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Gyr Falcon

Falco rusticolus

The Gyr Falcon is the largest species of falcon in the world, renowned for its powerful build and stunning plumage that ranges from pure white to dark gray. Native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions...

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 eagles.
- Gyrfalcons can hunt prey larger than themselves, such as geese and hares. Their plumage color varies widely, with white morphs being highly prized by...

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