Public Education Programs Overview

Student volunteers present information highlighting the unique characteristics and adaptations shared by all birds of prey and describe the natural history of specific species. All of our programs include between 5-7 live birds. Specific species can be requested, i.e. locally native species or exclusively owls, but otherwise we try to bring a mix of hawks, falcons, and owls.

**Formal Presentations**

**Raptor Life Histories**

Presenters bring out one bird from the group at a time and describe its life history and personal story. Best for a seated audience, each short presentation lasts between 5-8 minutes.

**Themed Formal Presentation**

We have prepared slideshows for the following special topics along with the general presentation for each group of birds. If you would like to request a special themed formal presentation, please choose from the list below. *Requires a projector/screen and a computer with Internet.*

- Caring for Raptors in Captivity
- Let’s Talk Hawk! A Guide to Hawks and Eagles
- Masters of Flight: Falcons and Vultures
- Owls and Their Extraordinary Senses

**Informal Presentations**

**Raptor Diversity Q&A**

Presenters have a group of birds on display and the audience can stop by to see the birds up close, take photos, and ask questions as they choose. Best for a transient audience or where lots of people will be walking around freely.

**Program Fees by Duration**

Program fees are payable by check, cash or direct deposit. These fees help cover the cost of student and bird transport to programs, student training for education presentation, and general husbandry of the resident birds.

- 30 min presentations: $160
- 1 hr presentations: $160
- 2 hr presentations: $240
- 3 hr presentations: $400
- 4 hr presentations: $500

**Scheduling Programs**

Please contact Dr. Heather Huson at hih3@cornell.edu (preferred) or 607-255-2289. Either she or the supervising student education coordinator will be in contact to assist with scheduling a program and logistical details.

Thank you for your interest,
Dr. Heather J. Huson, Director of the Cornell Raptor Program