

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 needed experience.

Group A

Darwin	Great Horned Owl
Tucker	Great Horned Owl
Chiquita	American Kestrel
Cassidy	Swainson's Hawk (Limit 2x out daily)
Mars	Western Screech Owl

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

Ace	Peregrine Falcon
Pluto	Western Screech Owl
Iris	American Kestrel
Irwin	American Kestrel

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

Quanah	Turkey Vulture
Euros	Peregrine Falcon
Hedwig	Great Horned Owl
Aldo	American Kestrel
Snickers	Great Horned Owl
Ada	Great Horned Owl
Lucien	Great Horned owl
Venus	Barn Owl

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

Edison	Great Horned Owl
Sundance	Swainson's Hawk
Henry	Barn Owl
Kelvin	Great Horned Owl
Addison	Swainson's Hawk
Horus	Peregrine Falcon
Bailey	Turkey Vulture (last one & can be skipped. Start schmoozing well ahead)

Level Three

Some of these birds 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.**

Group A

Rio	Zone-tailed Hawk
Maggie	Great Horned Owl
Salsa	Harris's Hawk (need OK from Jan, Linda, Claudia)
Arya	Red-tailed Hawk (need OK from Jan, Linda, Claudia)
Beatrix	Harris's Hawk (need OK from Jan, Linda, Claudia)
Army	Black Vulture

Group B

Barbosa	Red-tailed Hawk
Shireen	American Kestrel
Bohdi	Harris's Hawk
Pawnee	Ferruginous Hawk (need OK from Jan, Linda, Claudia)
Bryce	Turkey Vulture (onsite only)
Austin	White Tailed Hawk (onsite only)
Gilly	Harris's Hawk
Emrys	Merlin

Level Four - Flight

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, and the additional skill-set for flying birds, 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

Lance	Harris's Hawk
Chaco	Red-tailed Hawk
Emmet	Red-tailed hawk
Lobo	Harris's Hawk
Jupiter	Barn Owl
Neptune	Barn Owl
Callie	Great Horned Owl
Lizzie	Great Horned Owl
Zane	Harris's Hawk

Display

These are birds that serve their education purpose by display only rather than coming out on the glove.

Kachina	American Crow	Logan	Long-eared Owl
Sheryl	American Crow	Grayson	Long-eared Owl
Lennie	Common Raven	Newton	Northern Pygmy Owl
Clarence	Common Raven		
Bongo	Chihuahuan Raven	N	

Ra	Prairie Falcon	Gaicho	Black Vulture
Ella	Burrowing Owl	Junior	Black Crowned Night Heron
Marble	California Condor	Diego	Burrowing Owl
Millie	California Condor		
Chili	Red-shouldered Hawk		

In Training – Approved Handlers Only

Mercury	Peregrine x Prairie Falcon Hybrid	Nixon	Barbery x Saker Falcon
Maya	Northern Crested Caracara		
Jax	Harris’s Hawk	Sirius	Chihuahuan Raven
Zelda	Grey Hawk	Willis	Great Horned Owl
Jacques	American Kestrel		

Approved/Familiar Handlers Only/No New Handlers/Onsite Only

Veto*	American Kestrel	Stella	Western Screech Owl
Bagherra	Red-tailed Hawk	Duncan	Red-tailed Hawk
Cercie	Northern Goshawk	Monk	Cooper’s Hawk

*** = Not during open hours**

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
Sonora	Bald Eagle
Aurora	Bald Eagle
Orion	Golden Eagle
Paco	Bald Eagle
Laddie	Bald Eagle
Cochise	Bald Eagle
Brie	Golden Eagle
Maverick	Bald Eagle
Cisco	Bald Eagle - Approved handles only

Off-Program

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