

MENU ≡

[View Basket](#)

THE MAGAZINE FOR CONNOISSEURS OF TURKEY

CORNUCOPIA

Open up a world of Turkish inspiration with a Cornucopia digital subscription

Buy or gift a stand-alone digital subscription and get unlimited access to dozens of back issues for just £18.99 / \$18.99 a year.

Please register at www.exacteditions.com/digital/cornucopia with your subscriber account number or contact subscriptions@cornucopia.net

[Buy a digital subscription](#)

[Go to the Digital Edition](#)

[ARCHIVE](#) > [ISSUE 7](#) > [A BIRD IN HAND](#)

[Tweet](#)

EXTRACT

A bird in hand

MAN'S BEST FRIEND, THE SPARROWHAWK

BY ROGER UPTON (1937–2017)

During the Turkish quail-hunting season, man's best friend is the sparrowhawk. Roger Upton describes how these redoubtable birds help to bring home the bacon





A sparrowhawk in the hands of the Istanbul austringer Niyazi Akkaya (Simon Upton)

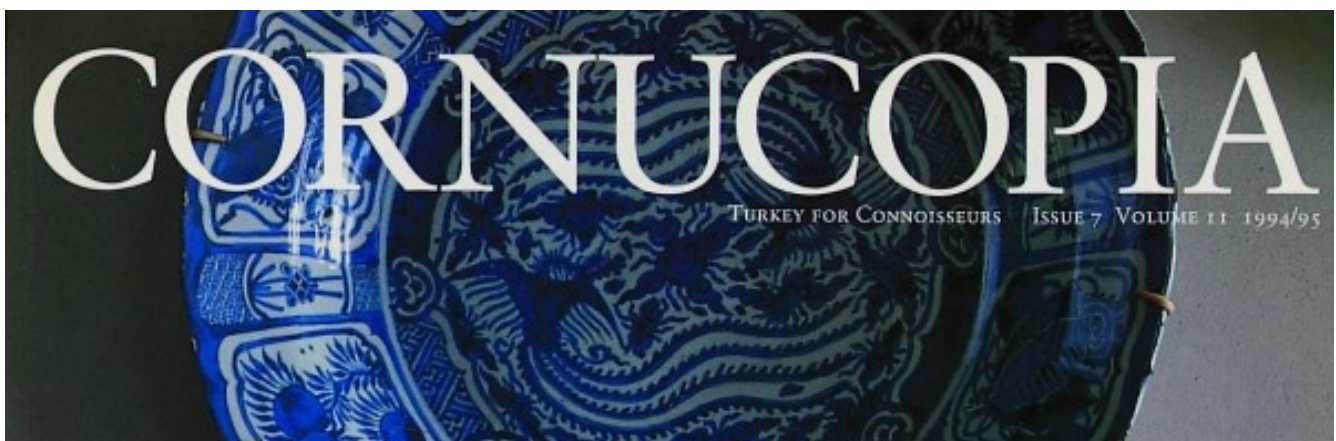
For many generations, sparrowhawks have been used in far-flung areas of Turkey for hunting game. All along the Black Sea coast of the country, and to the south around Mersin and Adana, these wild short-winged hawks are still skilfully trained to capture their quarry between August and September.

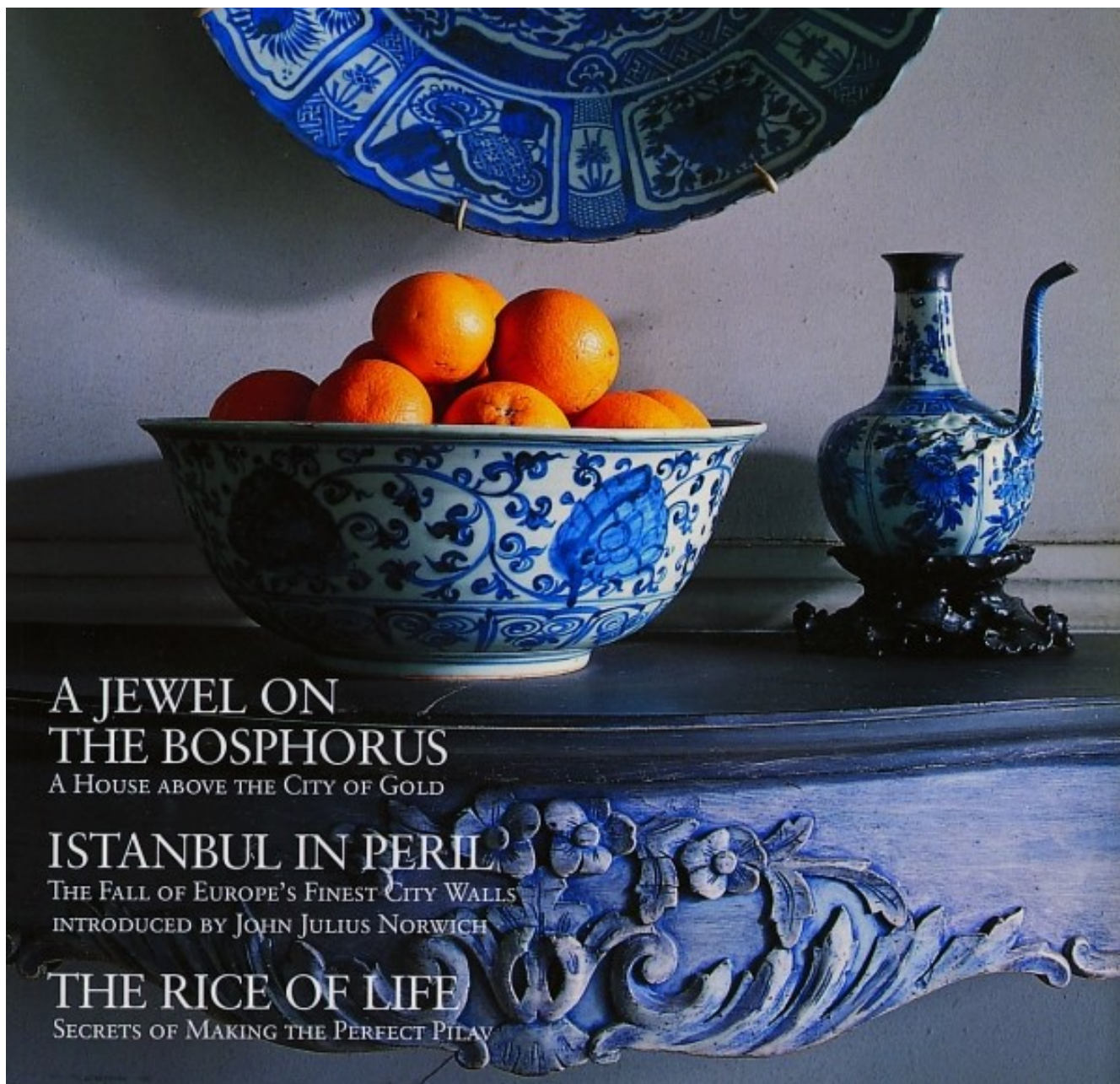
Ideally the chosen sparrowhawks are trapped shortly after leaving the nest. Immature, inexperienced hawks tend to adapt more readily to the training regime than adults, which have good reason to fear man's presence. In choosing a hawk, falconers (or austringers, as sparrowhawk trainers are more properly known) look for large, open feet and a prominent eyebrow marked with white feathers. Females are usually chosen, being larger than males.

A young sparrowhawk with the right temperament can be trained in just two weeks. Time must be taken to discourage the bad habit of 'carrying', or flying off with the kill...

TO READ THE FULL ARTICLE, PURCHASE ISSUE 7

[BUY THE ISSUE](#)





A JEWEL ON THE BOSPHORUS

A HOUSE ABOVE THE CITY OF GOLD

ISTANBUL IN PERIL

THE FALL OF EUROPE'S FINEST CITY WALLS

INTRODUCED BY JOHN JULIUS NORWICH

THE RICE OF LIFE

SECRETS OF MAKING THE PERFECT PILAV

Issue 7, 1994/95 The Great Walls of Istanbul

£700.00 / \$892.18 / €822.52

[Add to Basket](#)

[Show Less](#)

Other Highlights from Cornucopia 7



THE JEWEL BOX

The Çuruksulu Mehmet Pasha Yali once saw diplomatic service as the home of the



provides timeless views
EAST WITH THE NIGHT

The fascination of Istanbul is enough to keep visitors and even the city's more

Westernised residents, from **GOOD PLACES TO STAY** exploring the Asian interior of



experience is well worth the **Kastamonu's Uğurlu Mansions** not inconsiderable effort of exploring.

[Book now online](#)

Kastamonu



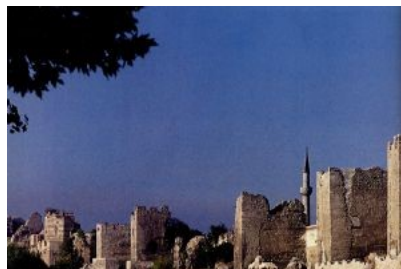
Raşıtlar Bağ Evi

[Book now online](#)

Safranbolu

SLAVES TO FANTASY

Chris Farrard questions the motives behind William



ISTANBUL IN PERIL

The Anastasian and Theodosian walls together protected the city for many years; but now this vast and beautiful network is under



Divan Çukurhan

[Book now online](#)

Ankara

STOCK TAKING

Berrin Torolsan sheds light on the secrets that ensure fluffy, succulent results from rice, bulgur or couscous, with recipes from the homely to the festive.

More cookery features



2 Rooms Hotel

[Book now online](#)

Izmir

Southern Aegean

BUY THE ISSUE



Issue 7, 1994/95 The Great Walls of Istanbul

£700.00 / \$892.18 / 28,763.62 TL

[Add to Basket](#)

AVAILABLE FROM THE CORNUCOPIA STORE



BLACK EARTH

Fazil Say

£ 13.30

[Add to Basket](#)

MORE ARTICLES BY ROGER UPTON (1937–2017)

[A Bird in Hand](#)

MOST READ ARTICLES

[James Mellaart: The Man Who Changed History \(45050\)](#)

[The Caliph's Daughter \(37330\)](#)

[The Elector's Turkish Treasures \(23061\)](#)

[Trotsky on Prinkipo \(20858\)](#)

[Kastamonu: The Ottoman Farmhouse \(20709\)](#)

[An American Nomad \(20568\)](#)

[D'Aronco \(20204\)](#)

[Simply Sufi \(19975\)](#)

[Living legends \(17477\)](#)

[Fazil Say: Warner CDs \(16821\)](#)

[James Mellaart: Under the Volcano \(16773\)](#)

[The Peoples that Time Forgot \(16486\)](#)

[The Coolest Thing \(16467\)](#)

[Oil's Boom and Bust \(16245\)](#)

[Drama in the Round \(16134\)](#)

RELATED ARTICLES

[Birds in Paradise \(Cornucopia 9\)](#)

[The Flutterby Ball \(Cornucopia 42\)](#)

RELATED DESTINATIONS

[The Black Sea](#)

[The Western Black Sea](#)





THE DIGITAL EDITION

Cornucopia works in partnership with the digital publishing platform Exact Editions to offer individual and institutional subscribers unlimited access to a searchable archive of fascinating back issues and every newly published issue. The digital edition of Cornucopia is available cross-platform on web, iOS and Android and offers a comprehensive search function, allowing the title's cultural content to be delved into at the touch of a button.

Digital Subscription: £18.99 / \$18.99 (1 year)

[Subscribe now](#)

© 2024 Cornucopia Magazine

[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)