

## Which Feathers and Parts Will Be Available?

Any available non-eagle feathers and parts will be held and distributed for religious or cultural purposes. However, applicants should be aware that some species will be unavailable from time to time, and that the Liberty Wildlife program will be limited to current inventory at the time an application is received.



## Process to Obtain Feathers, Parts, and Carcasses

If you are requesting a feather, part or carcass of a non-eagle species, please print and complete the form found at [www.non-eaglefeathers.net](http://www.non-eaglefeathers.net). Completed forms can be sent to:

P.O. Box, 14345  
Scottsdale, AZ 85267

To have someone contact you or send you a form, please call 480-998-5550 and leave a message with your name and how we can reach you.

When you mail your request form back to the Liberty Wildlife Non-Eagle Feather Repository, make sure you remembered to sign the form and include a copy of your certification of enrollment from the Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal Enrollment Office.

## Contact Information

To obtain a permit application from Liberty Wildlife, or inquire about specific needs, please contact:

Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation  
Foundation  
Non-Eagle Feather Repository  
[feathers@libertywildlife.org](mailto:feathers@libertywildlife.org)  
863-FEATHER (332-8437)

Visit [www.non-eaglefeathers.net](http://www.non-eaglefeathers.net) to learn more about the Non-Eagle Feather Repository program.



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Liberty Wildlife's  
Non-Eagle Feather Repository

## About the Program



Liberty Wildlife, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Southwest Region 2, is announcing the establishment of a new program called the Non-Eagle Feather Repository. Its goal is to provide Native Americans a permitted source to obtain non-eagle feathers, and other parts, from federally regulated migratory birds.

The populations of many of these bird species have been dwindling, due to years of habitat loss, poaching, and market hunting. In an effort to protect these birds and prevent



the slow decline in their numbers, the U.S. Congress passed the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The MBTA forbids the taking, possession, transport, sale, purchase, barter, trade, import and export of any migratory bird. These prohibitions also extend to parts, nest, or eggs of such birds. No exceptions were made for Native American cultural or religious uses. This left them with no legal mechanism to obtain the feathers that they needed.

## Why is Liberty Wildlife Involved?

For countless years, Native Americans have used various natural resources –

including wildlife – not only for subsistence, but for cultural and religious purposes as well. Feathers are among the most prized and sought-after items for these practices. The unpermitted collecting of feathers and parts has negatively impacted these migratory bird populations.



Through the Non-Eagle Feather Repository, Liberty Wildlife hopes to help fulfill the needs of Native Americans for birds and bird parts, while reducing the pressure of the non-permitted take of migratory species that results from the illegal harvesting of these species. The Repository will provide Native Americans a legal means to acquire migratory birds (other than eagles), as well as their feathers and parts, for religious and cultural purposes.

