

# The Art of Falconry

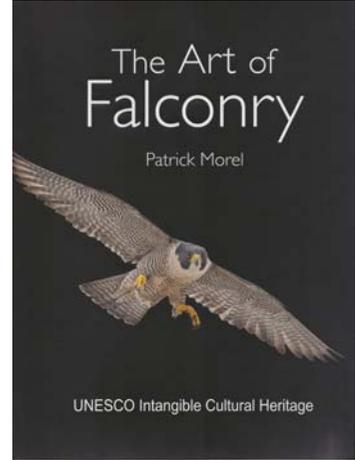
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THE ART OF FALCONRY represents a milestone in titles on the sport, quite unique in scope, style and content. It presents falconry in theory and in practice, celebrating it as both an art form and a living cultural heritage. Far from being merely another “how-to” book, however, it takes the reader into the field with contributions from experts in all branches of the sport, and is lavishly illustrated with stunning photographs and artwork.

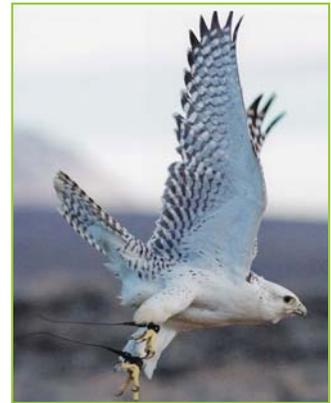
The first new practical falconry treatise in the French language since the 1940s, this English edition brings a fresh perspective to the English-speaking falconer and is further enhanced through contributions from a number of internationally renowned authorities, including British, American and South African falconers and austringers.



The author’s vast falconry experience, combined with that of his fellow contributors, make this volume heavy yet light and entertaining in style. It covers all aspects of modern falconry, from the traditions that shaped the sport we know today to its underpinning ethics and philosophy as it continues to evolve in the 21st century. It takes the reader around the globe in search of ultimate quarry species, relating methods and motives through the hawking experiences of those who seek the most challenging flights in their art. Scottish red grouse and Belgian crows; wood pigeon hawking with peregrines and goshawks; sand grouse, snipe and sage grouse with high-flying falcons: this book gives the falconer pride in the sport’s traditions and enthusiasm for the future development and evolution of this living heritage.



*Patrick is a consummate master falconer and a wonderful servant to world falconry. Patrick supported Christian de Coune through his Presidency of the IAF as Executive Secretary and went on to be the President himself. Few others have this depth of insight into both the practice of ‘hunting falconry’ as well as the political work needed to ensure that falconers can continue to take the field. The Art of Falconry is a beautiful book which feasts the eye. It is a modern treatise on the principles and philosophy which underlie the practice of falconry. It is exquisite; the product of a life spent pursuing that dream of all falconers: to attain the perfect flight. This book, in its beauty and wisdom, will help the reader along that path. Adrian Lombard, IAF President*



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