



The Raptors: Ecology, Behavior, Parasites, Life History and Conservation

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Message from the Guest Editor

In the evolutionary struggle for survival, the raptors are among the best-adapted organisms in the animal world. Their body shape and hunting abilities make them the finest sky hunters. However, despite their speed and strength, survival can be challenging for the raptors.

The raptors, due to their remarkable phenotypic plasticity, can adapt to a wide range of habitats. In addition, they are essential components in many ecosystems. Many research studies have provided a foundation for further studies on the ecology and behaviour of this fauna, but this is laborious work. Many details of the behaviour and life history of the raptors, even among intensively studied species, remain unknown.

Therefore, this Special Issue is an opportunity to combine and synthesize data from different research fields. We welcome high-quality original papers addressing all aspects of the life of raptors and owls, including their habitat requirements and selection, foraging ecology and diet preferences, breeding biology and nest success, distribution, post-breeding movements and migration, endoparasites and ectoparasites, threats and protection, and population statuses and trends.





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