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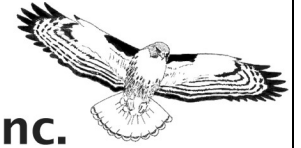
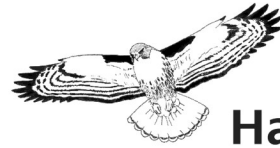
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### Cimarron

### Rough-Legged Hawk



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### Rough-Legged Hawk

*(Buteo lagopus)*

#### Identifying Features:

- Large Hawk
- Wing feathers are pale with a dark edge
- Pale, streaked chest & dark belly

#### Habitat:

- Breeds in the Arctic tundra and taiga
- Winters in grasslands

#### Food:

- Small mammals
- Some birds

#### Cool Facts:

- Nests of Rough-Legged Hawks sometimes contain the bones of caribou along with sticks.
- Rough-Legged Hawks get their name from their feathered legs. There are one of only three American hawks whose legs have feathers all the way to the toes.



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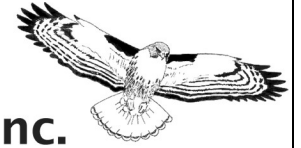
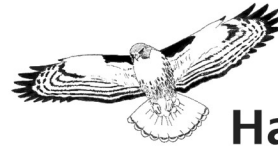
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### Jamaica

### Red-tailed Hawk



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**Type:** Hawk

**Species:** Red-tailed Hawk

**Name:** Jamaica

**Disability:** Bullets and metal in her wing, chest, and head

**Food:** Mostly mammals, such as squirrels and rabbits.

#### How can you help birds like her?

Jamaica became disabled after she was shot! It is illegal to shoot birds of prey even if they are eating your chickens or other livestock. If someone catches you shooting a bird of prey, you can face a \$10,000 fine or even jail time. If you know anyone who shoots raptors, tell them to stop!

#### Cool Facts:

- In movies when you hear an eagle's cry, it is actually the sound made by a Red-tailed Hawk.
- Despite their large size, the biggest Red-tailed Hawks only weigh about 3 lbs.
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### Hudson Swainson's Hawk



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**Type:** Hawk

**Species:** Swainson's Hawk

**Name:** Hudson

**Disability:** Broken wing

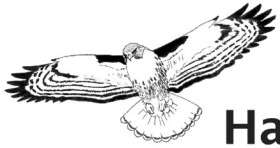
**Food:** During breeding season, they eat: mammals, birds, and reptiles. The rest of the year, they prefer insects, like grasshoppers and dragonflies.

#### **How can you help birds like her?**

Many raptors die from being hit by cars, just like Hudson. When we throw our trash on the side of the road, even things like apple cores and pieces of hamburger, it attracts rodents. With all those mice on the roads, it is practically a buffet for raptors! We can stop this by never littering on the road and picking up trash, even if we didn't put it there.

#### **Cool Facts:**

- Swainson's Hawks have one of the longest migrations of any raptors. They can fly over 6000 miles in less than two months.
- During their migration, Swainson's Hawks will flock together, sometimes numbering in the thousands.



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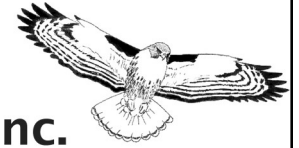
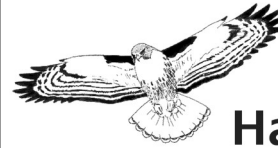
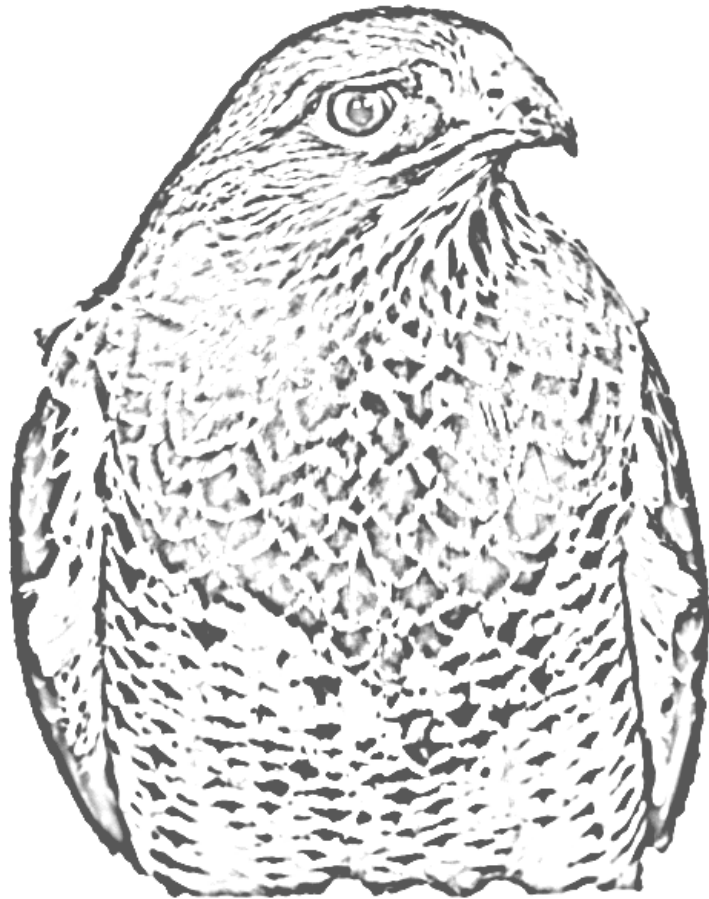
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### Aires Swainson's Hawk



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**Type:** Hawk

**Species:** Swainson's Hawk

**Name:** Aires

**Disability:** Missing eye

**Food:** During breeding season, they eat: mammals, birds, and reptiles. The rest of the year, they prefer insects, like grasshoppers and dragonflies.

#### **How can you help birds like her?**

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**Ferrug**

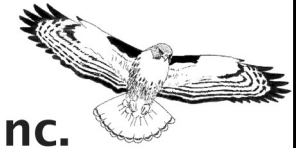
**Ferruginous Hawk**



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**Type:** Hawk

**Species:** Ferruginous Hawk

**Name:** Ferrug

**Disability:** Frozen elbow

**Food:** Mostly mammals, like rabbits, ground squirrels, and prairie dogs

**How can you help birds like him?**

Many raptors die from being hit by cars, just like Ferrug. When we throw our trash on the side of the road, even things like apple cores and pieces of hamburger, it attracts rodents. With all those mice on the roads, it is practically a buffet for raptors! We can stop this by never littering on the road and picking up trash, even if we didn't put it there.

**Cool Facts:**

- Before bison were killed off, Ferruginous Hawks often made their nests from bison bones and wool.
- The Ferruginous Hawk is one of only three American hawks who has feathers all the way to their toes.



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### **Lilla Red-Tailed Hawk**



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**Type:** Hawk

**Species:** Red-Tailed Hawk

**Name:** Aguilita (Lilla)

**Disability:** Missing left eye

**Food:** Small mammals, such as voles and rabbits

#### **How can you help birds like him?**

Many raptors die from being hit by cars, which is our best guess on what happened to Lilla. When we throw our trash on the side of the road, even things like apple cores and pieces of hamburger, it attracts rodents. With all those mice on the roads, it is practically a buffet for raptors! We can stop this by never littering on the road and picking up trash, even if we didn't put it there.

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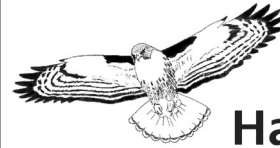
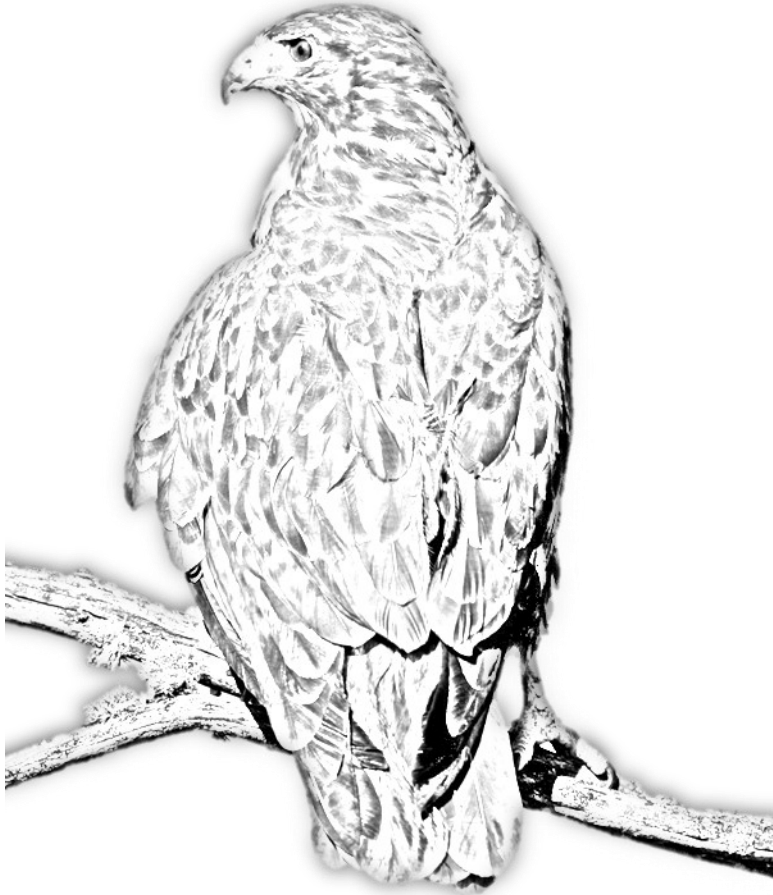
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### **Harlan Red-Tailed Hawk**



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**Type:** Hawk

**Species:** Red-Tailed Hawk

**Name:** Harlan

**Disability:** Missing left eye

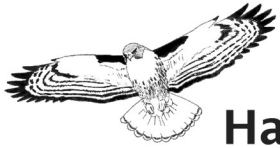
**Food:** Fracture in left wing that did not heal properly.

#### **How can you help birds like him?**

Harlan is a Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk who came to Hawks Aloft in the spring of 2012 from the Cascades Raptor Center in Eugene, Oregon. He was hit by a car. When we throw our trash on the side of the road, even things like apple cores and pieces of hamburger, it attracts rodents. With all those mice on the roads, it is practically a buffet for raptors! We can stop this by never littering on the road and picking up trash, even if we didn't put it there.

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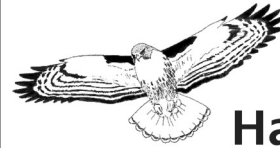
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**Type:** Hawk

**Species:** Cooper's Hawk

**Name:** Forest

**Disability:** Missing left wingtip

**Food:** Mainly birds, such as doves and pigeons

#### **How can you help birds like him?**

Forest was hurt after he flew into a window. This is very common for Cooper's Hawks. 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:**

- Cooper's Hawks capture their prey with their talons like all raptors. Instead of killing their prey by biting it, however, they squeeze it. Sometimes they will even hold their prey underwater until it stops moving.
- Cooper's Hawks thrive around cities because there are so many pigeons.