

How You Can Help

The Repository will be working to acquire feathers, parts and carcasses of the following birds:

- hawks
- owls
- falcons
- vultures
- corvids (ravens, crows, jays and magpies)
- water birds
- shorebirds
- upland birds
- songbirds
- and others



Since we anticipate requests from across the country, we will need additional help with the collection of species outside the Southwest.

We are seeking the participation of bird rehabilitators, zoos, falconers, and other Service-permitted entities, to donate these feathers or other bird parts. If you have feathers, carcasses or parts that you would like to donate but have questions about the process, please contact the Migratory Bird Permit Office, Region 2 (or the office in your region) or contact Liberty Wildlife at feathers@libertywildlife.org.

Contact Information

To make donations to Liberty Wildlife, please contact:

Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation
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Non-Eagle Feather Repository
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Visit www.non-eaglefeathers.net
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Feather Repository program.



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About the Program



Liberty Wildlife, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Southwest Region 2, is announcing the establishment of a two-year pilot program called the Non-Eagle Feather Repository. Its goal is to provide Native Americans a permitted source to obtain non-eagle feathers, and other parts, from federally regulated migratory birds.

The populations of many of these bird species have been dwindling, due to years of habitat loss, poaching, and market hunting. In an effort to protect these birds and slow the

decline in their numbers, the U.S. Congress passed the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The MBTA forbids the taking, possession, transport, sale, purchase, barter, trade, import and export of any migratory bird. These prohibitions also extend to parts, nest, or eggs of such birds. Exceptions are granted only with a valid permit issued pursuant to federal regulations.

Why Is Liberty Wildlife Involved?

For countless years, Native Americans have used various natural resources – including wildlife – not only for subsistence, but for cultural and religious

purposes as well. Feathers are among the most prized and sought-after items for these practices. However, the collecting of feathers and other parts puts further pressure on these migratory bird populations.



Through the Non-Eagle Feather Repository, Liberty Wildlife hopes to help fulfill the needs of Native Americans for birds and bird parts, while also reducing the pressure on migratory species that results from harvesting these specimens. The Repository will provide Native Americans a legal means to acquire migratory birds (other than eagles), as well as their feathers and parts, for religious and cultural purposes.

