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Order FALCONIFORMES: Falcons and Allies

In separating falcons from accipitrids at the ordinal level we follow Holdaway (1994a), Holdaway *et al.* (2001) and Christidis & Boles (2008).

Family FALCONIDAE Leach: Falcons

Falconidae Leach, 1819: *Eleventh room. In Synopsis Contents British Museum 15th Edition, London*: 63 – Type genus *Falco* Linnaeus, 1758.

Genus *Falco* Linnaeus

Falco Linnaeus, 1758: *Syst. Nat., 10th edition 1*: 88 – Type species (by subsequent designation) “*Falco peregrinus* Linnaeus” = *Falco peregrinus* Tunstall.

Cerchneis Boie, 1826: *Isis von Oken*, Heft 10: col. 970 – Type species (by monotypy) *Falco rupicolus* Daudin.

Hypotriorchis Boie, 1826: *Isis von Oken*, Heft 10: col. 976 – Type species (by monotypy) *Falco subbuteo* Linnaeus.

Rhynchodon Nitzsch, 1829: *Obs. Avium Arter. Carot. Comm.*: 20 – Type species (by subsequent designation) *Falco peregrinus* Tunstall.

Ieracidea Gould, 1838: *Synop. Birds Australia 3*: pl. 43 – Type species (by monotypy) *Falco berigora* Vigors & Horsfield.

Hieracidea Strickland, 1841: *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., London 6*: 416. Unjustified emendation.

Harpe Bonaparte, 1855: *Compt. Rend. Séa. Acad. Sci., Paris 41*: 652 – Type species (by original designation) *Falco novaeseelandiae* Gmelin. Junior homonym of *Harpe* Lacépède, 1802.

Harpa Sharpe, 1874: *Cat. Birds Brit. Mus 1*: 372. Unjustified emendation of *Harpe* Bonaparte and junior synonym of *Harpe* Lamarck, 1799.

Nesierax Oberholser, 1899: *Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad.*: 203 – Type species (by original designation) *Falco novaeseelandiae* Gmelin.

Notofalco Mathews, 1913: *Austral Avian Rec. 2*: 56 – Type species (by original designation) *Falco subniger* G.R. Gray.

Megacerchneis Roberts, 1922: *Ann. Transv. Museum 8*: 210 – Type species (by original designation) *Falco rupicoloides* A. Smith.

Palifalco Mathews, 1946: *Working List Aust. Birds*: 51 – Type species (by original designation) *Falco hypoleucos* Gould.

Falco subniger G.R. Gray

Black Falcon

Falco subniger G.R. Gray, 1843: *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., London 11*: 371 – Victoria, Australia.

Falco subniger G.R. Gray; Blackburn 1984, *Notornis 31*: 6.

Australia, mostly inland but reaching the coast in South Australia and adjacent areas of Victoria. One accepted New Zealand record: Gisborne 21 Nov. 1983 (Blackburn 1984).