

Rescuers trap hawk with nail in head in SF park

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There was no word on the bird's condition. A photo of the capture shows the bird being held by a rescuer. Dmytryk says it was immediately transported to Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley in San Jose.

WildRescue had been notified of the injured bird nearly a week ago and had tried to trap it several times last week without success.

[Rescuers](#) believe someone intentionally hurt the [hawk](#) earlier this month. A reward of \$10,000 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whomever harmed the bird.

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