

15A NCAC 10B .0216 FALCONRY

(a) Seasons. Except as provided in Paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Rule, the open seasons for the practice of falconry as permitted by the rules contained in 15A NCAC 10H .0800 coincides with the regular open seasons contained in this Section for squirrels, rabbits, quail, ruffed grouse and pheasant, and with the open seasons set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations for migratory game birds in this state.

(b) Bag Limits. The daily bag, possession and season limits set forth in this Section for squirrels, rabbits, quail, ruffed grouse and pheasant and the daily bag, field possession, and total possession limits set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations for migratory game birds apply to falconry except as provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule.

(c) Out of Season Kills. When any raptor being used in falconry kills any species of wildlife for which there is no open season or a species of game on which the season is then closed, the falconer or person using the raptor shall not take the dead wildlife into his possession but shall leave the same where it lies, provided that the raptor may be allowed to feed on the dead wildlife before leaving the site of the kill. If the species so killed is a resident species of game on which there is a season limit, the kill shall be included as part of the season limit of the person using the raptor for falconry.

(d) Hunting After Limit Taken. After a falconer has acquired the daily bag, possession or season limit of any lawful species, regardless of the manner of taking, the falconer shall not release any raptor.

(e) Extended Seasons. An extended falconry season on rabbits is the Monday on or nearest October 15 until the last day of February. Bag limits for those portions of the season outside the regular seasons are three rabbits daily, and a possession limit of six.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3(b)(4); 50 C.F.R. 21.28; 50 C.F.R. 21.29;
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