



Gyr x Saker Falcon

MALE

Falco cherrug x Falco rusticolus

May 2006

“Fin”

“Attention seeker”.

HYBRID

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION (Saker Falcon)

The Saker falcon is much larger than the Peregrine falcon, The male is similar in size to the female Peregrine, while the female can be as large as a Marsh Harrier. The upper-parts are dark brown, the light brown streaked under-parts, dark “trousers”, and pale coloured head, make this falcon easily distinguishable from falcons. The “ghostly” grey feet are another unique attribute. Very soft absorbent plumage, easily waterlogged.

HABITAT & LOCATION

Found in Russia, Hungary and eastern Austria. Inhabits uninhabited, arid area of steppe, forest and plains of eastern Europe. Very popular falconry bird in the Middle-East.

NATURAL DIET

Birds, voles, rats, weasels and stoats, Will eat insects.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : 1 lb 7 oz, (650 g), - 2 lb 4 oz, (1,030 g).

Wingspan : Can reach 48”, (120 cm).