

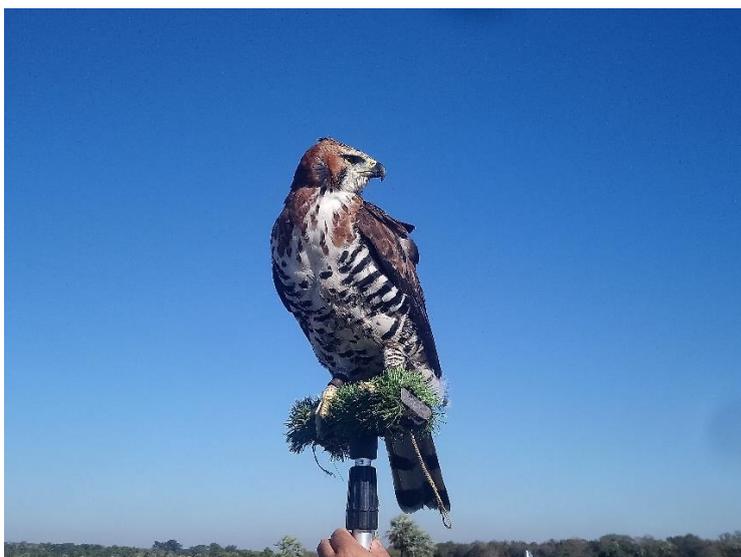


## IAF Falconry Education Program Youth Exchange Project:

### Exchange Opportunity with Tatiana Rivarola and Raul Palacios in Asuncion, Paraguay with the Asociación de Cetrería y Conservación de Aves de Presa "ACCAPP"

#### **General Overview:**

This exchange provides a youth the possibility of experiencing neotropical falconry in Paraguay. Emblematic species with which the youth will be able to work will be Ornate Hawk Eagles, Batfalcons and forest falcons. Raul is the president of ACCAPP and Tatiana is its treasurer and they have been involved in a multitude of IAF projects in the past including the Latin America Working Group (GTLA), Womens Working Group (WWG) and the AmFalCon Project. They have a collection of around 20 different raptors in their private collection including Ornate Eagles (*Spizaetus Ornatus*), Batfalcons (*Falco rufifularis*), Slaty-Backed forest falcon (*micrastur semitorquatus*), Harris hawks (*Parabuteo Unicinctus*), aplomados falcons (*Falco femoralis*), peregrines (*Falco Peregrinus*), black chested buzzard eagles (*Geranoaetus Melanoleucus*), golden eagles (*Aquila Chrysaetus*), and various species of owls. Some of these birds are rescue birds which are being exercised for rehabilitation or conservation breeding, while others are maintained as active falconry birds.





## **IAF Falconry Education Program**

### **Youth Exchange Project:**

The exchange may take between three (3) and four (4) weeks and responsibilities will include feeding raptors, cleaning the mews and perches, exchanging the water, monitoring and checking equipment, weighing raptors and weight control and flying and training birds of prey. This will also include killing and preparing hawk food such as quail and rats. Depending on the abilities, previous knowledge and enthusiasm of the youth, it may be possible for them to be given one specific raptors to train, fly and hunt with throughout the course of their stay. Participants are expected to be willing and able to help around the facilities for around 8 hours a day and to undertake the above listed activities as well as other raptor related tasks which may arise. The flying season in Paraguay is between the middle of March to the middle of October, so an exchange should be arranged with anticipation for a period within this time period. A private bedroom and all meals (including breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided by the hosts. Any transport costs which arise within Paraguay and which are part of the exchange activities will be covered by the hosts.





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