



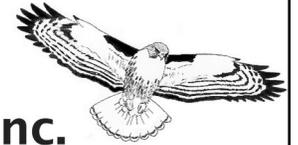
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Clark Kent

American Kestrel



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Type: Falcon

Species: American Kestrel

Name: Clark Kent

Disability: Broken coracoid bone

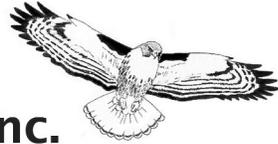
Food: Mostly insects, but some small mammals and birds.

How can you help birds like him?

Clark Kent was probably hurt after he flew into a window. This is very common for small birds like Kestrels. You can help keep birds from hitting windows in many ways. One thing you could do is put screens on the outside of the windows. Another way to help is to cut out pictures of hawks, eagles, or owls and tape them to the windows. Other birds won't want to come near those birds of prey!

Cool Facts:

- You can sometimes spot kestrels eating insects near light-posts at night football games.
- Kestrels can see UV light. This allows them to see trails of urine (yuck!) that their prey leaves behind, kind of like a neon sign saying "Food this way!"

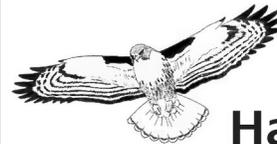


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Miss Tori American Kestrel



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Type: Falcon

Species: American Kestrel

Name: Miss Tori

Disability: Missing right wingtip after an infection

Food: Mostly insects, but also some small mammals and birds.

How can you help birds like her?

We don't know how Miss Tori got hurt, but it could have been a bite from a predator. House cats are one of the biggest predators of small birds. You can help keep birds safe by keeping your cats inside or putting bells on their collars. The bell will help birds hear them so they can stay safe and keep their babies safe.

Cool Facts:

- Kestrels will hide extra food in places like grass clumps, tree roots, and bushes. That way they have a back-up supply in case their food starts disappearing.
- In the nest, kestrels poo on the walls of their nest cavity. That way, the poo dries on the walls and stays off the baby birds.



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Waldo American Kestrel



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Type: Falcon

Species: American Kestrel

Name: Waldo

Disability: Frozen elbow/wrist joint and probable shoulder injury

Food: Mostly insects, but also some small mammals and birds.

How can you help birds like him?

We don't know how Miss Tori got hurt, but it could have been a car accident. It's hard to entirely prevent these types of injuries, but do be considerate if you see a bird when driving!

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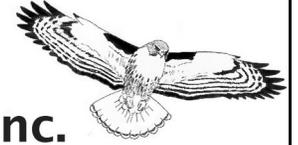
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Isis

Peregrine Falcon



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Type: Falcon

Species: Peregrine Falcon

Name: Isis

Disability: Missing left wingtip after an infection

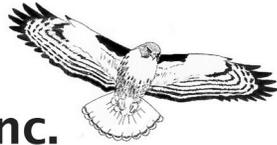
Food: Mostly birds and they can kill prey as large as a Sandhill Crane or as small as a hummingbird. They also eat bats.

How can you help birds like her?

In the past, many Peregrine Falcons have died from eating birds who ate grasshoppers that were poisoned by pesticides. Pesticides are poisons that we use to kill things we don't like, such as grasshoppers who eat our crops. We can help keep Peregrine Falcons safe by reducing the amount of pesticides we use and by not using poisons in our homes.

Cool Facts:

- Peregrine Falcons are the fastest animals on the planet! They have been clocked at speed over 240 mph when they dive down on their prey.
- Some Peregrine Falcons travel from the Arctic tundra to South America each year. That's about 15,500 miles!



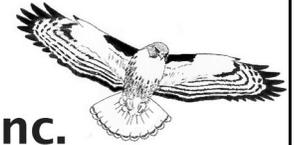
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Merlie Falconbird

Merlin



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Type: Falcon

Species: Merlin

Name: Merlie Falconbird

Disability: Blind in right eye

Food: Merlins are great bird and flying insect catcher.

How can you help birds like her?

We don't know what happened to her eye, but Merlie was found at a very young age. In the United States, it is illegal to keep a wild animal as a pet. You can help injured animals by teaching people about proper ways of rescuing young birds —call a professional wildlife rehabilitator!

Cool Facts:

- Merlin pairs have been seen teaming up to hunt: one Merlin flushes the bird flock by attacking from below; the other comes in to take advantage of the confusion.
- Merlins don't build their own nests. Instead, they take over the old nests of other raptors or crows. They even lay eggs on top of a dome nest instead of using the cavity!



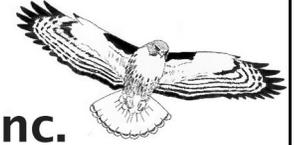
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Lady Kiki

Merlin



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Type: Falcon

Species: Merlin

Name: Lady Kiki

Disability: Missing left wing tip; probably hit by a car.

Food: Merlins are great bird and flying insect catcher.

How can you help birds like her?

Kiki was brought to Second Chance for Wildlife in Price, Utah, transferred to Hawks Aloft in 2014. Her left wing tip was amputated as a result of a collision, probably with a car. In the United States, it is illegal to keep a wild animal as a pet. You can help injured animals by teaching people about proper ways of rescuing young birds—call a professional wildlife rehabilitator!

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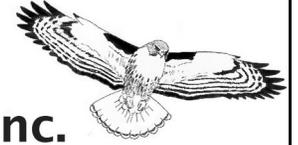


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Sunny Prairie Falcon



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Type: Falcon

Species: Prairie Falcon

Name: Sunny, the Sundance Kid

Disability: Missing wingtip, unknown cause

Food: small birds, small rodents, lizards, and insects, ground squirrels

How can you help birds like him?

We're not exactly sure how Sunny got hurt, but because he was found in the desert, it is possible he got hit by a car. Birds look for food near the road because there are lots of mice and other prey animals gathered by the trash. The shorter grasses and fewer trees also make it an easy hunting ground for many raptors because they can see their prey better. We can help by not littering the roads!

Cool Facts:

- The Prairie Falcon often shares its nesting cliff with Common Ravens, Golden Eagles, and Red-tailed Hawks.
- The Prairie Falcons take more dust-baths than water-baths! It may be because they live in dry areas with not much water.