

# BIRDS OF PREY IN HAMPTON ROADS

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A slide presentation about birds of prey, also known as raptors, that are found at various times of the year in Hampton Roads Virginia will provide the opportunity to learn how to identify these birds, when they are here, where to look for them, what they eat, their population levels, their habits and their habitat. Learn about some of the difficult situations they sometimes get themselves into in our modern world, rescue efforts, reintroduction programs and current research projects.

Mr. Lukei has over 30 years experience in trapping and banding raptors in Hampton Roads. He is licensed by the U.S. Geological Survey Biological Resources Division, Commonwealth of Virginia, and is a volunteer research associate for The Center for Conservation Biology at The College of William and Mary. He has banded over 15,000 raptors and has been featured in the Calypso Log, Virginia Wildlife, Virginia Explorer, American Birds, The Daily Press, The Virginian-Pilot and The Beacon. He has participated in research projects involving the Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle, Osprey and Saw-Whet Owl. For 18 years he operated a raptor banding station during the fall migration at Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge. He has been a volunteer at Back Bay NWR since 1974 where he has led the effort to increase the population of Osprey and monitor Bald Eagle activity in lower Hampton Roads. He has received several recognitions including the Distinguished Volunteer Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Take Pride in America Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior.