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Images of falconry in Kyrgyzstan from the Falconry Heritage Trust's image collection

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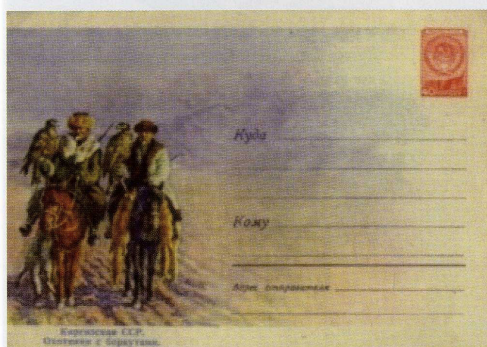
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Falconers from the banks of Issyk-Kul Lake, a "pearl" of Kyrgyzstan, are famous from immortal times. Kyrgyz falconers fly Golden Eagles, hawks and falcons but they have acquired the greatest glory through hunting with Golden Eagles.



Picture 1. Postage stamps from Kyrgyzstan with scenes of falconry showing Golden Eagle and Taigan (Kyrghiz greyhound) in 1988 and 2015.



Picture 2. Envelope showing Kyrgyz falconers with Golden Eagles issued in 1960.



Picture 3. Kyrgyz Falconer. Painting in the National Museum in Bishkek.



Picture 4. Painting of Kyghizians in a yurt produced from an engraving of EM Korneev for the book "Nations of Russia". This painting was published by Giulio Ferrario in 1818 in his book "Il costume antico e moderno, o, storia del governo, della milizia, della religione, delle arti, scienze ed usanze di tutti i popoli antichi e moderni".



Picture 5. N.N Karazin. Kyrgyzians resting in the steppe after hunting.

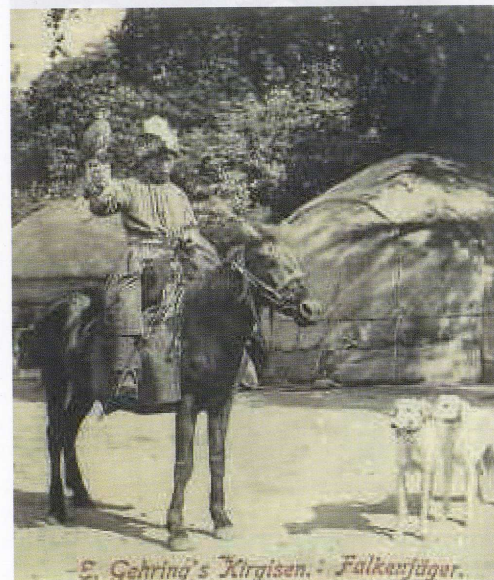


Picture 6. V.V Vereshchagin. Rich Kyrgyz hunter with a hawk. 1871. Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow.



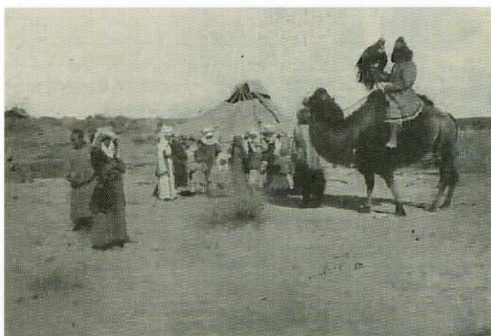
Picture 7. Kyrgyz sultan. 1809. Engraving by E.O.Sotnikov on the basis of a painting by E.M.Korneev.

The Falconry Heritage Trust has a good collection of unique photos illustrating Kyrgyz falconers from the beginning of the 20th century and from the 1920's to the 1960's. Some of them are shown here:



Picture 8. E Gehring, Kyrgyz falconer in early 20th Century.

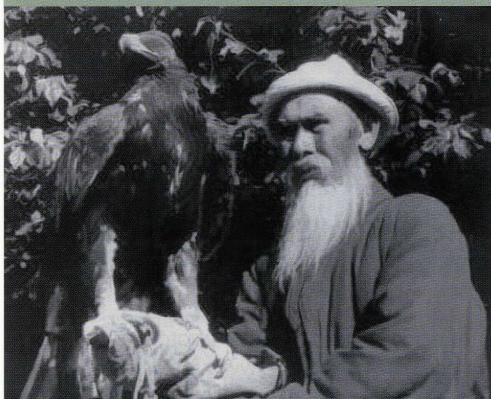
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Picture 9. Kyrgyz falconer with Golden Eagle from the early 20th Century. Photograph by V.Yu. von Branke.



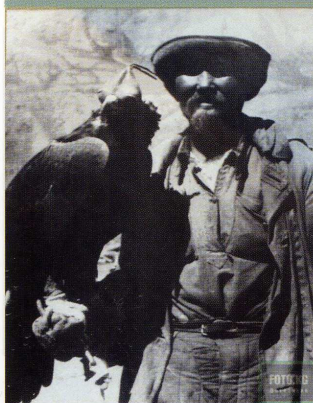
Picture 10. Kyrgyz falconers with Golden Eagles in 1907 and 1925.



Picture 11. Hunter O.Sharykov with a Golden Eagle in 1937



Picture 12. Kyrgyz falconer with Golden Eagle in May 1949.



Picture 13. Berkutchi in 1924.



Picture 14. MT.Pogrebetskiy with Golden Eagle in 1926.



Pictures 15 & 16. Different generations of Kyrgyz falconers in 1912 (above) and 1958 (below).



Picture 17. Kyrgyz falconer at the Dinamo Stadium, Moscow, 1937.



Picture 18. Falconers in Jety-Oguz gorge in 1956.



Picture 19. Berkutchi and young ladies in national dress during holiday in Jety-Oguz district in 1953.



Picture 20.



Above: Almazbek Akunov, the main organizer of the annual falconry festivals "Salburun", has done a lot for the restoration of falconry in his country and his efforts recently saw a set of postage stamps issued, which celebrate falconry (Picture 20).

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