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Subject: Re: Birds of prey: **Belize**

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1. What is your name? Ryan Phillips
2. If you have a job title, what is it? Raptor Biologist
3. What is the name of your organization and country? Belize Raptor Research/Belize
4. Based on numbers, what would you say are the top 5 raptors in your area? Harpy Eagle, Crested Eagle, Black and White Hawk-eagle, Solitary Eagle, Orange-breasted Falcon
5. Are there any endangered raptors in your area? If so, which ones are they and why are they endangered?  
Harpy Eagle- habitat destruction/poaching  
Crested Eagle- habitat destruction/poaching  
Solitary Eagle- habitat degradation  
Orange-breasted Falcon- habitat destruction/ black vulture(increase in population) nest predation
6. Are there any programs in your area that help to protect raptors? If yes, briefly tell us what they are.  
Belize Harpy Eagle Restoration Program(BHERP)- captive breeding through Peregrine Fund  
Orange-breasted Falcon Project- nest surveys and captive bird releases by Peregrine Fund
7. Is your organization funded by the government or private donations? If neither, from what source is funding received? Private
8. Does your government recognize the importance of maintaining/improving the status of birds of prey? If so, in what way do they support it? Yes, through nation wide funding for education outreach, full support with bringing birds into the country for release, and Military helps with overflights to locate our birds.
9. Do you have programs to educate the public? If yes, what kinds or please give examples. Yes, we work with the Belize zoo doing raptor programs throughout the countries schools along with regional education in neighboring countries of Guatemala and Mexico.
10. Is there anything else that you would like to share or comment on about raptors in your area? We are conducting the first studies on raptors in Belize that very little is known about to better manage these species for long term survival
11. May we have permission to print this email interview on our website? Yes