

Nebraska Game and Parks  
Commission  
Raptor Collecting Permit Application



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**Application Instructions:**

- 1) Complete this application and sign where indicated.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (last 4 digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of take: ☐ Eyas ☐ Passage

Species you intend to capture: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Important:** This application and any issued Raptor Collecting Permit may include multiple species, but each permit will only be valid for capturing **one (1)** bird.

- 2) Attach a copy of your current falconry permit.
- 3) Attach a check for \$236.00 (which includes a \$2.00 issuing fee) payable to "Nebraska Game and Parks Commission."
- 4) Mail application materials to: Joel Jorgensen  
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
2200 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68503
- 5) Questions? See the attached page or contact: Joel Jorgensen, 402-471-5440  
[joel.jorgensen@nebraska.gov](mailto:joel.jorgensen@nebraska.gov)

## IMPORTANT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CAPTURE OF RAPTORS IN NEBRASKA

**NOTE:** this is NOT a complete set of all Nebraska falconry statutes and regulations. This is a listing of the regulations that falconers should be familiar with when submitting a Raptor Collecting Permit application.

### 009.05 GENERAL REGULATIONS. It shall be unlawful:

009.05D for any General or Master Class permittee to take no more than two (2) young raptors not yet capable of flight (eyases) during any calendar year.

009.05E for any permittee to take eyases birds of the following species in Nebraska without written authorization from the Commission: Prairie Falcon, (*Falco mexicanus*), Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), Merlin (*Falco columbarius*), Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*), or Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*).

009.05F for any permittee to take a first year (passage) bird in Nebraska, except during a period from August 1 through January 31. It shall be unlawful for legally-possessed raptors that have escaped to be trapped at any time.

009.05G for any permittee to take a raptor over one year old, except American Kestrels (*Falco sparverius*) and Great-horned Owls (*Bubo virginianus*). Any raptor, other than endangered or threatened species, or a Bald Eagle, taken under a depredation permit may be used for falconry by permittees in the General or Master Class. A Master Falconer authorized to possess Golden Eagles for use in falconry may capture a Golden Eagle under the provisions in 50 CFR part 22.

### 009.07 RAPTOR COLLECTING PERMIT

General Regulations for the Collection of Raptors. In addition to the unlawful restrictions described in 009.05A through 009.05Z, it shall be unlawful:

009.07A for any permittee to sell, trade, purchase or barter any wild raptor. Wild raptors may only be transferred.

009.07B for any permittee to take more than two wild raptors in any twelve month period.

### 009.08 RAPTOR COLLECTING PERMIT QUALIFICATIONS

009.08A A resident of another state must provide completed raptor collecting permit application and provide a copy of the home state falconry permit held prior to being issued a raptor collecting permit in Nebraska.

009.08B Raptor collecting permits will be issued at the discretion of the Commission.

009.08C An applicant must submit an Acquisition/Disposition report, to be supplied by the Commission, completed in accordance with the instructions on the form and within five (5) calendar days of collecting any wild raptor.

## RAPTOR COLLECTING PERMIT (RCPs) ISSUING GUIDELINES

### **Passage Take Guidelines**

Passage birds may be taken in Nebraska from 1 August through 31 January. An RCP application for passage take will be accepted beginning 1 July of each year. Each RCP application and permit may include multiple species, but each permit will only be valid for capturing **one (1)** bird. A falconer may submit as many RCP permit applications as desired.

All RCPs for passage take will be filled on a “first come, first-served” basis until a species’ allotment, as determined during that particular year based on current information, is exhausted. If an individual has been issued an RCP for a species and filled the permit (i.e., captured a passage bird), another RCP may not be issued for that species to that individual for three years. If an individual does not fill an RCP, said individual is eligible to submit an RCP in any subsequent year.

### **Eyas Take Guidelines**

RCP applications for eyas take will be accepted beginning 10 January each year. An RCP application and permit may include multiple species, but each permit will only be valid for capturing **one (1)** bird. A falconer may submit as many RCP permit applications as desired.

All RCPs for eyas take will be filled on a “first come, first-served” basis until a species’ allotment, as determined during that particular year based on current information, is exhausted. If an individual has been issued an RCP for a species and filled the permit (i.e., captured an eyas), another RCP may not be issued for that species to that individual for three years. If an individual does not fill an RCP, said individual is eligible to submit an RCP during any subsequent year.