

# WINGBEATS

The Fall 2019 Newsletter of RAPTOR Inc.

Celebrating 41 Years

## Severely Injured Bald Eagle Returns to the Wild

By Jackie Bray

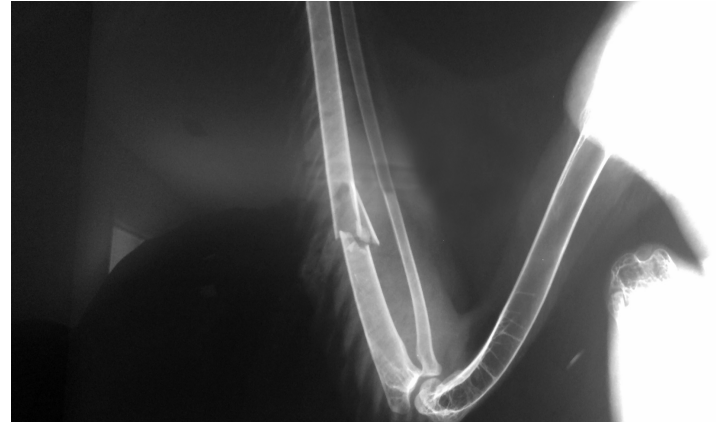
On May 16, 2019 RAPTOR Inc. received an injured adult bald eagle from Pike County Wildlife Officer Matt VanCleve. Officer VanCleve found the bird on the ground in Athens County, Ohio, unable to fly with a nasty wound on its right wing. The officer was suspicious that the bird may have been shot, so he asked us to share any relevant findings in the event that he was able to identify an offender.

On initial examination, the rehabilitators discovered the eagle's right wing was fractured directly beneath the wound with bone exposed. The wound was also infested with parasites. It was obvious that this magnificent, mighty raptor would require extensive wound care, treatment and collaboration over an extended period of time, if it was to recover. The rehabilitators stabilized the bird's condition by providing fluids, antibiotics, and pain and anti-inflammatory medications. The wound was then cleaned, parasites were treated, the wing bandaged and splinted, and arrangements were made to have the bird seen by a veterinarian.

Dr. Ann Manharth at Day Heights Veterinary Clinic was able to see the bird right away. X-rays were taken and the eagle was found to have multiple fractures of the right ulna with exposed bone and parasites still present. Under anesthesia, the injured area was extensively cleaned, bandaged, and splinted. Dr. Manharth confirmed there was no evidence of a gunshot on x-ray, so the Wildlife Officer was informed that the injury most likely occurred from the bird colliding with something. Dr. Manharth suggested that we consult with a veterinary surgeon about the possibility of pinning the fracture, so Dr. J. Peter Hill was contacted at Pet Care Animal Hospital. Dr. Hill reviewed the x-rays and felt the fractures would heal without the additional trauma of surgery to the area, but Dr. Hill asked to see the bird in a few days for wound care and possible sutures.

RAPTOR Inc.'s experienced rehabilitators continued to provide the bald eagle with excellent medical care, despite this large, powerful bird's objections to being confined in the hospital! As the eagle's health improved, its strength and impatience also increased.

Dr. Hill saw the bird on May 21. Since the eagle had become more active, he decided to go ahead and surgically immobilize the fracture by placing a metal pin through the bone fragments. Stabilizing the fracture in this way speeds healing and makes it less likely that



PRE-SURGERY X-RAY



POST-SURGERY X-RAY



RELEASE

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**Mission:** Since 1978, RAPTOR Inc. (Regional Association for the Protection and Treatment Of Raptors) has been dedicated to "the rehabilitation and return of raptors to their natural environment, the education of the public on the importance of raptors, and the preservation of their natural habitat".

## Eagle Release *(continued from page 1)*

the eagle will reinjure itself by bouncing around in its enclosure. The wounds were surgically closed and dressed, and additional strong antibiotics were started. Dr. Hill arranged to see the bird in two weeks for a recheck.

On June 3, Dr. Hill re-examined the eagle and confirmed that the wounds and fractures were healing nicely. Sutures, bandages, and wing wrap splint were removed and all medications were discontinued. The metal pin that was inserted through the bone fragments will remain part of the bird's wing. Dr. Hill felt confident that the eagle's life was no longer in danger, but its ability to regain normal flight and return to the wild would require months of expert rehabilitation at the Raptor Center.

Following Dr. Hill's recommendations, the eagle was kept on crate rest for 9 days, then moved outside to a small enclosure large enough for the bird to stretch out its wings but too small for it to attempt to fly. The outside enclosure provided the eagle with privacy where it could rest and recuperate with little disturbance. The bird was kept in this enclosure for 6 weeks post-surgery to allow time for the fractures to completely heal.

On July 26, the eagle was moved to the Raptor Center's large flight conditioning enclosure. This L-shaped enclosure measures 16 ft. wide x 140 ft. long x 16 ft. tall, with perches available at heights of 1 foot, 5 feet, and 13 feet. On the bird's first day in the enclosure, it was seen on camera (rather clumsily) flying to the 5-foot perch. In two weeks the eagle was flying without effort to the 13-foot perch. On

August 19, just 10 days later, the bird was flying the entire length of the enclosure repeatedly, without effort, banking smoothly around the corner!

Officer VanCleve and other officials from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) were contacted and advised that the bald eagle was ready for release! Athens County Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger was familiar with the geographic area where the eagle was found. He chose the perfect release site along the Hocking River in Coolville, Ohio, with a thick growth of trees on one side and a clear open area on the other.

On August 24, Marc and Cindy Alverson from RAPTOR Inc. drove the bird three hours east and met up with Officers VanCleve and Basinger, along with several local residents wishing to welcome the bird home. The bird exited the crate, took two short hops, then flew to a nearby branch, which happened to break under the weight of the bird. The eagle quickly flew to another, stronger branch, as if nothing had happened. After surveying its home territory for a few minutes, the bald eagle took flight, disappearing over the tree line, beautiful and free.

The Rehabilitation Team at RAPTOR Inc. wants to thank all of the wonderful professionals who contributed their time and talent to the successful rehabilitation and release of this magnificent bald eagle. It was truly a team effort and we are fortunate to have experts in avian care available to help our local birds of prey.

## Mark Your Calendars for our Upcoming RAPTOR Public Appearances

Event Sponsors	Date	Time	Address
14-Nov-19	3:30pm-4:30pm	Walnut Hills Library	2533 Kemper Ln, Cincinnati, OH 45206
23-Nov-19	1pm-2pm	Felicity Branch Library	209 Prather Rd, Felicity, OH 45120
24-Nov-19	1pm-4pm	RAPTOR Inc. Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd, Milford, OH 45150
4-Jan-20	2pm and 5pm	*Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival	Christ Church Cathedral, 318 E 4th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
5-Jan-20	2:30pm and 5pm	*Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival	Christ Church Cathedral, 318 E 4th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
7-Mar-20	9am-3:30pm	*Amish Bird Symposium	3735 Wheat Ridge Rd, West Union, OH 45693
19-Apr-20	10am-11:30am	*OVCC Photo Shoot	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150
17-May-20	10am-11:30am	*OVCC Photo Shoot	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150
14-Jun-20	10am-11:30am	*OVCC Photo Shoot	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150
13-Sep-20	10am-11:30am	*OVCC Photo Shoot	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150
3-Oct-20	12pm-2pm	Immanuel Presbyterian Church	3445 Clifton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220
11-Oct-20	10am-11:30am	*OVCC Photo Shoot	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150

## 2020 Calendars Available!

The 2020 RAPTOR Inc. calendar is now available for purchase! The photos feature birds of prey photographed in their natural habitat around Greater Cincinnati by Photographer and RAPTOR Inc. Volunteer Educator, Jordan West. Each photograph includes an intimate peek into their daily lives. We wish to extend a special thank you to Jordan for

generously donating his beautiful artwork. Calendars are \$15 each. If you wish us to mail it to you – add another \$5.00. Calendars can be purchased online on our website at <http://raptorinc.org/raptor-support/calendar/> or in person at our Milford facility. Call before stopping in to make sure someone is available to greet you.



# Red-tailed Hawk Released at Deupree House

By Annette Kereiakes

On the bright Saturday morning of 25 May 2019, Tom Kereiakes was leaving Deupree House after visiting his mother-in-law, Kay Hauer. Another resident, Mary Austin, hailed him and asked if he wanted to see a hawk on the ground behind the building. The juvenile hawk was unable to fly, possibly due to an injury. Tom remembered a presentation approximately 25 years ago that RAPTOR Inc. gave to a student group that included his sons. He phoned RAPTOR Inc. The volunteer gave him instructions on how to safely secure the bird, and said they would pick up the injured hawk and rehabilitate it, if possible. (RAPTOR Inc. rescues over 300 injured birds each

year. You can learn more from their interesting website at [www.raptorinc.org](http://www.raptorinc.org).)

Tom went home, got a box, gloves and a blanket and returned to Deupree House where Mary Austin was keeping watch. The hawk was gently placed inside the box as another large hawk flew overhead and squawked in protest. Kay Hauer sat with it in the Deupree House lobby (birdwatching!) until the RAPTOR Inc. volunteer came within the hour.

*See Red-tailed Hawk on page 4*

## Celebrating Over 40 Years of Bird of Prey Conservation!

**Little Miami Brewing**  
**Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 5pm-8pm**  
**208 Mill Street, Milford, OH 45150**

Support RAPTOR Inc. while enjoying great local brews and wine! Bring your family and friends to this great fundraising event and help us continue our mission – to conserve local birds of prey! We will be offering:

- RAPTOR Inc. merchandise with graphics designed by Charlie Harper.
- Knowledgeable staff and volunteers to answer all your questions.
- Interesting touchable artifacts that illustrate the amazing adaptations of raptors.

\$1 from each pint of beer or glass of wine will be donated to RAPTOR Inc.!

The event is FREE and open to the public!

## Jordan West Photography Holiday Fundraiser!

In addition to donating the artwork for RAPTOR Inc.'s 2020 Fundraising Calendar, Jordan West Photography is donating 50% of the proceeds from his raptor collection to RAPTOR Inc. in support of local bird of prey conservation! All photos feature wild raptors photographed around the Greater Cincinnati area. Jordan is an accomplished photographer based in Cincinnati, Ohio and he serves as one of our fabulous Volunteer Educators. When asked why he is donating the proceeds from his raptor photography to RAPTOR Inc., he said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to be involved with an organization that works endlessly to educate about, conserve and rehabilitate our local raptor population. I spend so much

time alongside these amazing birds out in the field learning from and photographing them and I look at this as a way of utilizing my photography to give back to them."

Prints can be purchased for as little as \$10. View his artwork in person at one of our Open House events, or view his images online at his website or Instagram account. Purchases can be made through his website and Instagram accounts at <https://www.jordanwestphotography.com/> and <https://www.instagram.com/jtw86/>.

- 5x7 print \$10 – framed \$25
- 8x10 print \$15 – framed \$35
- 8.5x11 print \$20



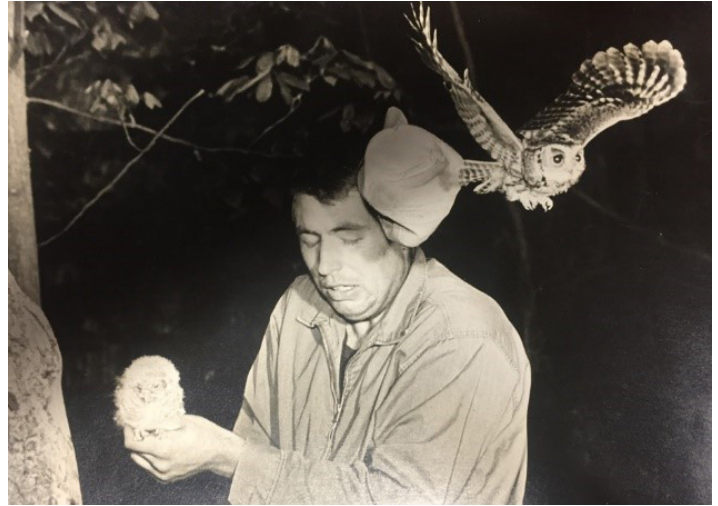
# A Tribute to John B. Holt Jr. (Jack): 1940-2019

By Gary Denzler

On September 14, 2019, the raptor world lost one of its great champions, Jack Holt, Jr. Jack grew up in Massachusetts with a boyhood interest in birds, particularly the hawks, owls, eagles and falcons native to the area. At the age of eighteen, he earned his banding license and began banding raptors at places like Hawk Mountain, Pennsylvania. In 1963, he met Ron Austing, a naturalist and photographer from Cincinnati, who offered Jack a job as a Park Ranger with Hamilton County Parks. Later, they co-authored a book, *World of the Great Horned Owl*.

Jack spent all of his free time banding birds, from nestling great-horned owls in late winter to turkey vultures in mid-summer. Climbing up to the nests was dangerous work. Jack lost one of his eyes while climbing up to a goshawk nest. Fall and winter was spent trapping birds in migratory hot spots like Cape May, New Jersey and Point Pele, Canada. In 1980, Jack was featured in *Sports Illustrated* for his work banding bald eagles. Jack climbed eagle nests to collect blood samples from the chicks to document levels of DDT present in the population, illuminating what was happening to our national bird and, more broadly, to our environment at large.

Jack served as a mentor for a group of young raptor enthusiasts who followed him out on many of his adventures. I was lucky enough to be one of those students. Jack called us his "gaboons." Many of these people went on to become successful and influential falconers, naturalists, banders, and educators, including RAPTOR Inc.'s own Board President, Bander and Researcher Jeff Hays. Jack also



served as an advisor for our organization and assisted the rehabilitators with re-nesting raptor chicks.

I once asked Jack how many birds he had banded. Without hesitation, he responded "25,000." I have never met anyone as committed and passionate about conserving birds of prey. Jack's devotion played an important role in the recovery of our national emblem, and fueled the work of a generation of conservationists working hard today. This old gaboon says "Thanks, Jack," and to fellow gaboons Vickie and Dave Tepe, thanks for constantly being there for Jack.

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## Red-Tailed Hawk (continued from page 3)

RAPTOR Inc. left several messages updating us on the hawk's progress. The bird was a young red-tailed hawk. RAPTOR Inc. rehabilitators thought the hawk had either fledged too early or had been blown out of the nest. It likely would not have made it through the night without assistance because of the ground predators in the area. RAPTOR Inc. treated several cuts on the right leg to ward off infection. After a day or so, the staff noticed the hawk was not using its left leg normally. An x-ray confirmed that the bird's left femur was broken, but not displaced. The leg was splinted by modifying and taping on the clear tube portion from a syringe. The hawk's movements were limited while it healed and, fortunately, the hawk did not disturb the splint.

As healing progressed, the hawk was feisty and restless – a promising sign. After a few weeks of rest, RAPTOR Inc. placed the hawk in an outdoor enclosure to give it limited opportunity to fly. Later the hawk was moved to an even larger enclosure for flight conditioning to strengthen its wings.

RAPTOR Inc. volunteers revisited Deupree House where the hawk had been found and spotted an adult and a juvenile hawk in the area – possibly family. Contrary to popular belief, most birds (including raptors) do not have a well-developed sense of smell and will not reject their offspring after being handled by humans.

On Thursday, 18 July, RAPTOR Inc. staff brought the hawk back to Deupree House to be released. Mary Austin, Kay Hauer, avid birder Alan Gast, and several other residents gathered to celebrate the hawk's return to the wild. RAPTOR Inc. staffer, Jackie Bray, explained hawk behavior as well as this hawk's recovery story, then released the hawk to its home turf. After healing for almost 8 weeks, the hawk flew easily into a tree.

Thanks to the many people who took the time to get involved, this young hawk received a second chance.



RELEASE AT DEUPREE HOUSE

# Technology Provides a Twist on Birdwatching

By Kathleen M. Jenkins

As the days grow shorter and the fall migration season winds down, many birders head indoors. For an increasing number of birders, though, technology is enabling a new way to enjoy their avian hobby: birding online.

Google Street View offers a novel opportunity to spot and identify birds, and National Audubon Society writer and Birdlist website founder, Nick Lund, created the Google Street View Birding group on Facebook to make the most of it. Participants post links to the Google Street View locations including the birds they have spotted. While the birds in the images are often hard to see (sometimes just a few pixels), the group's 2,600-plus members use their knowledge of appearance, size, bird behavior, location, and season to make their identifications, and others in the group confirm or correct the poster's guess.

You may already be familiar with the plethora of nest cams that follow birds as they raise and fledge their offspring, but there are also a great number of feeder cams around the world that offer a chance to observe birds around the world in every season. The fruit feeders in El Valle de Antón, Panama, have hosted more than 50 species of birds not seen in our area, including rufous motmots and chestnut-headed oropendolas.

Hummingbirds spotted in Greater Cincinnati are most often ruby-throated, but there are many more hummingbird species in the US. The West Texas hummingbird cam, located in the Davis Mountain range, gives viewers incredible hummingbird diversity during migration, with multiple species visiting the feeders each day, including rufous, Lucifer, Anna's, and Rivoli's hummingbirds. Viewers may also see other birds and wildlife taking a turn at the feeders.

One of the more popular feeder cams is located in a private backyard in Ontario, Canada. Live throughout the winter, the cam hosts common redpolls, evening grosbeaks and pine grosbeaks, and the occasional ruffed grouse, as well as many of the common species seen in our area: blue jays, crows, chickadees, and cardinals. Cornell University's Sapsucker Woods cam offers a year-round opportunity to enjoy birds up-close on camera.

While you won't need binoculars, hiking boots, insect repellent, or even a map to enjoy these winged wonders, viewing online via nest or feeder cams or Google Street View, you will need a careful eye and a lot of patience – just as with birding in the physical world.

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## RAPTOR Now Has Wheels!

By Marc Alverson

A generous grant from an anonymous donor has allowed RAPTOR to purchase a brand new Ford Transit Connect van. For years RAPTOR has relied upon the generosity of its volunteers for transporting our Educational Ambassador birds to various outreach programs, and for some unique transportation requirements (such as transportation of large quantities of food or release of large birds such as eagles). Previously, RAPTOR educators had to have a car big enough to carry the birds and educational materials.

The new van will provide a professional and economical solution to RAPTOR's transportation needs, as well as expand educational

opportunities to RAPTOR educators who are unable to use their personal vehicles due to size or cost.

Part of the grant for the van included a partial wrap that incorporates eye-catching graphics to announce our presence at various events and advertise our service to our community. (Special thanks to volunteer Megan Mahon for designing the custom graphics for the van.)

### RAPTOR's Education Ambassadors Are Ready To Travel!

The new van has plenty of room for carrying two RAPTOR volunteers; up to five

of our Education Ambassadors, education materials, and tables, chairs, and canopy, if necessary. Equipped with an economical 4-cylinder engine, it gets great gas mileage, and has air conditioning and cruise-control to keep both human and bird passengers comfortable on long trips.

We have already used the new van to carry a bald eagle to its release in Athens County, OH, and have begun to use it for outreach programs.

Keep your eyes out for our new RAPTOR van on the road - it should be easy to spot!



## RAPTOR Wish List

RAPTOR Inc. needs the following items for our bird care facility. To donate any of these items, please email RAPTOR at: [raptor@raptor-inc.org](mailto:raptor@raptor-inc.org) or call 513-825-3325.

- Gas Gift Cards
- Latex or Nitrile exam gloves - large
- Lysol Disinfectant - blue aerosol can
- Pine Bedding
- Printer Paper
- Office Max Gift Card
- Stamps (Forever)

Thank you for all of your donations!

## Amazon Wish List

RAPTOR Inc. is now listed on the Amazon Wish list. For a complete listing of all of the items we use for rehabilitation and to provide our volunteers with all of the necessities, please visit <https://goo.gl/s0LVpG>.

If any of these wish list items is purchased, it is shipped directly to our RAPTOR facility in Milford.

How easy is that?

## Birds Rehabilitated as of September 30, 2019

American Kestrel:	26	Saw-whet Owl:	0	Rough-legged Hawk:	0	<b>2019 Dispositions</b>
Merlin:	1	Snowy Owl:	0	Northern Harrier:	0	
Peregrine Falcon:	3	Short Eared Owl:	0	Turkey Vulture:	9	
Eastern Screech Owl:	21	Sharp-shinned Hawk:	1	Black Vulture:	7	
Barred Owl:	21	Cooper's Hawk:	15	Osprey:	0	
Barn Owl:	0	Broad-winged Hawk:	0	Golden Eagle:	0	<b>Released : 68%</b>
Great Horned Owl:	22	Red-shouldered Hawk:	42	Bald Eagle:	3	<b>Under Care: 7%</b>
Long-eared Owl:	0	Red-tailed Hawk:	43	<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>Died: 11%</b>
						<b>Euthanized: 14%</b>

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 To report an injured raptor in the Greater Cincinnati area call RAPTOR Inc.: (513) 825-3325

# RAPTOR Inc. is Here to Serve You!

The end of the year is fast approaching and that means we will be reaching out to remind you to renew your membership (if you have a student, hawk, owl or eagle membership). As you reflect on why you are a member and what RAPTOR Inc. has done for you, please note that this organization is not only about raptors – we are about serving you!



**Found an injured raptor?  
Call us; we want to help you.**



**Want to help prevent raptor injuries and meet new people? Join us for our litter pick-up four times a year.**



**Want to know about raptors and conservation?  
Visit one of our public presentations listed in the newsletter.**



**Want to have a fun afternoon and see some cool birds? Come to an Open House; we would love to meet you!**



**Want to be a part of our good work?  
Renew your membership today!**

Renewal is easy. Go online: <http://raptorinc.org/raptor-support/membership/> or mail the completed membership form in the envelope included with this issue.

## RAPTOR Inc. Membership

Renewal notices are sent out at the end of the year for annual collection for the following year. Dues paid after September 1 will be credited for the following year.

Please use the form below to become a member or update your contact information. You can also become a member online at our website: [www.raptorinc.org](http://www.raptorinc.org)

If you don't need the membership form, pass it on to someone who might be interested in becoming a member of RAPTOR Inc.

Your membership dollars provide for care, treatment, and feeding of our birds as well as the continuation of our education programs.

Mark the membership level you request. All membership levels include electronic (default) or postal delivery of the newsletter, as well as an invitation to the Fall Picnic. Members are also invited to attend Board meetings and may nominate candidates to serve on the board.

**\$10 Student Membership**  
(1 year - up to age 18)

**\$25 Hawk Membership**  
(1-year)

**\$50 Owl Membership**  
plus receive stunning Raptor Notecard Set

**\$100 Eagle Membership**  
plus receive Charley Harper designed T-Shirt

**\$500 Lifetime Membership**  
plus personalized tour for 5

**Eagle and Lifetime Memberships, please indicate T-Shirt Size: (S, M, L, XL, XXL) \_\_\_\_\_**

*Eagle and Lifetime Memberships also include perks from the level(s) above.*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Check if you prefer postal delivery of Wingbeats

Mail this completed form with your check or money order to:

**RAPTOR Inc., 961 Barg Salt Run Road, Milford, Ohio 45150**  
**Attn: Membership**

Thank you for your support of RAPTOR Inc.!

# Sponsor a Banded Raptor

Since the fall of 1994, RAPTOR Inc. has been banding most rehabilitated birds released back into the wild. Over a long period of time, this will help us determine how successful our rehabilitation efforts are. You can get involved with our "Sponsor a Banded Raptor" program. Sponsors will receive a fact sheet on the selected species and a certificate with the following information:

- Species and date of release
- Age (if known)
- Weight at time of release
- U. S. Fish & Wildlife band number

If the bird you sponsor is recovered, you will be notified of the date and location of the recovery.

## Yes, I would like to sponsor a banded bird of the species checked below:

- American Kestrel: \$50
- Eastern Screech Owl: \$50
- Cooper's Hawk: \$50
- Barred Owl: \$50
- Red-shouldered Hawk: \$50
- Great Horned Owl: \$50
- Red-tailed Hawk: \$50



In the event your selection is not available, we will contact you to arrange an alternative. Sponsoring a bird is tax deductible. All proceeds benefit RAPTOR Inc. Complete this form, enclose a check or money order, and mail to:

**RAPTOR Inc., 961 Barg Salt Run Road, Milford, Ohio 45150**

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