

Suggested Reading for Falconers



Essential Reading for the Apprentice and Pre-Apprentice Falconer

- Beebe, F.L., & Webster, Jr., H.M., *North American Falconry and Hunting Hawks*, Western Sporting, 2013, 9th edition, 8.5" x 11", hardbound, dust wrapper, 2 Volumes, Slip Case, 832 pages, hundreds of images: color plates and illustrations. The original chapters have been updated. Contents: Front Matter: Acknowledgements, Dedication to Frank Lyman Beebe, Foreward by Jim Enderson, Introduction: So You Want to be a Falconer by Harold Melvin Webster, Jr.; Forty-eight Chapters in five Sections: Introduction to North American Falconry (11 Chapters), The Broadwings (5 Chapters), The Shortwings (6 Chapters), The Longwings (11 Chapters), Further Reading (15 Chapters); Six Appendices: The Hawks of Falconry, Anatomy of a Raptor, Glossary, Bibliography, References, Ango-Indian Hood Chart with Patterns and Index. (FB1055)
- Beebe, F.L., A Falconry Manual, Hancock House, 2008, 5 ½" x 8 ½," perfect bound, b/w photographs & sketches, 197 pages. (FB2300)
- Beebe, F.L., *The Compleat Falconer*, Hancock House, 1992, 9" x 11," hardbound, gold gilt spine, dust wrapper, b/w sketches, color section of artwork by author, 334 pages. (FB2332)
- Fox, N., *Understanding the Bird of Prey*, Hancock House, 1995, 8 ½" x 11," hardbound, pictorial color cover, b/w photographs & sketches, color section, 375 pages. (FB2338)
- Glasier, P., *Falconry and Hawking*, Batsford Publishing, 1998, 3rd edition, 8" x 10," hardbound, gold gilt spine, dust wrapper, b/w photographs & sketches, color section, 352 pages. (FB2026)
- Hohenstaufen, Frederick II, *The Art of Falconry*, Translated by Dr. Casey Wood & F. Marjorie Fyfe, Stanford Univ. Press, 1943, 9" x 11," hardbound, gold gilt spine, dust wrapper, b/w photographs & sketches, 747 pages. (FB2058)
- Mavrogordato, J. G., A Hawk for the Bush, 2005, revised American edition, 7" x 10", hardbound, color dust wrapper, 269 pages, color throughout. It also contains original and new artwork in full color. (FB1032A)
- Mavrogordato, J. G., *A Falcon in the Field*, 2005, revised American edition, 7" x 10", hardbound, color dust wrapper, 179 pages, color throughout. (FB1032B)
- McDermott, M., *The Imprint Accipiter II, Including Tame Hacking*, Western Sporting, 2009, 2nd edition, 6" x 9," hardbound, gold gilt cover/spine, dust wrapper, color photographs throughout, 273 pages. (FB1071)
- Oakes, W., Beginners Circle, A Collection of American Falconry Magazine Articles from 1996 to 2003, EagleWing Publishing, 2006, perfect bound, 5 ¼" x 8," 170 pages. (FB2400)

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- Upton, R., Falconry, Principles & Practice, 2011 2nd Edition, Coch-y-Bonddu Books. Machynlleth, Powys, hardbound, 240 pages. (FB2127)
- Walker, A., *The Encyclopedia of Falconry*, The Derrydale Press, 1999, 8" x 10," hardbound, gold gilt spine, dust wrapper, b/w photographs & sketches, color section, 170 pages. (FB2144)
- Woodruff, B., Trapping Essentials, An Illustrated Guide to Trapping Raptors, Western Sporting, 2008, 7" x 10," perfect bound, b/w photographs & sketches, 197 pages. (FB1054)

Field Guides

- Clark, W.S. & Wheeler, B.K., *Hawks of North America*, (Peterson Field Guide), Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001, 5" x 7 ½," durable plasticated cloth cover, color plates showing species color morphs, distribution maps, color photographs & sketches throughout, 320 pages. (FB2234)
- Clark, W.S. & Wheeler, B.K., *A Photographic Guide to the Hawks of North America*, Princeton University Press, 2003, 6 ½" x 9 ½," perfect bound, color plates, 190 pages. (FB2206)
- Dunne, P., & Sibley, D., *Hawks in Flight*, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1988, perfect bound, 5 ½" x 8," b/w photographs & sketches, 254 pages. (FB2228)

Instructional DVDs of Interest

Byrd, K. & Garner, H., B.C. Trapping of Red-tailed Hawks & American Kestrels, DVD, 60 minutes. (FD2029)

California Hawking Club, *The Lure of Falconry*, DVD, 60 minutes. (FD1044)

Faraway Films, Anatomy, DVD, 65 minutes. (FD1054)

Faraway Films, Behavior & Learning, DVD, 62 minutes. (FD1050)

Faraway Films, *Health Care*, DVD, 53 minutes. (FD1052)

Faraway Films, Nutrition, DVD, 55 minutes. (FD1053)

Jones, J.P., *Understanding Falconry*, DVD, 60 minutes. (FD1060)

Out-of-Print Books

The following referenced falconry publications are valuable resources but are now out-of-print. They are included because copies can often be obtained through the better bookshops specializing in second-hand and rare books. Each of the authors referenced has made positive contributions to falconry literature and the interested reader should seek out available copies.

- Bent, A.C., *Life Histories of North American Birds of Prey* (Two parts), 1st Edition: Smithsonian Institute, U.S. Government Printing Office, Bulletin #167 (1937) & #170 (1938). 2nd Edition: Reprinted 1961, Dover Publications.
- Brewer, G., *Buteos and Bushytails*, GLB Publications, 1995, 8 ½" x 11," hardbound, gold gilt cover & spine, b/w photographs & sketches, 135 pages. (FB2014)
- McGranaghan, L., *The Red-tailed Hawk, A Complete Guide to Training and Hunting North America's Most Versatile Game Hawk*, Northwoods, 2007, 8 ½" x 11," hardbound, dust wrapper, gold gilt cover & spine, b/w photographs & sketches, color section, 187 pages. (FB2064)
- Michell, E.B., *The Art and Practice of Falconry*, 1st Edition: Methuen & Co., London, 1900, hardbound, 6" x 9," 291 pages. 2nd Edition: Reprint by Charles T. Branford Co., Boston, MA., 1959, hardbound, 6" x 9," 291 pages, Other Impressions: 1962, 1064, 1067, 1069, & 1971.
- Russell Jr., William F., A Handbook for Hunters, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1940, hardbound, 6" x 9", 190 pages.
- Stevens, R., *Observations on Modern Falconry*, Falconiforme Press Ltd., Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, 1972, hardbound, 5" x 8," 112 pages.
- Webster, Jr., H.M., *Game Hawking... At its Very Best*, Windsong Press, Denver, CO, 1988, hardbound, dust wrapper, 8 ½" x 11," 316 pages.

Note from Harold M. Webster, Jr. and Western Sporting: This essential list is compliments of North American Falconry and Hunting Hawks. Full descriptions of these publications may be acquired by doing an internet search for the item number listed. We wish you the best in the art and sport of falconry.