



State of Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
277 Great Neck Road
West Kingston, RI 02892

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT(S) TO ENGAGE IN FALCONRY INFORMATION

In order to engage in the sport of falconry in Rhode Island, permits are required. As used herein, "Engage" means to capture, house, train, breed, and/or hunt using birds from the order *Falconiformes* or the order *Strigiformes*. For falconry in Rhode Island, current regulations prohibit the use of Peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*), the American Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), or the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*).

As these migratory species used for falconry are highly regulated, and as the State is entrusted with the care and stewardship of these animals, a regulatory program which includes testing, permitting, facilities inspections, and data collection is necessary. A program of mentorship and education trains new falconers in the proper capture, care and training of birds in order to experience a successful hunt, hopefully ending with a healthy bird ready for release back into the wild.

Separate applications/permits may be needed to 1) become a falconer, to upgrade to a higher class of falconer, or to renew an expired falconer's permit, 2) to capture a bird for training/hunting purposes, and/or 3) for propagation. Permits expire annually on the last day in February.

Propagators ("breeders") must comply with Chapter 20-17 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 50 CFR 21.27 through 21.30 and must submit copies of reports of activities to the DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife at the same time that Federal reports are required.

Permits will not be issued until all information is furnished, including any required reports from previous years. Reports, on state provided forms, are due on or before March 15th each year.

As of this date a federal US Fish & Wildlife Service falconry permit is required prior to Rhode Island issuing a *Permit to Capture*. Further, for Non-resident applicants, a *Permit to Capture* will not be issued without proof that the applicant is permitted to import live birds into the state where the bird(s) will be housed, or that said permit is not required.

Rhode Island residents must provide a copy of a current Resident hunting license, and all other licenses or permits as may be required for the respective hunting season before a capture permit is issued. Intermittent inspections of "mews" (housing facilities) may be performed by DEM Fish & Wildlife staff on a random basis.

Non-residents who intend to hunt with their bird(s) in Rhode Island must have a valid State issued Falconry Permit which meets Federal Falconry standards listed in 50 CFR 21.29(k), and must also obtain a Rhode Island issued Non-resident hunting license, and all other licenses or permits as may be required for the respective hunting season. Non-resident falconers are then permitted to engage in falconry but are limited to 30 consecutive days each calendar year.

The information contained herein is by no means exhaustive. Additional Federal and State Regulations apply.



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ALL APPLICANTS:

1. Name _____ D.O.B. _____ Phone _____

2. Address _____

Email address _____

3. Do you currently possess any raptors? [select one] Yes No
 If yes, identify individuals by species, sex, and federal marker numbers including those held in authorized captive propagation programs: *(Provide copies of Federal Form 3-186A)*

<u>Species</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Federal Marker Numbers</u>

Complete this section for a PERMIT RENEWAL *(Provide previous permit information.)*

Permitting State: _____ Type/Class _____ Permit Number: _____

Federal: _____ Type/Class _____ Permit Number: _____

Complete this section for a PERMIT TO CAPTURE

Please include copies of your *current* State Issued Permit, Federal Fish & Wildlife Permit, and if required by your state, a Permit to Import Live Birds, or other proof of permission to import live birds.

1. Location where bird(s) are to be housed, if different than above:

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

2. Brief description of need for capture permit: _____

3. Date(s) and location(s) of requested activity: _____

4. List raptors obtained during the previous twelve months and the disposition of the bird(s):
