

Eastern Cape Falconry Club

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Darren Kleinhans
Mathew Hardwick
Jonathan Arnott

The 2010/2011 season saw some good falconry enjoyed by the active members with the inactive members inactive again. Arnold Slabbert's intermewed peregrine was flying well at redwing francolin taking her usual high pitch when she was lost after a long flight. The transmitter was beeping and then went dead. Arnold searched in vain for the following couple of weeks.

Arnold is now flying a rehab tiercel peregrine that comes off the buildings in PE. This bird is doing well on redwing.

Darren Kleinhans has applied for an Af Gos to do his grading.

Mathew Hardwick still has to take a bird and do his grading.

Jono Arnott lost his passage lanneret out of the moult. The bird was recovered a week later in Alexandria. Jono wants to do his grading at SAFA with this bird so we hope it sticks around. He is flying quail and sundry birds in the Kenton area.

I had a good season flying two new passage female peregrines at duck. Both birds took impressive numbers of duck and partridge. I released the one at the end of the season and am flying the other now intermewed bird. She has come out of the moult hot having taken 14 duck without a miss so far. Her pitch is also much improved with large number of binocular range flights. I am also flying a hacked wild taken female peregrine that I trained using Ed Pitchers techniques as a guide. She is flying huge and has 5 duck and one partridge so far. The technique definitely works but it will be interesting to see what happens when I start hunting in areas where there is more check.

Alan Harvey

