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Falconry in Hanoi

February 18, 2014



A striking Black Shouldered Kite

Hanoi is a city full of avid bird enthusiasts. Very quickly I noticed there were bird cages everywhere with a variety of songbirds; Oriental White Eyes and Bulbuls being the most common. People hang them on their balconies or in trees by their cafes and there are also a lot of bird clubs. One will sometimes see rows of cages with their owners sitting below having motored over from around the city to socialize and let their birds sing together. I will do a post, once my collection of photos is better, but in the mean time I have noticed something almost more interesting; Vietnamese practicing falconry! I haven't been able to find out much but there are clearly clubs as we have seen a little group who meet beside West Lake on Saturday mornings to share advice and practice flying their birds. There also appears to be a facebook page – Hanoi Falconry Club. It has some photos and more

information if you can read Vietnamese!



A man and his Kestrel



a hooded Buzzard



A Black Shouldered Kite by West Lake



A Kestrel and his barber owner in the Old Quarter

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A rather sorry looking buzzard at the bird market left with a chicken head to munch on...

I would really like to find out more about the practice of keeping birds of prey in Hanoi. Where are the young captured from? What do they eat? If you have any more information it would be great to hear from you!

They are beautiful birds, but presumably not best suited to city living....

Although at least they are all a lot smaller than this Golden Eagle which we saw in the Altai Mountains of Mongolia over the summer!



Piers holding a Golden Eagle in Mongolia



The beautiful Golden Eagle started to get a bit grumpy with his owner after awhile...

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9 thoughts on “Falconry in Hanoi”

Will and Eko on February 18, 2014 at 5:29 am said:

Beautiful photos. The falcons just exude power. Golden Eagles are one of my favorite birds, you definitely don't want to get on their bad side!

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kerryn jory on February 18, 2014 at 5:32 am said:

Hi Jura,

Thanks for all the fabulous posts I love reading them especially when about dogs. We visited Vietnam and Hanoi last July and have just booked another trip in July this year, we adored Hanoi, the people, the dogs, and the food. We stayed right in the old area in a boutique hotel and kept hanging out on the balcony just to watch the world going by below. My 12 year old daughter has already decided what she is going to eat the minute we get back there.

Just wondering if you have any tips on where to go and what to see, we have nearly a week this time. Partner is into photography, daughter and I love to people watch, eat and shop. , Also to

Cambodia after Hanoi.

Hope to hear back from you

Date: Tue, 18 Feb 2014 05:10:41 +0000 To: kerrynjory@hotmail.com

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Hai Pham Hoang on February 28, 2014 at 1:23 am said:
How can I contact with some ones of Falconry in Hanoi.
I want to learn about falconry vèy much.

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Jura on February 28, 2014 at 4:11 am said:

Hi, as you are Vietnamese I think the Facebook page which I give the link to May be your best bet!

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mskvarla36 on March 7, 2014 at 1:04 am said:

Reblogged this on Skvarla Falconry and commented:

Falconry in Viet Nam? Perhaps. There are a lot of good photos here but I can't tell if the birds actually hunt or are just kept as pets.

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Jura on March 7, 2014 at 4:07 am said:

I think they are kept as pets really. My husband has seen them being flown but I think it would be Almost impossible in the cityscape to hunt. Sad as it must be a pretty dull life for them.

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Jeff | Planet Bell on March 10, 2014 at 4:21 am said:

The eyes on that first bird are stunning! Falconry is such a funny human concept – God bestowed you with the gift of flight and I am harnessing that!

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darklanternowen on June 16, 2014 at 6:48 am said:

Hi again... always enjoy your pics & tales.

Falconry... you may have seen this nice feature on Mongolian eagle-hunters, on the BBC in April...

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-26969150>

And a couple of falconry pics from my own modest archives...

Memories of Ireland



There are many nice memories of Ireland and the Irish. This is just a couple of them. The ancient art and sport of Falconry – in this case an Eagle Owl. Bird-watchers and ornithologists out there... maybe someone can identify this British bird of prey? A Sparrow-hawk possibly? There's always time to stop for a ... Continue reading

Cheers & keep up the nice work,
Owen

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