

Nebraska Falconry Statutes

§37-222. Falconry, defined.

Falconry means the sport of taking quarry by means of a trained raptor.

§37-238. Raptor, defined.

Raptor means any bird of the Accipitriformes, Falconiformes, or Strigiformes, including, but not limited to, caracaras, eagles, falcons, harriers, hawks, kites, osprey, owls, and vultures.

§37-497. Raptors; protection; management; falconry permit; captive propagation permit; raptor collecting permit; fees.

(1) The commission may take such steps as it deems necessary to provide for the protection and management of raptors.

(2) The commission may issue falconry permits for the taking and possession of raptors for the purpose of practicing falconry. A falconry permit may be issued only to a resident of the state who has paid the fees required in this subsection and has passed a written and oral examination concerning raptors given by the commission or an authorized representative of the commission. The commission shall charge a fee for each permit of not more than seventeen dollars for persons twelve to seventeen years of age and not more than forty-six dollars for persons eighteen years of age and older, as established by the commission pursuant to section [37-327](#). If the applicant fails to pass the examination, he or she shall not be entitled to reapply for a falconry permit for a period of six months after the date of the examination. A person less than twelve years of age shall not be issued a falconry permit. A person from twelve to seventeen years of age may be issued a permit only if he or she is sponsored by an adult who has a valid falconry permit and appropriate experience. All falconry permits shall be nontransferable and shall expire three years after the date of issuance. If the commission is satisfied as to the competency and fitness of an applicant whose permit has expired, his or her permit may be renewed without requiring further examination subject to terms and conditions imposed by the commission. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations outlining species of raptors which may be taken, captured, or held in possession.

(3) The commission may issue captive propagation permits to allow the captive propagation of raptors. A permit may be issued to a resident of the state who has paid the fee required in this subsection. The fee for each permit shall be not more than two hundred thirty dollars, as established by the commission pursuant to section [37-327](#). The permit shall be nontransferable, shall expire three years after the date of issuance, and may be renewed under terms and conditions established by the commission. The commission shall authorize the species and the number of each such species which may be taken, captured, acquired, or held in possession. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance and conditions of captive propagation permits.

(4) The commission may issue raptor collecting permits to nonresidents as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission. The fee for a permit shall be not more than two hundred dollars, as established by the commission pursuant to section [37-327](#). A raptor collecting permit shall be nontransferable. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance and conditions of raptor collecting permits.

§37-498. Raptors; take or maintain; permit required.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take or maintain a raptor in captivity, except as otherwise provided by law or by rule or regulation of the commission, unless he or she possesses a falconry permit, a captive propagation permit, or a raptor collecting permit as required by section [37-497](#).

(2) No person shall sell, barter, purchase, or offer to sell, barter, or purchase any raptor, raptor egg, or raptor semen, except as permitted under a falconry or captive propagation permit issued under section [37-497](#) or the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit any sale, barter, purchase, or offer to sell, barter, or purchase any raptor, raptor egg, or raptor semen taken from the wild.

§37-4,103. Raptors; violations; penalty.

Any person violating any provision of section [37-497](#) or [37-498](#) shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor. In addition, the court shall order the revocation of the permit of the offender.

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