

## ARE YOU MISSING A PET

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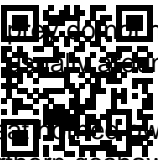
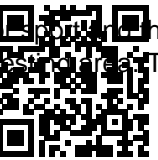
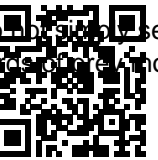





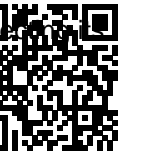
## PETS AT RISK FROM RAPTORS

The pets most at risk from hungry birds of prey are small animals that spend time outdoors unsupervised. While bird attacks on pets are not common, birds have been recorded as attacking:

Small dogs and puppies, especially toy breeds  
Small cats and kittens  
Rabbits  
Guinea pigs  
Pet ducks or chickens

Any small pet, however, can be at risk from a bird attack. Large raptors will routinely attack animals that weigh up to 20 pounds as part of a hunt. Many birds of prey will attack even larger animals, even humans, if the bird feels its nest or young is threatened.

## RAPTORS THAT HUNT PETS

 <p>birds often do not hunt for food. They do, however, seek to kill for their own territory, to eat and a nest of eggs. The birds of prey most noted for attacking pets are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/4 Green herons</li><li>1/4 Northern goshawks</li><li>1/4 Red-tailed hawks (see picture(s) above)</li></ul> <p>NOTE: Just last week 9/17/17, here in Indianapolis, a large red-tail hawk was sitting on my board fence patiently eyeing my little 4 lb puppy in the back yard. When I opened the back door to let her in, it startled the hawk and it flew away. I was really shocked at the sheer size of the bird. The wingspan was about 3 to 4 feet across!</p> <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>	 <p><b>ARE YOU MISSING A PET</b> hide this posting unhide</p> <p><a href="https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z">https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-759862-z</a></p>
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Smaller backyard hawks, such as the Cooper's hawk and sharp-shinned hawk, will not usually attack a pet unless they are exceptionally desperate. These hawks typically hunt much smaller game, such as mice or small songbirds. Nevertheless, any hawk, owl or falcon may attack a pet under the right - or wrong - circumstances.

If your pet is a bit larger than a toy breed, think too of coyotes and foxes. They can gang-up on unsupervised pets quickly without being seen nor heard and your pet will go missing.

PROTECT AND SUPERVISE your indoor pet(s) that are.