



Instructions
for the
FAULHABER Wildlocker
Bird of Prey Call
"Raubvogel-Ruf"



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This bird of prey call is an improved version of a call referred to as "Zollwegerl", which was created using a primitive instrument made from a split piece of a twig. The membranes used in these devices failed regularly due to rupturing, overextending or the use of unfit materials. This newly created instrument avoids all these shortcomings. It is durable and works without deviations in tone.

The call can be used in various ways. If used to imitate the call of the common buzzard (*buteo buteo*), the call is not only very effective while attracting the animals during rutting season (in spring), but throughout the entire year, if used to respond to a buzzard's call from a well-covered raised stand.

It is important to note that the European honey buzzard (*pernis apivorus*) is protected during the entire year in most of Austria. There is also a close season for the common buzzard in some states in Austria.

Buzzard hunting using the call takes place primarily in areas, where buzzards cause harm by preying on young hares and pheasants.

The buzzard's call, which sounds similar to a "meow", is well known and easily recognizable. The call resembles a "fíuuu" sound, with an emphasis on the "i" and the "u" sound declining towards the end. In order to reproduce the call with the instrument, use a strong sharp

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blow and fade out the tone over a period of 1/2 - 2 seconds by slowly stopping the airflow. Do not follow up with another tone.

Blowing the instrument several times in quick succession with a strong but short flow of air, imitates the call of the Eurasian sparrowhawk (*accipiter nisus*), often prompting a response from the young, who usually sit on branches within close distance from the aerie upon leaving the nest. The same holds true for young hawks (*accipiter gentilis*). Sometimes jays or crows may also respond to the call.

The original instrument ("Zollwegerl") was also used while hunting for grey partridge (*perdix perdix*). In the fall, as the fields lose their natural coverage, hunters used to carry a stone on their hat, which they then tossed into the air, following up with the call in order to imitate the presence of a bird of prey. The partridge would then duck and hide, making them trackable for the hunters and their hounds. The bird of prey call loses its effectivity if it is being used at any given opportunity or out of season. Cautious use is thus a key requirement for success.

Whoever uses the call, be aware that birds of prey have their place and function in nature and should be allowed to keep those. Controlling their numbers is just, but they should not be killed off. It is important to note that falcons (*Falco*) – the most precious among the birds of prey – are protected almost everywhere all year long. Take good note of the hunter's first commandment: Never shoot what you don't know!

- The **FAULHABER** calls cannot be disassembled. This ensures a constant pitch.

- **Good hunting!**

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