

# Education Bird Level Assignments

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## Level One

Animals in this group are usually well trained, experienced, and calm, even in busy environments. These animals are the most tolerant of a new handler. Although most of these animals are veteran ambassadors, they offer individual challenges. Working regularly with this group of wildlife and your Practice Partners provides that needed level of experience.

### **Group A**

Acoma	Red-tailed Hawk
Darwin	Great Horned Owl
Sansa	American Kestrel
Veto	American Kestrel

### **Group B (to be worked with only after completing all of Level One/Group A birds)**

Elliot	American Kestrel – requires one practice partner session including boxing
Lexi	American Kestrel – requires one practice partner session including boxing
Rio	Zone-tailed Hawk
Diego	Burrowing Owl
Soren	Barn Owl
Ace	Peregrine Falcon

## Level Two

These animals will necessitate more experience as they have requirements that may arise in certain situations or surroundings, even though they are reliable most of the time. The patterns of behavior and special handling techniques needed for these animals vary for each individual. **Education handlers must be signed off on all Level One animals before requesting to work with wildlife in this Level.**

### **Group A**

Skye	Red-tailed Hawk
Ivan	Western Screech Owl (on-site programs or approval for off sight)
Quannah	Turkey Vulture
Einstein	Great Horned Owl
Stella	Western Screech Owl
Frida	Burrowing Owl (on-site programs only)
Sundance	Swainson's Hawk
Hedwig	Great Horned Owl
Tyrion	American Kestrel
Chiquita	American Kestrel

### **Group B (to be worked with only after completing all of Level Two/Group A birds – Hedwig and Duncan to be completed before Bailey)**

Duncan	Red-tailed Hawk
Bailey	Turkey Vulture
Hunny	Harris' Hawk
Snickers	Great Horned Owl

Etta	Swainson's Hawk
Jester	Peregrine Falcon
Bagherra	Red-Tailed Hawk

### **Level Three**

These are birds that have very specific requirements. They may have difficulties with boxing and some other specific needs. Due to each bird's particular nature, not all handlers will be authorized to work with every animal in this group. **Education handlers must be signed off on each of the animals in the previous two levels before requesting to work with birds in this Level. Approval to begin working with this group must be obtained from Jan Miller**

#### **Group A**

Monk	Cooper's Hawk
Tukee	Cooper's Hawk
Tucker	Great Horned Owl I think that he can be moved to a 2B
Edison	Great Horned Owl
Emmet	Red-tailed hawk
Willow	Zone-tailed hawk
Newton	Northern Pygmy Owl
Henry	Barn Owl

#### **Group B**

Maggie	Great Horned Owl
Salsa	Harris' Hawk
Arya	Red-tailed Hawk

### **Level Four**

These are birds that either can be very difficult to handle and/or are also in the Flight Program but can be taken to programs for fist display. Due to each bird's particular nature, not all handlers will be authorized to work with every animal in this group. **Education handlers must be signed off on each of the animals in the previous three levels before requesting to work with birds in this Level. Approval to begin working with this group must be obtained from Jan Miller**

Pawnee	Ferruginous Hawk
Lance	Harris Hawk
Chaco	Red-tailed Hawk

### **In Training**

Kachina	American Crow
Cersei	Northern Goshawk
Zorro	Osprey
Gaicho	Black Vulture

### **Flight Program**

These birds are trained or are being trained in the flight program and are to be handled and cared for by **assigned trainers only**.

Armadillo	Black Vulture
Chaco	Red-tailed Hawk (Eagle Handlers only)
Lance	Harris' Hawk

### **Special Category**

These birds are either very high-strung and require a good relationship, or are getting very elderly and we are wanting to reduce the likelihood of stress. New handlers will only come through the hand-feed program in order to facilitate and maintain relationship.

Cuervo	American Crow
Scout	Red-tailed Hawk

### **Eagles**

The eagles have stringent training protocols and are worked with only by assigned caregivers. The Eagle Program is not considered part of the regular education handling system. This program is directed by Joe Miller.

Apache	Golden Eagle
Anasazi	Golden Eagle
Liberty	Bald Eagle
Sonora	Bald Eagle
Aurora	Bald Eagle
Orion	Golden Eagle
Paco	Bald Eagle
Laddie	Bald Eagle
Cochise	Bald Eagle

### **Off-Program**

Occasionally a bird will be listed as off-program, a temporary restriction precluding the animal from going out to a program. This might be caused by blood feathers, broken jesses or other medical programs. Depending on the reason for the off-program status, it may be possible to work with the bird at Liberty **with prior approval**.