

How YOU Can Help Our Raptors

Save the trees. Don't waste paper and recycle paper when you are done with it. Birds need older forest growth to survive. Simply recycling your Sunday paper can save four trees.

Keep your cats indoors. Occasionally cats kill or injure small raptors but they also eat animals like rats and mice that raptors need, too.

Avoid using poisons and pesticides in your yard that make their way into the food chain causing illness and death. Use organic and all natural products that are on the market today.

Leave the dead trees standing when they aren't dangerous. They make ideal nesting and roosting sites for many different species of raptors.

Install owl nest boxes in ideal locations.

Don't throw food in ditches. It will attract rodents which will attract raptors too close to the highways. Many raptors are hit by cars when they hunt along roadways, injuring or killing them.

Think of ways of preserving the habitat if you own land or donate

to organizations that support habitat conservation.

Compost your kitchen scraps instead of throwing them in the trash. This limits the methane gas burners in landfills which injure and kill raptors.

Hunters, please switch to steel, brass or plastic ammunition available from many suppliers. Lead poisoning is a very painful death for raptors. Bury gut piles so scavengers will not find them. Tell other hunters about the dangers of using lead ammunition.

If you fish, dispose of fishing line properly. Do not leave tangled fishing line on river banks or the lakeshore. Take it home and cut it up in small pieces before throwing it away to prevent birds from becoming tangled in it. Switch to non-lead weights and sinkers. One single lead sinker can be lethal to fish-eating raptors. Patronize local sporting goods stores that sell non-lead alternatives and encourage them to expand their stock. Spread the word to other fisherman.

Thank you for your interest.

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