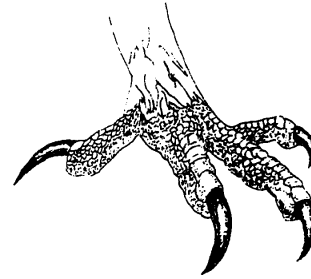


How to Handle an Injured Raptor



You NEED to know that:

- Under Federal and state law is ILLEGAL for any person to injure or possess a bird of prey. An injured bird may be turned over to a licensed rehabilitator.
- The Raptor Education Center is licensed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to rehabilitate injured raptors.
- A raptor's talons and beak are its means of protection and defense. The talons are the primary method of defense. Do not underestimate their strength.
- An injured raptor requires IMMEDIATE specialized care. Any delay reduces the bird's chance for recovery.
- Most veterinarians have neither special facilities, time nor the practical experience to properly handle injured raptors.



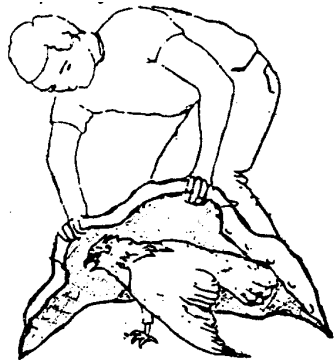
Methods of Rescue:

"Cover Completely Technique"

A towel, blanket, jacket, or any other handy lightweight item large enough to cover the entire bird can be used.

Proceed As Follows:

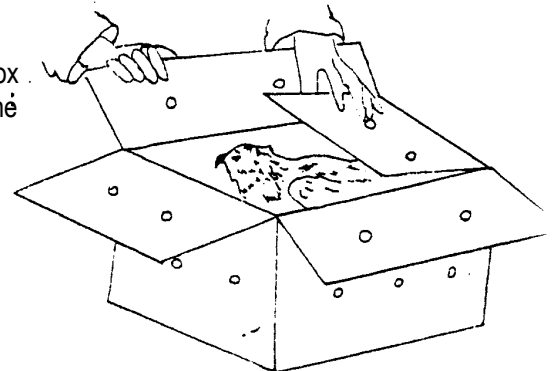
1. Note the geographic location where the bird was found. This information will be necessary when the bird is ready for release back in to the wild.
2. Approach the bird from the rear if possible. If the bird is alert and can follow your movements, anticipate that it will struggle when first covered.
3. When close enough, carefully place the towel over the bird. Cover the bird completely.
4. Quickly restrain the bird under the covering. Be certain the legs and talons are contained and covered completely.



5. Before attempting to handle the bird: **BE AWARE OF WHERE THE FEET ARE!**
6. As the bird calms down, gather the covering together, being careful to get the bird's wings folded against the body.
7. If required the covering can be made into a sack using a bootlace or duct tape. Never tape the feathers directly. Extreme care must be used when the bird is transported in this manner. If the day is warm and the covering is made of tightly woven material the bird can quickly over heat. The bird should be transferred to a more suitable enclosure at the first opportunity.

A Cardboard Box is an ideal way to safely transport the bird.

8. Stop at a nearby house or business and obtain a cardboard box. The box should be WELL VENTILATED and just large enough to allow the bird some movement, but not so large as to allow the bird to move around and cause further injury.



Call the Raptor Education Group, Inc. at (715) 623-4015.

* Arrangements will be made to pick up the bird and transport it to our rehabilitation facilities.

THANK YOU!