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Animal Fact Sheet

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Gyrfalcon

Falco rusticolus

Falco rusticolus is the largest falcon in the world, a bulky, broad-winged Arctic bird whose females can top 2 kg, and its hunting method sets it apart from its famous cousin the peregrine. Where a p…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Falconidae
Habitat: Arctic tundra and mountainous regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 13-20 years
Weight: 1.0–2.1 kg
Scientific name: Falco rusticolus

Did you know?

- Unlike most falcons, Gyrfalcons do not build their own nests but instead reuse the abandoned nests of other large birds such as ravens or golden eagl…
- Gyrfalcon nest ledges in Greenland have been dated by their accumulated droppings to more than two and a half millennia of continuous use, making the…

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