

(P3) A survey of raptor management programs at North American Airports

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Many major airports in North America, both civilian and military, currently operate raptor management programs to reduce the number of bird strikes involving birds of prey. Most of these programs operate independently from one another. One exception is the Western Airports Raptor Research & Management (WARRM) group which began in 2014 and is now comprised of biologists from Portland Airport (PDX), Seattle-Tacoma Airport (SEA), Salt Lake City Airport (SLC), and Vancouver Airport (YVR). We are conducting a simple survey to identify which airports are operating raptor management programs and to learn what methods are being used for trapping (e.g. Swedish Goshawk traps, Bal chatris, etc.) to identify any new, novel or improved techniques that are being employed there. The results of this survey will be used to better understand what airports are doing with respect to raptor management and to identify which airports are interested in starting a raptor program. Results will be shared at the next Bird Strike Committee USA meeting to improve airport raptor management within North America and to help airports work collaboratively to reduce raptor related risks to aviation.

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