisions

The categories to be taken may include eyas, passage and adult raptors as specified within.

EYASES may be taken from April 1 through January 15 of the subsequent year, and only by holders of general or master falconer permits (except peregrine falcons, see page 3).

PASSAGE raptors may be taken from April 1 through January 15 of the subsequent year (except peregrine falcons, see page 3).

- No apprentice falconer shall be permitted to take more than one replacement raptor during the calendar year.
- No general or master falconer shall be permitted to take more than two replacement raptors during the calendar year.
- Specific species may be taken by a draw permit available to permitted falconers (see pages 2 and 3).
- Raptor takes shall not be construed to allow any falconer to exceed the number of birds or acquire a species other than indicated by the falconry permit class held by that person.
- Any raptor taken shall be reported to the department within 10 days and filed through the USFWS 3186-A electronic reporting system unless otherwise required or approved by the department.
- No raptor may be taken on private land without written permission by the landowner or on any public land where take is prohibited.
- Resident falconers do not need a take permit for the following raptor species listed in TABLE 1.
- Nonresidents must apply for a nonresident raptor take permit for the species listed in TABLE 1. Only nonresidents who hold a valid falconry permit from a state that allows reciprocal take may apply. Proof of reciprocal take must be submitted with the application.
- A raptor may be taken from the wild by traps or nets that minimize the potential of physical injury and unnecessary stress to the raptor. Examples of acceptable devices are the bal-chatri, dho-gazza, harness-type, phi trap, bow net traps, or other trapping devices that are humane and acceptable as commonly used in falconry trapping procedures. The permitted falconer must continually attend trapping devices while in use.

TABLE 1. Raptors Available for Take by Residents and Non-residents

Species to be Taken	Open Areas	Categories to be Taken
American Kestrel	Statewide	Eyas, Passage and Adult raptors
Great Horned Owl	Statewide	Eyas, Passage and Adult raptors
Cooper's Hawk	Statewide	Eyas and Passage raptors
Prairie Falcon	Statewide	Eyas and Passage raptors
Red-tailed Hawk	Statewide	Eyas and Passage raptors
Sharp Shinned Hawk	Statewide	Eyas and Passage raptors
Ferruginous Hawk	Statewide	Passage raptors
Merlin	Statewide	Passage raptors

II. RAPTOR TAKE – Harris Hawk & Northern Goshawk Draw for Permitted Falconers

Species to be Taken	Open Areas	Total #/Categories	Conditions
Harris Hawk	East of US 285	Passage or Eyas - up to 6 total	A single passage raptor or a single eyas. Eyas shall be taken only from nests with at least 3 eyases.
Northern Goshawk	North and East of US 180 - I-10	Passage or Eyas - up to 6 total	A single passage raptor or a single eyas. Eyas shall be taken only from nests with at least 3 eyases.

The draw is held annually. Applications must be submitted to the LED Special Use Permits Program by the deadline stated on the [Raptor Take Application](#). The draw will be conducted within 10 days from submittal deadline and results will be available within 5 days of the draw.

The limit of 6 passage or eyas Harris Hawks and 6 passage or eyas Northern Goshawks are statewide limits, not individual limits for individual falconers.

- Applications for raptor take permits shall be submitted on the appropriate [Raptor Take Application](#) form. Applications are available at the department website www.wildlife.state.nm.us.
- An application fee shall be required from each applicant per application submitted, no refunds.
- Applications for permits may be rejected if such applications are not on the proper [Raptor Take Application](#) form or do not supply adequate fee and information.
- All applications must be mailed to the Santa Fe office, NMDGF, Attn: LED Special Use Permits, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Applications that have been mailed and postmarked but not delivered by the deadline date will be accepted up to 5 working days after that deadline.
- No person shall submit more than one application per species per year except as allowed herein. Those submitting more than one application per species will result in the rejection of all previous applications.
- If applications for permits exceed the number of available permits, as herein established, the available permits shall be allotted by means of a random public drawing in the Santa Fe office in the order of: Peregrine, Harris Hawk then Northern Goshawk.
- A maximum of one permit per species will be awarded to a successful applicant, the remaining permits will be available to other applicants.
- Nonresidents may apply for the take of Harris Hawk and Northern Goshawk, but will only be awarded if there are permits left over from the resident draw and to those who have met the application deadline and requirements.
- The total number of available permits to nonresidents will not exceed two permits per species.
- A resident applicant who successfully applied but did not draw may accept an undrawn permit for a different species. However if the number of unsuccessful applicants exceeds the number of leftover permits per species, then a second draw will be conducted. If any leftover permits remain, they may be awarded on a first come first serve basis within the take season.
- No one may transfer, barter, sell or trade a raptor take permit; the permit shall only be valid for the person in whose name it is issued.
- All raptor take permits expire at the end of the respective season regardless of success.
- No raptor may be taken on private land without written permission from the landowner or on any public land where take is prohibited.
- A non-reusable numbered band must be attached to every wild Harris Hawk and Northern Goshawk; bands may be obtained by submitting the [Raptor Take Permit](#) results to the LED Special Use Permits Program.

III. RAPTOR TAKE – Peregrine Falcon Draw for Resident Falconers Only

Species	Open Area	Categories	Conditions
Peregrine Falcon	West of I-25, North of I-10	Passage or Eyas - up to 2 total	A single passage raptor or a single eyas. Eyas shall be taken only from nests with at least 2 eyases.

Requirements for Peregrine take:

- Applicants must be a resident general or master falconer. Nonresidents may not apply for peregrine take.
- The limit of two peregrine falcons is a statewide limit, not individual limits for individual falconers.
- **EYAS SEASON:** shall be from April 1 through July 31 and at least one eyas must remain in the nest.
- **PASSAGE SEASON:** shall be from April 1 through August 31.
- **EYAS CAPTURE:** for each nest site location that you either attempt or succeed the following must be submitted: 1.) exact GPS coordinates [Map Datum NAD83 preferred] 2.) photographic images to include a panoramic view of the nest site and surrounding geographic features and 3.) photographic images of the nest that depict the exact number of eyas that are in the nest before and after a removal or attempted removal.
- While scouting for peregrine nest/eyas, you will be required to provide the department approximate GPS coordinates [Map Datum NAD83 preferred] of all peregrine nest sites identified and long distance, panoramic photographic images.
- Observations made for scouting or designating eyries as potential capture locations must be conducted without disturbance to the nesting birds at a distance > 1/4 mile.
- In advance of attempt to take, the falconer awarded the peregrine permit must submit the Observation Report Form to the LED Special Use Permits Program with a list of up to 3 eyrie locations, identified to at least a quarter section or GPS coordinates [Map Datum NAD83 preferred], where capture would be conducted for review and prior approval by the department. The department will respond within 10 business days of submittal and either approve or deny the locations for the take. If all 3 sites are rejected, or if one or more sites prove to be unoccupied, the applicant may submit additional sites for consideration within the confines of the permitted season.
- Potential capture sites may be denied by the department based on appropriate biological data.
- Follow up work with department’s professional staff to ensure a follow-up examination is conducted on any eyrie(s) visited and the eyrie from which the eyas is taken to determine reproductive outcome in the year of the take and in the following nesting season by submitting a final Observation Report Form.
- **PASSAGE CAPTURE:** A passage peregrine may be taken from the wild by traps or nets that minimize the potential of physical injury and unnecessary stress to the raptor. Examples of acceptable devices are the bal-chatri, dho-gazza, harness-type, phi trap, bow net traps, or other trapping devices that are humane and acceptable as commonly used in falconry trapping procedures. The permitted falconer must continually attend trapping devices while in use.
- No one may transfer, barter, sell or trade a raptor take permit; the permit shall only be valid for the person in whose name it is issued.
- All raptor take permits expire at the end of the respective season regardless of success.
- No raptor may be taken on private land without written permission from the landowner or on any public land where take is prohibited.
- A non-reusable numbered band must be attached to every wild Peregrine Falcon captured; bands may be obtained by submitting the Raptor Take Permit results to the LED Special Use Permits Program.
- A peregrine falcon that is marked with a research band such as a colored band with alphanumeric codes or some other research marking attached must be reported to the Federal Bird Banding Laboratory (1-800-327-2263) and the LED Special Use Permits Program (505-476-8064) within 5 business days of the date of capture. The permittee must document and report the research band numbers, location and date of capture, followed by the immediate release of such peregrine falcon.

IV. POLICY MODIFICATION & REPORTING REQUIRMENTS FOR ALL RAPTOR TAKE

- The take by permitted falconers as described herein may be withheld or modified for any species whose wild populations in New Mexico may be adversely affected by such harvest.
- The director may modify this policy at any time.
- Any raptor taken shall be reported on the proper form(s) and database to the department within 10 days. The database notification shall be filed through the USFWS 3186-A electronic reporting system unless otherwise required or approved by the department.

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James S. Lane, Jr., Director

2/10/12

Effective Date

RAPTOR TAKE APPLICATION



FOR DEPT. USE ONLY
Check # _____
Amount\$ _____
Date ____/____/____
Initials _____

*Submit this application to the Law Enforcement Division Special Use Permits Program by the end of the business day on **March 9, 2012**. Drawing will be held within 10 business days of submittal deadline, notification will occur within 5 days of draw.
(Please Print)*

Name: _____

Falconer Class: _____ State Permit No. _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit one application form plus the non-refundable fee for each species you are applying for

NM Resident Falconer Fee \$ 8.00
Non-resident Falconer Fee \$ 20.00

SPECIES CHOICE **Northern Goshawk** **Harris Hawk** **Peregrine**

	Northern Goshawk	Harris Hawk	Peregrine Falcon
Available Take Permits	Up to 6 Passage or Eyas	Up to 6 Passage or Eyas	Up to 2 Passage or Eyas
Take Dates	April 1 – January 15	April 1 – January 15	Eyas - April 1 – July 31 Passage - April 1 – August 31

One take permit will be issued to each successful falconer for a single Passage or Eyas raptor; it will be that falconer's choice as to the age they prefer to take. The seasons for each species are as stated in rule and policy and must be adhered to. There are additional requirements for successful Peregrine Take permittee's, please read the policy prior to submitting an application.