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Fall Break takes flight with Raptor Shows at Huntsville Botanical Garden

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (October 6, 2026) – Hawks, owls, falcons and other remarkable birds of prey will take center stage at Huntsville Botanical Garden on Wednesday, October 7, during two live Raptor Shows presented by the Auburn University Raptor Center and supported by Wild Birds Unlimited and Amentum.

Shows will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Garden's Amphitheatre, offering guests an up-close look at native raptors while expert handlers share how these powerful birds hunt, survive and contribute to healthy ecosystems.

During each hour-long presentation, guests will have the opportunity to watch live flight demonstrations as raptors soar and glide overhead, learn about the specialized adaptations and behaviors that make them such effective hunters, and discover the important role conservation plays in protecting birds of prey and their habitats.

The program is presented by the Auburn University Raptor Center, whose work includes raptor rehabilitation, conservation and wildlife education. Designed for guests of all ages, the shows combine close encounters with engaging interpretation to inspire curiosity about Alabama's native wildlife.

The Raptor Shows are supported by Wild Birds Unlimited and Amentum, whose support helps make this educational wildlife experience possible.

Tickets are $8 for Garden members and $20 for non-members, with Garden admission included in the non-member ticket price. Children ages 2 and under attend free. Tickets are available online and at the door, although advance purchase is recommended to reserve a

preferred show time. A 9% sales tax will be added at checkout, excluding Museums for All tickets.

The Raptor Shows will take place rain or shine. In the event of rain or inclement weather, the program will move indoors to the Isenberg Grand Hall.

The Raptor Shows are part of FestiFall, Huntsville Botanical Garden's annual celebration of autumn, featuring seasonal displays, traditions and special events throughout September and October. FestiFall is presented by First Horizon Bank, with additional support from Window World.

For tickets and additional information, visit hsvbg.org/calendar.

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About Huntsville Botanical Garden

Huntsville Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to connect people to plants to support a healthier quality of life for the region. Open year-round, the Garden contains diverse ecosystems to explore within its 118 acres. From grassy meadows to woodland paths, aquatic habitats to stunning floral collections, the Garden invites guests of all ages to discover the beauty and wonder of the natural environment. For more information, visit hsvbg.org.