

**TENNESSEE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
PROCLAMATION 21-01
PROCLAIMING THE TAKING OF RAPTORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FALCONRY**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Title 70, Tennessee Code Annotated, and Sections 70-4-107 and 70-4-414 thereof, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the following regulations governing the taking of raptors for the purpose of falconry.

SECTION I. Species, Limits, and Dates of Taking

- (1) Young raptors not yet capable of flight (eyasses) may be taken from the nest by General or Master falconry permit holders. Only one eyass may be taken from any one nest, and then only if two or more eyasses are present.
- (2) First year raptors capable of flight (passage birds) may be taken by any class of falconry permit holder. A qualified permit holder may not take such raptors in excess of his license authorization.
- (3) Apprentice permit holders may take American kestrels (*Falco sparverius*) over one year of age. General or Master permit holders may take great horned owls (*Bubo virginianus*) over one year of age.
- (4) Any raptor other than endangered or threatened species taken under depredation or other special permit may be used for falconry by General or Master falconry permit holders.
- (5) Young raptors (eyasses) may be taken only during the period May 1 through June 30 each year.
- (6) First year (passage) raptors may be taken during the period of August 15 of each year through January 14 of the following year.
- (7) American kestrels and great horned owls over one year old may be taken during the period of August 15 of each year through January 14 of the following year.

SECTION II. Manner and Means

- (1) Eyasses may be taken by hand, but the permit holder shall not damage the nest or harm other occupants in so taking.
- (2) First year (passage) raptors may be taken with nets, traps, or both as approved by the executive director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

SECTION III. Special Regulations

- (1) Permitted falconers may take raptors approved for their class during the periods designated herein after receiving written authorization from the executive director of the TWRA. The authorization from the TWRA shall include:
 - a. Approved species to be taken;
 - b. Location(s) where raptors may be taken;
 - c. Time period in which raptors may be taken; and
 - d. Devices that may be used to take raptors.

- (2) Raptors described under SECTION 1 may be possessed by permitted falconers for the purpose of falconry, or the use in nuisance wildlife abatement upon authorization from the executive director and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

SECTION IV. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 18-01.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission



 Chairman

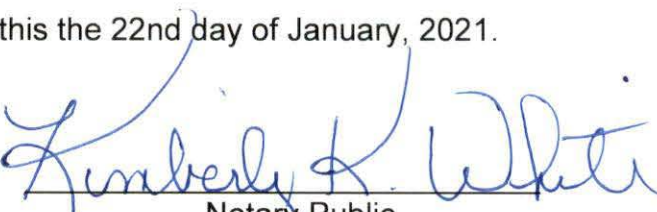
I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on the 22nd day of January, 2021.





 Secretary

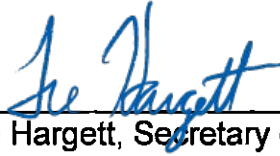
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22nd day of January, 2021.



 Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/08/2022

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Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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