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Subject: Education Raptor Strategic Plan

Introduction:

Species - The education department will maintain a list of raptors that have strategic importance to Soarin' Hawk. Considerations for inclusion in the list include;

- A species that would increase public interest and support.
 - Example, we have a donor willing to cover the cost of acquiring a Snowy Owl.
- A species common in the Midwest, that is not represented in the current collection.
 - This would include replacement of a recent loss or anticipated near-term loss.

The current Strategic Ed Bird list is at the end of this document.

Sources - There are multiple sources of raptors for the education department.

- A bird that we have rescued, and which has been determined to be un-releasable by the veterinary team.
- A bird that we have purchased.
- A bird that we have accepted for placement, or accepted for placement as part of an exchange with another institution.

Constraints - In addition to determining if the raptor is on the strategic list, there are additional constraints that must be met:

- Some species are not suitable for education use, including; Cooper's Hawk,
- The education permit is limited to 20 raptors.
- Available housing.
- Available staff to ensure that the raptor will get properly trained and effectively utilized.

Education Department Strategic List of Desired Bird Species and Count

OWLS			
Great			
Horn	2	Snowy	1
Barred	2	Great Grey	1
Screech	2	Eagle owl	1
Long Ear	1	Barn	1
Short Ear	1		

HAWKS & EAGLES			
Bald Eagle	1	Red shoulder	1
Red-tail	2	Broad wing	1
Vulture	1	Golden Eagle	1
Kestrel	2	Goshawk	1
Harris	1	Gyrfalcon	1
Peregrine	1	Jackal Buzzard	1