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2010 ARKANSAS PASSAGE PEREGRINE FALCON PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications postmarked on or before **August 26**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service completed a Final Environmental Assessment on the take of migrant (passage) peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) in 2008 and has authorized the live take of three (3) migrating passage peregrine falcons in Arkansas for use in falconry from Sept. 25 – Oct. 20, 2010.

Take Permit Requirements

- Season: **Sept. 25** – Oct. 20, 2010.
- All birds taken must be juveniles or passage birds (less than 1 year old).
- Take is allowed only by permit. There will be 10 resident and 2 non-resident permits available for the capture of a state total of 3 passage peregrines. A permittee may not capture more than 1 bird. If less than 2 non-residents apply, the non-resident permits will be awarded to a state applicant.
- Only general and master class resident and non-resident falconers are eligible for the permit drawing.
- Non-resident applicants who are awarded permits must have a current non-resident Arkansas hunting license by Sept. 25, 2010 in addition to their state's falconry permit.
- Permit holders are required to call the Falconry Coordinator and report take of a falcon within 1 hour of capture.
- Permit holders are required to call a toll-free number each evening between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. for information on the number of birds available for take the next day. When 3 passage peregrines are captured, the season will be closed. If more than 3 birds are taken, the most recently captured falcons must be released so the state total does not exceed 3 falcons taken.
- Any banded bird captured must be immediately released at the site of capture and the band number and location of trapping site reported to the Commission's Falconry Program Coordinator by November 15, 2010.
- Permit holders are required to complete a post-season survey, must submit feathers from any passage peregrine taken under permit and return unused peregrine falconry bands to the AGFC Falconry Coordinator by November 15, 2010. Failure to comply with permit conditions will be an AGFC violation and will result in a fine.
- Permit drawing will be Sept. 1, 2010. Permittees will be notified by phone and mail by September 4, 2010.



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2010 Arkansas Passage Peregrine Falcon Permit Application Form

Applications must be postmarked on or before August 26, 2010.

Applicants must apply by mail using this application.

Only one application may be submitted for each individual.

Multiple application entries will result in disqualification from the drawing.

Name (Last, First, MI) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email address _____

Federal Falconry Permit Number PRT _____

Arkansas Falconry Permit Number _____

Non-resident Falconry Permit Number _____ State _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

**Mail this application to: Arkansas Falconry Permit Draw
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
31 Halowell Lane
Humphrey, AR 72073**

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

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August 13, 2010

Dear Falconer:

In accordance with the Final Environmental Assessment for take of migrant passage peregrine falcons in the U.S. for falconry, the Commission will be conducting a drawing for passage peregrine falcons take permits. There will be three birds available, and 10 resident and 2 non-resident permits will be issued.

Trapping dates are from Sept. 25, 2010 to Oct. 20, 2010. A falconer may submit only one application per year. To apply, falconers must complete an Arkansas Passage Peregrine Falcon Permit Application (enclosed) and submit it to the address on the application postmarked no later than Aug. 26, 2010. Incomplete or incorrect information will disqualify the applicant.

The permit drawing will be conducted on September 1 and permittees will be notified by phone, email and mail no later than September 4.

Permittees will be required to follow permit conditions printed on their permit and listed on the permit application instruction sheet. Because we are issuing more permits than falcons allowed for take in the state, permittees will be required to call a toll-free number each evening for information on the number of birds available for take the next day. Permittees that trap a passage peregrine must notify me by phone within 1 hour of taking their bird. When 3 passage peregrines are captured, the season will be closed. If more than 3 birds are taken, the most recently captured falcons must be released so the state total does not exceed 3 falcons. Failure to comply with any permit conditions will be a violation of AGFC regulations and result in a fine.

I encourage falconers to apply for this unique opportunity to trap a passage peregrine falcon in Arkansas. If you have any questions regarding this permit season, or application process, please feel free to contact me at 877-873-4651.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Rowe".

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