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GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED FALCONRY PRACTICES, RODENTICIDES, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT JEOPARDIZE
GOLDEN EAGLES (*AQUILA CHRYSAETOS*) IN WESTERN CHINA

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Currently, falconry is making a resurgence in some areas of western China, although this activity has been prohibited or discouraged for the last 60 yr. Under the influence

of neighboring countries such as Mongolia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan, local Chinese governments have begun encouraging local people to tame eagles and other raptors for