

Title Below is shown a list of falcon species. Members of the falcon family are roughly divisible into three or four groups. The first contains the kestrels. Kestrels feed chiefly on terrestrial vertebrates and invertebrates of appropriate size, such as rodents, reptiles, or insects. The second group contains slightly larger (on average) and more elegant species, the hobbies and relatives. These birds are characterized by considerable amounts of dark slaty grey in their plumage; the malar area is nearly always black. They feed mainly on smaller birds. Third are the Peregrine Falcon and its relatives: large powerful birds which also have a black malar area (except some very light color morphs), and often a black cap also. Otherwise, they are somewhat intermediate between the other groups, being chiefly medium grey with some lighter or brownish colours on the upper side. They are on average more delicately patterned than the hobbies and if the hierofalcons are excluded, this group contains typically species with horizontal barring on the underside. Very similar to these and sometimes included therein are the 4 or so species of hierofalcons (literally, "hawk-falcons"). They represent taxa with usually more phaeomelanins which impart reddish or brown colors, and generally more strongly patterned plumage reminiscent of hawks. Notably, their undersides have a lengthwise pattern of blotches, lines or arrowhead marks.

Laughing Falcon <i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	LC
Barred Forest-falcon <i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>	LC
Plumbeous Forest-falcon <i>Micrastur plumbeus</i>	VU
Lined Forest-falcon <i>Micrastur gilvicollis</i>	LC
Cryptic Forest-falcon <i>Micrastur mintoni</i>	LC
Slaty-backed Forest-falcon <i>Micrastur mirandollei</i>	LC
Collared Forest-falcon <i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>	LC
Buckley's Forest-falcon <i>Micrastur buckleyi</i>	LC
Spot-winged Falconet <i>Spizapteryx circumcincta</i>	LC
Crested Caracara <i>Caracara cheriway</i>	LC
Southern Caracara <i>Caracara plancus</i>	LC
Guadalupe Caracara <i>Caracara lutosa</i>	EX
Red-throated Caracara <i>Ibycter americanus</i>	LC
Carunculated Caracara <i>Phalcoboenus carunculatus</i>	LC
Mountain Caracara <i>Phalcoboenus megalopterus</i>	LC
White-throated Caracara <i>Phalcoboenus albogularis</i>	LC
Striated Caracara <i>Phalcoboenus australis</i>	NT
Black Caracara <i>Daptrius ater</i>	LC
Yellow-headed Caracara <i>Milvago chimachima</i>	LC
Chimango Caracara <i>Milvago chimango</i>	LC
Pygmy Falcon <i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	LC
White-rumped Falcon <i>Polihierax insignis</i>	NT
Collared Falconet <i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>	LC
Black-thighed Falconet <i>Microhierax fringillarius</i>	LC
White-fronted Falconet <i>Microhierax latifrons</i>	NT
Philippine Falconet <i>Microhierax erythrogenys</i>	LC
Pied Falconet <i>Microhierax melanoleucos</i>	LC
Brown Falcon <i>Falco berigora</i>	LC
Lesser Kestrel <i>Falco naumanni</i>	VU
Common Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	LC
Madagascar Kestrel <i>Falco newtoni</i>	LC
Mauritius Kestrel <i>Falco punctatus</i>	VU
Seychelles Kestrel <i>Falco araea</i>	VU
Reunion Kestrel <i>Falco buboisi</i>	EX
Spotted Kestrel <i>Falco moluccensis</i>	LC
Nankeen Kestrel <i>Falco cenchroides</i>	LC
American Kestrel <i>Falco sparverius</i>	LC
Greater Kestrel <i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	LC
Fox Kestrel <i>Falco alopex</i>	LC

Grey Kestrel <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	LC
Dickinson's Kestrel <i>Falco dickinsoni</i>	LC
Banded Kestrel <i>Falco zoniventris</i>	LC
Red-necked Falcon <i>Falco chicquera</i>	LC
Red-footed Falcon <i>Falco vespertinus</i>	NT
Amur Falcon <i>Falco amurensis</i>	LC
Eleonora's Falcon <i>Falco eleonora</i>	LC
Sooty Falcon <i>Falco concolor</i>	NT
Aplomado Falcon <i>Falco femoralis</i>	LC
Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i>	LC
Bat Falcon <i>Falco ruficularis</i>	LC
Eurasian Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	LC
African Hobby <i>Falco cuvierii</i>	LC
Oriental Hobby <i>Falco severus</i>	LC
Australian Hobby <i>Falco longipennis</i>	LC
New Zealand Falcon <i>Falco novaeseelandiae</i>	NT
Grey Falcon <i>Falco hypoleucos</i>	NT
Black Falcon <i>Falco subniger</i>	LC
Lanner Falcon <i>Falco biarmicus</i>	LC
Laggar Falcon <i>Falco jugger</i>	NT
Saker Falcon <i>Falco cherrug</i>	VU
Gyr Falcon <i>Falco rusticolus</i>	LC
Prairie Falcon <i>Falco mexicanus</i>	LC
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LC
Barbary Falcon <i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	LC
Orange-breasted Falcon <i>Falco deiroleucus</i>	LC
Taita Falcon <i>Falco fasciinucha</i>	NT

Image: List of falcon species (David Ian Roberts)