

Education Raptors and Origin of Names

Otis	From the genus name (<i>Otus asio</i>); recently changed to <i>Megascops asio</i>
Ayasha	From several Native American dialects; meaning "little one" (Name suggested by Dr. Karen Higgs)
Tonka	Means "great" or "big" in Lakota; therefore Tonka Owl = Great Owl (Wakan Tonka literally translates to "Spirit Great" in Lakota.)
Andre'	Named for former wildlife keeper, Andrea Ainger, who found him along I-90
Cetan Lutah	Pronounced "Che-tan Looh-Tah" Means "Red Hawk" in Lakota; Red Hawk was Crazy Horse's medicine; fearless, aggressive and swift moving. Red Hawk is linked with the rising dawn of the east. <i>It is a communicating messenger for knowledge.</i> (italics added)
The Professor	During glove-training watched every move we made with the studied eye of a college professor
Killy	Named after the kestrel's call which sounds like "killy, killy, killy..."
Spring	Named in honor of Spring Brook Nature Center who cared for her and once determined that she was non-releasable transferred her to WWC's education program.
Zeus	Named after the "god of gods" from Greek mythology. When displeased with mere mortals and gods alike, Zeus would hurl down a thunderbolt upon them. (Similar to how a peregrine dispatches its prey.)
Juno	Goddess of the moon and stars from Roman mythology
Merula	Comes from the Latin and means "black bird" and is the source for the common name Merlin
Dusty	Actually named by our 2009 summer clinic seasonals, Sheri and Laura refers to his coloration
Monty	Named in honor of the Chicago Bird Collision Monitors
Leotie	Means "Flower of the Prairie" or "Meadow Flower" (Native American origin unknown)