



Lanner Falcon

MALE

Falco biarmicus

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“Solo”

“Restless little chap, wants to play”.

RARE

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Lanner falcon is about the size of the Peregrine falcon, but has longer wings and tail, and a slimmer body, so it appears less squat. The Lanner has rufous napes and crowns, with white colouring on the under-parts. The under-parts are streaked and spotted with brown or black. Heads have narrow black caps and two stripes below the eyes..

HABITAT & LOCATION

Found in northern Africa, Italy, Sicily and Greece, with a few found in Asia. The Lanner prefers rocky areas and steep cliffs around meadows. They will also nest on coastal cliffs

NATURAL DIET

Mostly small to medium sized birds, smaller birds will be taken in the air at speeds well in excess of 100 mph, (160 kph). Larger birds may be attacked while on the ground.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : 1 lb, (450 g), - 2 lb, (900 g). **Height** : 17”, (43 cm) – 20”, (50 cm).

Wingspan : 37”, (95 cm) – 43”, (105 cm).