

Commission Order 25: Raptors

RESIDENT FALCONERS - RAPTOR CAPTURE SEASONS

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

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

Hunt Number	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Raptor	Annual Permits
-	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008 Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,2,3,4)	Statewide.	Any American kestrel, great horned owl, or western screech-owl.	-
-	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008 Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,2) (1,2,3)	Statewide.	Eyas or passage birds of the following species: red-tailed hawk, Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, prairie falcon. Only passage birds of the above species and merlins.	-
-	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008 Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,2,5) (1,2,3,5)	Statewide except Yuma and La Paz counties.	Eyas or passage Harris' hawk. Only passage Harris' hawk.	-
-	Jun 1 – Jul 11, 2007 Jun 1 – Jul 11, 2008 Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,2) (1,2,3)	Statewide except all Units south of the Gila River.	Eyas northern goshawk. Passage northern goshawk.	-
-	Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,3)	Statewide south of the Gila River, and Units 42, 42M, and 24B south of Granite Reef Aqueduct (Hayden-Rhodes Aqueduct).	Passage ferruginous hawk.	-
21,001	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008	(1,2,5,6)	Statewide.	Eyas or recently fledged peregrine falcon female.	3
21,002	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008	(1,2,5,6)	Statewide.	Eyas or recently fledged peregrine falcon male.	2

- Notes:**
- Class I falconers are limited to capture of passage American kestrels and red-tailed hawks between Oct 1 and Jan 16 (R12-4-422.F).
 - No eyas shall be removed unless 1 (one) or more live eyas raptors remain in the nest (R12-4-422.K.3).
 - Falconers must possess all appropriate licenses for any calendar year they capture a raptor (ARS§17-332.F).
 - 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 and peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6).
 - Peregrine falcons may only be taken between 18 and 27 days of age in the nest, or within 30 days after fledging.

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: Resident Class F or G license, an Arizona Falconer 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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-	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008 Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,2) (1,2,3)	Statewide. Statewide.	Eyas or passage birds of the following species: red-tailed hawk, Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, prairie falcon. Only passage birds of the above species and merlins.	-
-	Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,3)	Statewide south of the Gila River, and Units 42, 42M, and 24B south of Granite Reef Aqueduct (Hayden-Rhodes Aqueduct).	Passage ferruginous hawk.	-
21,003	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008	(1,2,5,6)	Statewide.	Eyas or recently fledged peregrine falcon female.	1
21,004	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008	(1,2,5,6)	Statewide.	Eyas or recently fledged peregrine falcon male.	2
20,002	Jun 1 – Jul 11, 2007 Jun 1 – Jul 11, 2008 Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,2) (1,2,3)	Statewide except all Units south of the Gila River. Statewide except all Units south of the Gila River.	Eyas northern goshawk. Passage northern goshawk.	3
22,001	May 1 – Jul 11, 2007 May 1 – Jul 11, 2008 Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 16, 2008 Oct 1, 2008 – Jan 16, 2009	(1,2,5) (1,2,3,5)	Statewide except Yuma and La Paz counties. Statewide except Yuma and La Paz counties.	Eyas or passage Harris' hawk. Passage Harris' hawk.	10

- Notes:**
- Class I falconers are limited to capture of passage American kestrels and red-tailed hawks between Oct 1 and Jan 16 (R12-4-422.E).
 - No eyas shall be removed unless 1 (one) or more live eyas raptors remain in the nest (R12-4-422.K.3).
 - Falconers must possess all appropriate licenses for any calendar year they capture a raptor (ARS§17-332.F).
 - 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 and peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6).
 - Peregrine falcons may only be taken between 18 and 27 days of age in the nest, or within 30 days after fledging.

Live Bag Limit Only: Class I falconers may capture one replacement raptor, and Class II and Class III falconers 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 Falconer 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, 21,002)**

Capture of eyas (nestling) or recently fledged (juveniles) peregrine falcons by resident licensed falconers is allowed with a valid Arizona peregrine falcon hunt permit-tag for the spring-summer raptor capture season (May 1 – July 11). Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture peregrine falcons.

According to Federal Falconry Guidelines, eyas peregrine falcons may only be taken between 18 and 27 days of age in the nest, or recently fledged juveniles within 30 days after fledging. Peregrine falcons must be banded by Department personnel within five days of capture (R12-4-422.K.6). We request that you contact the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinator prior to, or at the start of, your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding.

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.

2007 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, January 2, 2007 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, January 30, 2007. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday, February 26, 2007.

2008 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Monday, January 7, 2008 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, February 5, 2008. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday March 3, 2008.

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 females, and 21,002 for peregrine falcon males. (2) Include your Arizona Hunting License Number for year 2007 and/or 2008 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. A Department I.D. Number may be substituted, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include a \$5.00 per person non-refundable 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 52002, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2003. (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, JANUARY 30, 2007 (FOR 2007 PERMITS) OR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 (FOR 2008 PERMITS) AT THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, PHOENIX OFFICE.

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

Capture of eyas (nestling) northern goshawks is allowed in the spring-summer raptor capture season (June 1 - July 11), and passage (juvenile plumage) in the autumn-winter season (October 1 - January 16) with a valid Arizona northern goshawk hunt permit-tag. Only Class II (General) and Class III (Master) falconers are allowed to capture Northern Goshawks.

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.

2007 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Tuesday, January 2, 2007 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, January 30, 2007. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday, February 26, 2007.

2008 Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule and Procedure: Applications (Forms 624/390) will be accepted on or after Monday, January 7, 2008 by U.S. Mail only. The deadline for application receipt is Tuesday, February 5, 2008. No applications will be accepted after this date regardless of the postmark. Hunt permit-tags will be mailed by Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Any unfilled hunt permit tags will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis by U.S. Mail only on Monday March 3, 2008.

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 2007 and/or 2008 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. A Department I.D. Number may be substituted, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include a \$5.00 per person non-refundable 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 52002, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2003. (6) Use the correct postage.

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

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

Capture of eyas (nestling) Harris' hawks by nonresident licensed falconers is allowed in the spring-summer raptor capture season (May 1 - July 11), and passage in the autumn-winter season (October 1 - January 16) with a valid Arizona Harris' hawk hunt permit-tag. 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 the Department's Regional Falconry Coordinator prior to, or at the start of, your hunt to schedule an appointment for banding.

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.

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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 2007, and/or 2008 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. A Department I.D. Number may be substituted, but must be obtained before submitting your hunt permit-tag application. (4) Include a \$5.00 per person non-refundable 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 52002, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2003. (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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