

Fallacies of Falconry Telemetry.

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There is little doubt that telemetry (radio-tracking) is an important, if not indispensable, tool for modern falconers. Trying to locate a saker that's just gone AWOL, or a goshawk who has decided to hide quietly in a bush is a lot easier if the bird is wearing a radio tag. Working for a company manufacturing radio-tracking equipment, I often come across misconceptions and bad practice in the use of telemetry equipment. In this article I hope to discredit some of the most common fallacies, and try to offer insights that will make for safer and more successful radio-tracking.