

Customised Awards

# Beginning Falconry



The Hawk Board

## What is the 'Beginning Falconry' Award?

This Award has been developed by Lantra Awards in unison with The Hawk Board and with the help and assistance of professional Falconers throughout the UK. It is suitable for those new to Falconry, or those who wish to keep Raptors and/or Owls. It is also suitable for experienced Falconers/ Bird of Prey Keepers who want to achieve the Award. All aspects of bird of prey management and husbandry up to flying to the fist on a creance are covered in the Award.

The Award is issued to those candidates who are able to demonstrate an understanding of the relevant background knowledge and those practical skills necessary to keep a Bird of Prey in a safe and healthy condition.

## How do I achieve the Award?

This Award is designed to test your competence to keep a Raptor or Owl in a safe and healthy condition. Therefore you must be able to demonstrate that you have the necessary background knowledge as well as the practical skills that this entails. You will be assessed by a specially trained Assessor. Your Assessor may also be your teacher/mentor, although this is not always the case.

It is your Assessor's job to make sure that you have adequate opportunities to demonstrate your competence. Assessments may be continuous during a course of study, and will involve you collecting evidence of competence. Your Assessor will not recommend you for this Award until he/she is happy that you are competent. Successful candidates receive a certificate from Lantra Awards.

To find out where you can get training and/or assessment for the Award contact Lantra Awards.

If you provide training and would like to offer the Award contact Lantra Awards for more details.

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## Structure and content of the Award

The Award is divided into two units

### Unit 1. Bird of Prey management and husbandry

This unit includes:

- Housing
- Hygiene
- Feed and food preparation
- Health
- Species suitability
- Purchasing your first bird

### Unit 2. Basic Falconry techniques

This unit includes:

- Essential falconry equipment
- Picking up and carrying
- Feeding, manning and initial training techniques
- Weighing and weight management
- Flying to the fist on a creance

*Both units must be achieved to be awarded the full Certificate in Beginning Falconry.*

Centre contact details



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