



Activity 6

Raptor Silhouettes







Created by Point Reyes Bird Observatory Education Program

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Objective:

To prevent songbirds from hitting windows.

Materials:

-  Black or dark colored paper
-  Pencils
-  Scissors
-  Raptor silhouette patterns

Duration:

1/2 hour

Background

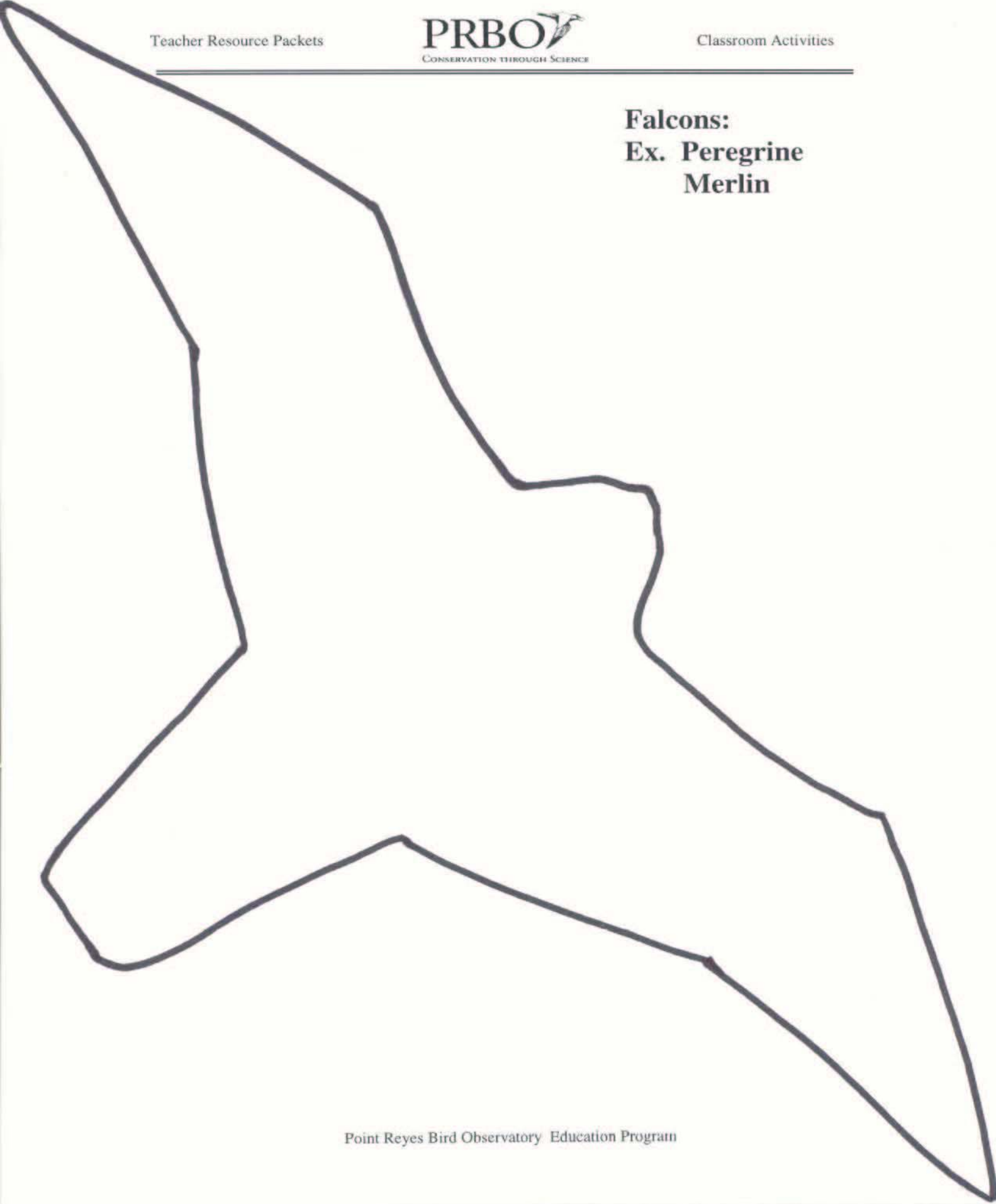
Songbirds frequently fly into windows on houses and office buildings because the clear glass often reflects trees, plants and sky, confusing the birds. As a result, birds fly into them and sometimes die. Placing raptor-shaped silhouettes on the windows may scare birds away and keep them from hitting the windows.

Procedure

1. Give each student a copy of both the Accipiter and the Falcon silhouettes.
2. Have the students cut each pattern out.
3. Next, trace the patterns onto the construction paper and cut them out.
4. Clean the window and tape the silhouettes on!

Note: Encourage students to make more for their homes, other classrooms at your school, neighborhood, etc. Students could even develop a flyer or pamphlet as part of a public awareness campaign.

**Falcons:
Ex. Peregrine
Merlin**



Accipiters
Ex. Coopers Hawk
Sharp-shinned Hawk

