

Gyr x Saker Falcon

MALE

Falco rusticolus

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"Gerry"

SECURE

"Yes, you may look at me, am I bothered?".

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Gyr falcon is the largest of the falcon family. Their colour can range from dappled white to almost pure black. .

HABITAT & LOCATION

The Gyr is circumpolar. Living in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Northern America, Europe, Greenland, Iceland and Asia. Individuals that inhabit the Arctic regions will migrate South in colder winters. They inhabit tundra, mountains and uplands, often found beside swampland, bogs and rivers.

NATURAL DIET

Varied, Ptarmigan, Grouse, seabirds and waterfowl. Also ground prey such as hares, rabbits, voles, lemmings, marmots and ground squirrels

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : 2 lb 0 oz, (900 g), - 4 lb 8 oz, (2,000 g).

Wingspan: Can reach 54", (130 cm).