

# Commission Order 25: Raptors

## RESIDENT FALCONERS - RAPTOR CAPTURE SEASONS

Statewide - As defined in ARS§17-101, excluding wildlife areas not opened for hunting under R12-4-802.

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping under ARS§17-303, 304, or R12-4-301, 801, 802, 803.

Hunt Number	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Raptor	Annual Permits
-	Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2011, 2012 May 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,2,3)	Statewide.	Eyas American Kestrel, great horned owl, and western screech owl. Eyas or passage Cooper's hawk, prairie falcon, red-tailed hawk, and sharp-shinned hawk.	-
-	Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2011, 2012 Sept 15 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,3)	Statewide.	Passage and adult American kestrel, great horned owl, and western screech owl.	-
-	Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2011, 2012 May 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,2,4)	Statewide except Yuma and La Paz counties.	Eyas or passage Harris' hawk.	-
-	Jan 1 – Feb 28, 2011, 2012 Jun 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,2,4)	Statewide except all Units south of the Gila River.	Eyas or passage northern goshawk.	-
21,001	May 1 – Aug 15, 2011, 2012	(1,2,4,5)	Statewide.	Eyas or passage peregrine falcon.	5
-	Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1)	Statewide	Passage merlin.	-
-	Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1)	Statewide except all Units north of the Gila River, excluding Units 42, 26M, and 47M.	Passage ferruginous hawk.	-

- Notes:**
- Class I falconers are limited to capture of passage American kestrels and red-tailed hawks between Jan 1 to Jan 31 and Sept 15 to Dec 31.
  - No eyas shall be removed unless 1 (one) or more live eyas raptors remain in the nest (R12-4-422.K.3).
  - In Pima, Pinal, Graham, Santa Cruz, and Cochise counties, Western screech-owls may only be captured in Sonoran Desert habitats below 2500 ft elevation.
  - Harris' hawks, northern goshawks, and peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). Contact one of the Departments' Regional Falconry Permit Coordinators prior to your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding.
  - Eyas peregrine falcons may only be taken between 18 and 27 days of age in the nest.

**Live Bag Limit Only:** Class I falconers may capture one replacement raptor, and Class II and Class III may capture two raptors alive per 12-month period (R12-4-422.F-H).

**Possession Limit:** Class I falconers may possess 1 raptor; Class II falconers may possess 2 raptors; Class III falconers may possess 3 raptors (R12-4-422.F-H).

**Licenses Required:** Any valid hunting or combination license except a Three-Day Hunting (Class H), a Sport Falconry License, and a Federal Falconry License.

**Definitions:** Eyas and passage raptors - As defined in R12-4-422.A.1, A.3, and A.4.

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### NONRESIDENT FALCONERS - RAPTOR CAPTURE SEASONS

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Hunt Number	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Raptor	Annual Permits
-	Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2011, 2012 May 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,2,3)	Statewide.	Eyas American Kestrel, great horned owl, and western screech owl. Eyas or passage Cooper's hawk, prairie falcon, red-tailed hawk, and sharp-shinned hawk.	-
-	Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2011, 2012 Sept 15 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,3)	Statewide.	Passage and adult American kestrel, great horned owl, and western screech owl.	-
20,002	Jun 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,2,4)	Statewide except all Units south of the Gila River.	Eyas or passage northern goshawk.	3
21,003	May 1 – Aug 15, 2011, 2012	(1,2,4,5)	Statewide.	Eyas or passage peregrine falcon.	3
22,001	May 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1,2,4)	Statewide except Yuma and La Paz counties.	Eyas or passage Harris' hawk.	10
-	Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1)	Statewide	Passage merlin.	-
-	Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2011, 2012	(1)	Statewide except all Units north of the Gila River, excluding Units 42, 26M, and 47M.	Passage ferruginous hawk.	-

- Notes:**
- Class I falconers are limited to capture of passage American kestrels and red-tailed hawks between Jan 1 to Jan 31 and Sept 15 to Dec 31.
  - No eyas shall be removed unless 1 (one) or more live eyas raptors remain in the nest (R12-4-422.K.3).
  - In Pima, Pinal, Graham, Santa Cruz, and Cochise counties, Western screech-owls may only be captured in Sonoran Desert habitats below 2500 ft elevation.
  - Harris' hawks, northern goshawks, and peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). Contact one of the Departments' Regional Falconry Permit Coordinators prior to your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding.
  - Eyas peregrine falcons may only be taken between 18 and 27 days of age in the nest.

**Live Bag Limit Only:** Class I falconers may capture one replacement raptor, and Class II and Class III may capture two raptors alive per 12-month period (R12-4-422.F-H).

**Possession Limit:** Class I falconers may possess 1 raptor; Class II falconers may possess 2 raptors; Class III falconers may possess 3 raptors (R12-4-422.F-H).

**Licenses Required:** Nonresident Class F or G license, a Falconry License from a Non-Arizona State recognized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as meeting Federal Falconry Standards, and a Federal Falconry License.

**Definitions:** Eyas and passage raptors - As defined in R12-4-422.A.1, A.3, A.4.

**RESIDENT FALCONER  
HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
PEREGRINE FALCON (21,001)**

Capture of peregrine falcons by resident licensed falconers is allowed with a valid Arizona peregrine falcon hunt permit-tag from May 1 – August 15. Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture peregrine falcons.

Peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). **We request that you contact one of the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinators prior to your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding. Normal business hours for the Arizona Game & Fish Department Regional Offices are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM; please plan your trip, captures, and subsequent banding accordingly.**

Five hunt permit tags (total) will be drawn annually (R12-4-114 and R12-4-104). The odds of being drawn are based on the number of applications received.

**2011 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure:** Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, February 22, 2011 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, March 15, 2011. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

**2012 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure:** Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, February 21, 2012 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, March 13, 2012. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Tuesday March 27, 2012.

Use this procedure if you are requesting an Arizona peregrine falcon hunt permit-tag. This procedure does not apply to other raptors that may be legally taken under Commission Order 25. Use Forms 624 and/or 390 (Hunt Permit Application/Application for Hunt License) available at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or any licensed dealer.

**Be sure to:** (1) On Form 624, in the box marked FIRST CHOICE HUNT NUMBER write 21,001 for peregrine falcon. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2011 and/or 2012 as requested, or complete the license request (Form 390) and include the proper fees. **All applicants must have an Arizona Hunting license to be eligible for the draw (R12-4-104). Applicants not drawn will still be issued an Arizona Hunting license.** (3) Fill in your social security number, this is a Federal requirement. A Department I.D. number may also be used to track hunter information including bonus points, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include the application fee with your application. Personal check, certified check, cashier's check or money order must be payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. **Cash will not be accepted.** (5) Send the application (Form 624) with a valid license number or a completed license request form (Form 390) with the proper fees in the envelope to P.O. BOX 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052. (6) Use the correct postage.

Complete and proper preparation of an application is the sole responsibility of the applicant. The Department may assist, but cannot inspect applications or guarantee they are correct.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY U.S. MAIL ONLY BY TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011 (FOR 2011 PERMITS) OR TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 (FOR 2012 PERMITS) AT THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, PHOENIX OFFICE.**

**NONRESIDENT FALCONER  
HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
NORTHERN GOSHAWK (20,002)**

Capture of northern goshawks by nonresident licensed falconers is allowed with a valid Arizona northern goshawk hunt permit-tag from June 1 - December 31. Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture Northern Goshawks.

Northern goshawks must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). **We request that you contact one of the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinators prior to your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding. Normal business hours for the Arizona Game & Fish Department Regional Offices are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM; please plan your trip, captures, and subsequent banding accordingly.**

Three hunt permit tags (total) will be drawn annually (R12-4-114 and R12-4-104). The odds of being drawn are based on the number of applications received.

**2011 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure:** Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, February 22, 2011 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, March 15, 2011. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

**2012 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure:** Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, February 21, 2012 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, March 13, 2012. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Tuesday March 27, 2012.

Use this procedure if you are requesting an Arizona northern goshawk hunt permit-tag. This procedure does not apply to other raptors that may be legally taken under Commission Order 25. Use Forms 624 and/or 390 (Hunt Permit Application/Application for Hunt License) available at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or any licensed dealer.

**Be sure to:** (1) On Form 624, in the box marked FIRST CHOICE HUNT NUMBER write 20,002 for northern goshawk. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2011 and/or 2012 as requested, or complete the license request (Form 390) and include the proper fees. **All applicants must have an Arizona Hunting license to be eligible for the draw. Applicants not drawn will still be issued an Arizona Hunting license (R12-4-104).** (3) Fill in your social security number, this is a Federal requirement. A Department I.D. number may also be used to track hunter information including bonus points, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include the application fee with your application. Personal check, certified check, cashier's check or money order must be payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. **Cash will not be accepted.** (5) Send the application (Form 624) with a valid license number or a completed license request form (Form 390) with the proper fees in the envelope to P.O. BOX 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052. (6) Use the correct postage.

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Northern goshawk capture is closed in all Game Management Units south of the Gila River.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY U.S. MAIL ONLY BY TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011 (FOR 2011)**

**PERMITS) OR TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 (FOR 2012 PERMITS) AT THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, PHOENIX OFFICE.**

**NONRESIDENT FALCONER  
HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
HARRIS' HAWK (22,001)**

Capture of Harris' hawks by nonresident licensed falconers is allowed with a valid Arizona Harris' hawk hunt permit-tag from May 1 – December 31. Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture Harris' Hawks.

Harris' hawks must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). **We request that you contact one of the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinators prior to your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding. Normal business hours for the Arizona Game & Fish Department Regional Offices are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM; please plan your trip, captures, and subsequent banding accordingly.**

Ten hunt permit tags (total) will be drawn annually (R12-4-114 and R12-4-104). The odds of being drawn are based on the number of applications received.

**2011 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure:** Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, February 22, 2011 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, March 15, 2011. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

**2012 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure:** Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, February 21, 2012 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, March 13, 2012. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Tuesday March 27, 2012.

Use this procedure only to request an Arizona Harris' hawk hunt permit-tag. This procedure does not apply to other raptors that may be legally taken under Commission Order 25. Use Forms 624 and/or 390 (Hunt Permit Application/Application for Hunt License) available at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or any licensed dealer.

**Be sure to:** (1) On Form 624, in the box marked FIRST CHOICE HUNT NUMBER write 22,001 for Harris hawks. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2011, and/or 2012 as requested, or complete the license request (Form 390) and include the proper fees for the license\ s requested. **All applicants must have an Arizona Hunting license to be eligible for the draw (R12-4-104). Applicants not drawn will still be issued an Arizona Hunting license.** (3) Fill in your social security number, this is a Federal requirement. A Department I.D. number may also be used to track hunter information including bonus points, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include the application fee with your application. Personal check, certified check, cashier's check or money order must be payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. **Cash will not be accepted.** (5) Send the application (Form 624) with a valid license number or a completed license request form (Form 390) with the proper fees in the envelope to P.O. BOX 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052. (6) Use the correct postage.

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Harris' hawk capture is open in all Game Management Units except those in Yuma and La Paz counties.

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**DEPARTMENT, PHOENIX OFFICE.**

**NONRESIDENT FALCONER  
HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
PEREGRINE FALCON (21,003)**

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**Be sure to:** (1) On Form 624, in the box marked FIRST CHOICE HUNT NUMBER write 21,003 for peregrine falcon. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2011 and/or 2012 as requested, or complete the license request (Form 390) and include the proper fees for the license requested. **All applicants must have an Arizona Hunting license to be eligible for the draw. Applicants not drawn will still be issued an Arizona Hunting license.** (3) Fill in your social security number, this is a Federal requirement. A Department I.D. number may also be used to track hunter information including bonus points, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include the application fee with your application. Personal check, certified check, cashier's check or money order must be payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. **Cash will not be accepted.** (5) Send the application (Form 624) with a valid license number or a completed license request form (Form 390) with the proper fees in the envelope to P.O. BOX 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052. (6) Use the correct postage.

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