

Don't use that. But a prairie Swifthawk. It's a larger bird and instead of black stripes it has brown stripes across the feathers. And it has black feathers here--looks like tears running down. Black streaks from the eyes on down. "That's the bird I want you to use." Now, how this buffalo medicine originated--I don't know whether anybody really knows the whole truth. It's been handed down and told by different ones. And those that practiced the medicine, tell others about it. But it's almost the same story. During that night, that buffalo spoke to that woman and gave her all the designs and ceremonies and how it used --When they go back they'll possess all kinds of magical powers. He even taught her to sing a song that she must use. And that song could be sung by any of this generation. Many of them know that song yet. But I can't sing it for you. And instead of a rattle gourd, she's supposed to use deer hooves (deer hoof rattle). Deer hooves and buffalo hooves. That comes next to the ankles, little small ones, all tied together (the deer claws) and they rattle. I've seen them. I've seen them when they doctor. These buffalo medicine doctors doctor these sick patients. And this shield in war time is to be immune from bullets and arrow points. And the buffalo shield, they call it, cannot be pierced with bullets or arrow points. That's a shield to carry. And in war, as long as you use that shield, you'd be free and well. Now, this woman that received this power, was called Pa-tsoⁿ-hi. (Would you say that again?)

Pa-tsoⁿ-hi. That means "Old Buffalo Woman." Old Buffalo Woman. I think it was the Pawnees that captured her. Well, I was told that it was near a large river where this village was camped