

Raptor Grants Application Form 2026

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

The BirdLife Australia Raptor Conservation Grant

One project per year that focuses on the conservation of Australian raptors including Accipiteridae, Falcons and Owls will be funded by the BirdLife Australia Raptor Conservation Grant. Projects can be direct on-ground action or conservation-relevant research. The grant aims to advance the conservation of Australian raptors through habitat management or research to further knowledge of raptors and their conservation via informed land management and environment improvement. This grant has been made possible by a generous supporter of raptor conservation.

Eligibility

- The grant is available to non-governmental organisations, Indigenous Ranger Groups or BirdLife Branches and affiliates. Individuals such as voluntary raptor researchers, tertiary students, academics or land managers may also apply.
- We encourage collaborations either with BirdLife programs, e.g. the Woodland Birds Program or with third parties.
- The aims of the funded project need to align with BirdLife Australia's Bird Conservation Strategy. Specifically, projects need to support the recovery of threatened or declining species and the protection of habitats critical to their survival.
- All projects need to align with BirdLife Australia's Bird-watching Ethics and values (details can be read in this [Link](#)).
- For projects one year or shorter, a brief final report must be provided on the outcomes of the work.
- For projects over one year, a progress report must be provided at the end of year one and then a final report must be provided when the project is completed.
- Projects which are or will be linked to any commercial concern will NOT be considered.

What the Grant provides

There will be one grant valued at \$5,000 per annum.

The Birdlife Australia Raptor Group Grants

These grants are of variable amounts awarded towards projects that focus on the conservation of Australian raptors including Accipiteridae, Falcons and Owls.

Eligibility

- The applicant must be a Birdlife Australia Raptor Group member.
- The project must be focused on an Australasian raptor.
- The project has to align with BirdLife Australia's Bird-watching Ethics and values.
- The applicant will provide a summary of the project for BARGs use in media.
- The applicant agrees to acknowledge BARG in any media or scientific publications.

What the Grant provides

Grants of up to \$2000 will be awarded to suitable projects depending upon funds held by the the Birdlife Australia Raptor Group.

Assessment

- Applications will be assessed by a committee of scientists and conservation practitioners.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits from government authorities, Indigenous communities, ethics committees etc., to undertake the project.

Applications close at 5pm on 31 May 2026 or later by prior agreement.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The merit of applications will be judged on fulfillment of these criteria:

- The project must be aimed at conservation and study of Australian raptors, diurnal or nocturnal.
- The project should help inform management of diurnal and nocturnal raptors.
- Applications must align with BirdLife Australia's Bird Conservation Strategy.
- The project must have a clear objective and time frame.
- The likelihood of the project achieving its objective.
- The suitability of the applicant's skills and knowledge to fulfill the project.
- How the proposed grant would be spent in supporting the project.
- In-kind contributions and collaborations e.g. with BirdLife Australia branches will be viewed favourably.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

The project is relevant to the conservation of an Australian raptor or its habitat	No	Yes
The project aligns with BirdLife Australia's Bird-watching Ethics and our values	No	Yes
The applicant is a Birdlife Australia Raptor Group member	No	Yes
The applicant agrees to provide reports on the project as detailed above	No	Yes
The applicant agrees that details and photographs from the project may be published in print or online by BirdLife Australia and BirdLife Australia Raptor Group pending approval of those contained within. Photographers will be acknowledged.	No	Yes
The applicant agrees to acknowledge the support of any grant and BirdLife Australia in any media resulting from the project.	No	Yes

PRIMARY CONTACT DETAILS

Title: _____
(Mr, Ms etc) Family name Given Name/s

Agency / Institution: _____

Institutional address: _____
Street address or GPO Box

Position _____
Suburb or town State or country Postcode

Primary contact number Mobile phone number Fax number

Email address: _____

IN-KIND SUPPORT

Recipient in-kind contribution: Please specify if the applicant or partner organisation are planning to provide in-kind contributions to support this workshop (e.g. accommodation, local transport etc) including a \$\$ value if you wish

DECLARATION

I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of my respective organisation or group and I certify that to the best of my knowledge all documentation and information submitted or made available by me is true, accurate and complete.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please email your application as a single document to:
grants@birdlife.org.au

BirdLife Australia will acknowledge the receipt of your application.

Applications close 31 May 2026

Enquiries: BirdLife Australia Raptor Group President
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