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December 17, 2004–June 6, 2005



The samurai of seventeenth-century Japan faced a perplexing new problem: peace. They needed new outlets for their military skills and energies. Falconry, the sport of hunting using trained birds of prey, suited these new needs perfectly. The fondness of

early shoguns for falconry, both as a sport and as a way to demonstrate their authority, is reflected in the art they commissioned and their adoption of birds of prey as symbols of their potency.

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