

Falconry Equipment Checklist

- Food Supply - a varied diet of whole food (e.g. quail, rodents, poult, etc)
- Vitahawk - high quality vitamin supplement formulated for raptors
- Bath Pan - suitable size; lots of depth; and material that is easily cleaned
- First Aid Kit - basics to treat cuts, scrapes, pain and swelling (available from Mike's Falconry Supply or make your own)
- Scalex - mite and lice spray; kills feather lice and flat flies
- F-10 - hospital grade disinfectant for cleaning mews and perches
- Aylmeri Anklets and Jesses- 2 piece grommets and pliers
 - appropriate leather types to cut anklets and jesses (*Kangaroo leather is recommended*)
 - non-toxic jess ointments to keep leather supple and strong
- Swivels - falconry swivels or ball bearing "Sampo" of the appropriate size (closed welded rings)
 - no quick disconnect snap attachments and no pet-store clips for dogs and cats
 - should have at least two swivels
- Leashes - have at least two suitable leashes of appropriate strength and length
- Falconry Bells - have at least two pairs of bells
- Glove - should incorporate a safety snap to secure raptor
- Perch - for hawks use a simple bow design incorporating a strong, lightweight, closed ring for securing leash
 - for falcons use a block perch with appropriate closed leash ring.
 - suitable perching surface materials (long leaf astroturf is recommended)
- Weigh Scales - triple beam, digital or counter balance type (*spring type not recommended - inaccurate*)
 - securely mounted perch on scale
- Lures - of an appropriate weight and size
 - have a spare lure, too
- Hoods - properly fitting hoods and a smooth hooding technique are important.
 - have a spare hood
- Giant Hood - a safe design and large enough for the bird's tail to clear; travel perches if bird hooded
- Whistle - plastic/no pea - for cold weather conditions
- Creance - suitable materials - strength, weight, and length considerations
- Bag or Vest - spare field items will be carried, as well as lure, hawk food and possibly game
- I.D. Tags - assists in the location of lost birds
- Telemetry - transmitters are essential, a receiver may be borrowed
- Tail Protector - important for accipiters

Check your equipment regularly!

It is imperative that your equipment be maintained in good order. Nothing lasts forever. If you don't regularly check your leashes, jesses, swivels, etc., for wear you are risking the safety and/or possible loss of your hawk.