



BĀZ-NĀMA

BĀZ-NĀMA, books or treatises on the keeping and training of falcons containing information concerning various kinds of birds of prey, how to capture and tame them, how to feed and train them, diseases afflicting them and their treatment. Aside from discussions of this subject in general works like Rāzī's *Jāme' al-'olūm* (chap. on 'elm al-bozāh), and in Āmolī's *Nafā'es al-fonūn* (*maqāla* 4, *qesm* 2, *fann* 8, *naw'* 2, *faṣl* 2) and Tonokābonī's *Toḥfat al-mo'menīn* (chap. 24) there exist a number of books and treatises on the subject of falconry, which in turn mention Middle Persian, Persian, and Sogdian works of falconry, now lost. Storey discusses seventeen identified works on falconry and twenty-one unidentified ones. Twelve such books were identified by Monzawī in his *Nosḡahā* and thirty-seven in his *Fehrest-e moštarak* but the real number of extant *bāz-nāmas* appears to be much higher. Some important *bāz-nāmas*, extant or mentioned in sources, are the following: 1. *Bāz-nāma-ye nowštravānī* in Pahlavi, parts of the Persian translation of which have been quoted by Rāzī (p. 143) and Āmolī (III, p. 349). 2. *Jawāreḡ-nāma-ye šahanšāhī* by Abu'l-Boḡtorī, translated from Pahlavi into Persian at the time of the Samanid 'Abd-al-Malek (r. 343-50; Phillott, XII). 3. *Bāz-nāma* of the Saffarid Kālaf b. Aḡmad (r. 352-93; *ibid.*). 4. *Bāz-nāma* of Abu'l-Ḥasan 'Alī b. Aḡmad Nasavī (the oldest extant *bāz-nāma*; ed. 'A. Ġarawī, Tehran, 1354 Š./1975). 5. *Šekār-nāma-ye ḡosravī*, also known as *Šayd-nāma-ye malekšāhī*, by Moḡammad b. Qalčāq Nežāmī, commissioned by the vizier K̄vāja Nežām-al-Molk; a manuscript of this *bāz-nāma* is preserved in the library of the University of California, Los Angeles (ms. no. M 1404). 6. *Resāla-ye firūzsāhī*, compiled in 690/1281-82 for Firūzšāh Kālaḡ (Storey, II, pp. 403, 410). 7. *Bāz-nāma-ye Amīr*



Ḳosrow Dehlavī, in verse, composed 685-93 (Monzawī, *Fehrest-e moštarak*, p. 397). 8. *Šekār-nāma-ye ilkānī* by ‘Alī b. Manšūr Ḳvāfī, an expanded version of the *Šekār-nāma-ye ḳosravī*, dedicated to Toḡāy Tīmūr (r. 737-52; Storey, II, p. 404, Monzawī, op. cit., pp. 398, 428). 9. *Bāz-nāma-ye tīmūrī*, a selection from the *Šekār-nāma-ye ilkānī* (Naḍīr Aḥmad, *JASB* 17, no. 257) by Šāhīn Beg Boḳārī. 10. *Bāz-nāma* by Ġiāṭ-al-Dīn ‘Alī Ḥosaynī Ešfahānī Badaḳšānī, completed 893/1488 (Storey, II, p. 404; Laugier de Bearecueil, p. 59). 11. A *bāz-nāma* by a pupil of ‘Alī Qūšjī (q.v.; Monzawī, op. cit., p. 400; also ms. Leningrad no. 1160 mentioned in the general catalogue of the Leningrad Oriental Library, ed. Akimushkin, p. 568). 12. *Bāznāma-ye nāšerī* by Ḥosām-al-Dawla Tīmūr Mīrzā Qājār (completed 1285/1868; Tehran, 1285/1869; tr. D. C. Phillott, *The Bāz-nāmah-yi Nāširī*, London, 1908). For a more extensive listing of the *bāz-nāmas* see Storey, II/3, and Monzawī (below).

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