

# Birds of Prey Fundraiser at SHD

The Arizona Raptor Center was in the house at Superstition Harley-Davidson on Saturday March 23, 2019. Their mission is to promote wildlife conservation and environmental awareness. To that end, they brought four different species of raptors, representing several continents... "Helen" – a Golden Eagle {Golden Eagles are the best-known birds of prey in the Northern Hemisphere}; "Indy" – a Harris Hawk {South America}; "Luna" a Saker Falcon {Europe & Asia}; and "Nara" an African Auger Buzzard.

Along with their educational efforts, ARC rehabilitates sick and injured birds of prey with the primary goal to release them back to the wild. If you find an injured Raptor, call The Arizona Raptor Center at 602-549-8482. It is recommended that

you make no attempt to capture, handle, or care for a raptor yourself. These people are highly trained in how best to care for the animals with the goal of a successful release back into the wild.

On this day, there were about 250 people at Superstition HD. Adults and young ones had the opportunity to observe these magnificent birds up close. The event raised over \$800 in just 4 hours. Outstanding! These donations go toward the cost of food for the animals being rehabilitated and cost for medical attention needed by the raptors in their care.

Brina, Event Coordinator at SHD, commented that ARC is a "great group to work with." She added, "We are in the initial planning stages of setting up a 'Raptor Ride' to benefit the organization as well.

Mark your calendars for September 21, 2019 and stay tuned for more information as it becomes available."

Learn more about this organization at their website <http://www.arizonaraptorcenter.org>

Superstition Harley-Davidson is located at 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction AZ. Between HOG rides and store-sponsored activities they maintain a busy calendar. SHD wants to be your dealership. Call 'em at 480-346-0600, or go online <http://superstitionhd.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/SuperstitionHD/>

*Photos courtesy of Brina Brown, Melissa Diekman, & Cheri Webb*

**ARIZONA RAPTOR CENTER**

Mission: To provide science based education and resources to promote wildlife conservation and environmental awareness. To conduct educational and humane scientific research to aid with the conservation of Raptors both in America and World wide, and to provide world class care along with comprehensive medical care to Raptors so they may be returned to their natural habitats and once again become an integral part of the environment.

Contact us

- If you find a sick or injured Raptor.
- If you would like an educational program about Raptors and our Environment.

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[arizonaraptorcenter.org](http://arizonaraptorcenter.org)

**Helen - Hatched 2007**  
Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)

Best-known birds of prey in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the most widely distributed species of eagle. The golden eagle is a very large raptor 26 to 40 inches in length. Its wings are broad and the wingspan is 5 ft 11 in. to 7 ft 6 in. Weigh typically between 8.9 lb and 14.0 lb.

**Nara**  
Hatched 2004

This is an African bird of prey with a 21 - 24 inches tall, wingspan 50 to 55 inches, weight 2 - 2.5 lbs. This is a species that lives in mountains and adjacent savannah and grassland. It is resident and non-migratory throughout its range. It is normally found from Ethiopia to southern Angola and central Namibia.

**African Auger Buzzard (*Buteo augur*)**

**Indy - Hatched 2017**  
Harris's hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)

A medium-large bird of prey that breeds from the southwestern United States south to Chile, central Argentina, and Brazil.

Harris's hawks range in length from 18 to 23 in. and generally have a wingspan of about 41 to 47 in. In the United States, the weight for adult male is about 1.2 to 1.9 lb, while the adult female range of 1.7 to 3.6 lb.