

And this Starhawk, by the way, I've seen it myself--in Wyoming. It's a hawk. I think we always call it "falcon." They have just three claws--two fingers and a thumb. And they're the only bird that fights the eagle. You know what they do? They're quick, just like this sparrow hawk. But eagles are trying to catch them all the time. They always manage to get behind the eagle. Once they get behind the eagle they catch the eagle at the joints of the wings. There's a little short feather on all birds--we call it the "main feather." Once they get their claw on that close to that main feather, no kind of bird--you can pull them out of a woodpecker or chicken or anything--and they won't fly. So when they get to that eagle on his shoulder, where that feather is, this hawk get in there--then the eagle's just helpless. That's the name of this Arapaho order.

(How do you say that in Arapaho?)

h w e w' w h u h w' -- h w e w' means "star." -h u h w' That's the "star falcons"--"star hawks".

(You said all birds had this main feather--?)

All have that little feather--a chicken or anything. Right where the main wing starts there's a little short feather. You pull that out of any bird, just pull it out and he'll just walk around--just like you or I--he can't fly. No. We kids were taught those things in our young life. We were taught those things.

(Do the Arapahoes have a name for that feather?)

h a e a e 0 i i I know we used to catch and raise crows or any kind of bird and when they get ready and want to fly away we used to pull that feather and they just stayed around the camp. Couldn't even fly on an arbor.

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(Did you have any other pictures to show me?)

This is an Indian painting--when those prisoners went to Florida--you ever read about that--Fort Marion? This is Cheyenne. That was done by Cohoe. And this (another picture) is where they issue rations. After Medicine Lodge they used to issue rations there at Camp Supply. See all these travois?