

WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH

2020 Nesting Season Report

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Cover Image: *The unbanded adult female peregrine at Milwaukee's US Bank site photographed on the 41st floor ledge near her nest box on June 24, 2020.*
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2020 Nesting Season Overview

Due to stay at home orders, travel restrictions and safety concerns brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic this year, nest site access and viewing opportunities at urban sites in particular were restricted and limited in nature. As a consequence there were fewer young banded and fewer adults identified. I generally band around 70 young/year but this year only banded 32. Still, with the network of webcams in place and local observations by employees at many sites, we've been able to determine overall productivity with a certain degree of accuracy. Site surveys by Bill Smith, Amy Ries of the Raptor Resource Project, Jackie Fallon of the Midwest Peregrine Society, Dave Evans, and others provided observations from the Mississippi and Wisconsin River regions as well as Lake Superior and are included in this report.

This year there was a known total of 116 young produced at 38 successful nest sites. Thirteen nests were located along the Lake Michigan shoreline, 5 along the Fox River system, 2 along the Wisconsin River system, 3 on the shores of Lake Superior, 12 along the Mississippi River (9 on cliffs) (*source RRP*), 1 on the Door Peninsula and 2 inland at Madison & Jefferson.

Overall total production was up 5% over last year (110 young in 2019 v. 116 young in 2020). Average production per successful nest was also up this year from 2.97/successful nest in 2019 to 3.05 in 2020.

The numbers above once again reflect known/verified production but the actual numbers may be higher. Especially this year it is likely there are at least a few nests that we don't know about and others where outcomes are unknown such as the bridge nest at De Pere, and several Mississippi River bluffs this season. There were also at least three nests that were known to have failed this year due to various reasons. Then there are sites such as the bridges in Sturgeon Bay and Appleton where peregrines are seen nearly every year but a nest has yet to be confirmed.

There are also sites where peregrines have been observed on occasion and at times temporarily occupied. One thing peregrines can and will do is move between sites and this is especially true in both the spring and fall. I've identified banded peregrines present at two or more different sites the same day. And when these sites are relatively close, it often times takes only minutes to fly from one site to another and the same peregrine can and will travel back and forth between them several times per day. So, as encouraging as it is to see peregrines at a site, unless there are regular observations over an extended period, these observations need to be tempered with the reality that in many cases their presence is temporary.

For additional observations of peregrines in Wisconsin and elsewhere I would recommend checking out e-bird.org. There you'll find records of observations

by birders some of which also include images that document their findings. Not surprisingly, many of these observations are made near wetlands, marshes, lakes and other areas frequented by peregrines for hunting. Of course there are also numerous observations at known nest sites so one can get an overall feel where peregrines can be found throughout the state,

I know I'm not alone when I express my hope that a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine will be available soon. This has been an unprecedented year that has upset the lives and livelihoods of nearly everyone. And to be here now proves we're the fortunate ones. Everything we've taken for granted, at least for some time yet, is no longer the norm. Of course the peregrines are unaffected by all this and carrying on as usual – that's refreshing and provides a welcome sense of continuity.

The table below explains nesting terminology used in this report. All nesting information is extracted from known, verifiable data.

Successful =	Young produced
Successful/Lost =	Young produced – lost before fledging
Failed =	Egg(s) Laid – no young produced
Active/Non-productive =	Falcons observed – no eggs produced
Active/Outcome Unknown =	Falcons observed – no confirmed outcomes
Temporarily Occupied =	Falcon(s) observed – limited observations
Color band: (b/r) =	Black/Red
Color band: (b/g) =	Black/Green
Color band: (b/blu) =	Black/Blue
Color band: (bl) =	Black

Once again I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the many corporations, organizations and individuals (see Acknowledgements on page 68 in this report) that helped make 2020 another successful year for Wisconsin's Peregrines.

The following pages provide an overview of the 2020 nesting season.

LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

Pleasant Prairie: Ardent Mills



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: “PBR” (b/r) 07/B, was produced in 2009 at Milwaukee’s Molson Coors Brewery nest site. PBR nested at the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant (PPPP) from 2012 – 2018. This was his 2nd year at the Ardent Mills site.



Eggs: 4 laid between April 3 – 9
Projected Hatch Dates: May 10 – 12
Eggs Hatched: 4 between May 11 – 13
Banded: 1 female & 3 males on May 29
Site Visits: May 29



Above: The unbanded female
Below: Her 4 young after banding

This site has been active since 2019 producing a total of 7 young (3.5/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Corona	Female	(b/blu) M/30	1947-47015
Rush	Male	(b/blu) C/49	1266-04346
Dickey John	Male	(b/blu) C/50	1266-04347
Covid	Male	(b/blu) C/51	1266-04348

GPS: 42 Degrees 34' 31 N, -87 Degrees 53' 57 W

Kenosha: Froedtert South - Kenosha Medical Center *(formerly United Hospital System)*



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: 4 laid between March 26 – April 3

Projected Hatch Dates: May 4 – 6

Eggs Hatched: 2 on May 11

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 27 young (1.8/year).

GPS: 42 Degrees 34' 39 N, -87 Degrees 49' 11 W

Oak Creek: We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Essity”
(b/blu) 48/Y, produced in 2018 at the Essity Mill nest site in Menasha, WI. This was her 1st year at this site.

Adult Male: “Michael”
(b/r) P/58, produced in 2015 at the Racine County Courthouse nest site in Racine, WI – back for his 4th year.



Above: Essity and Michael feeding their 3 young

Eggs: 4 laid between March 26 – April 5
Projected Hatch Dates: May 3 – 5
Eggs Hatched: 3 between May 4 – 6
Banded: 2 females & 1 male on May 22
Site Visits: March 13, May 22, October 15

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 66 young (2.87/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Cream Puff	Female	(b/blu) M/22	1947-47007
Bubbler	Female	(b/blu) M/23	1947-47008
Scoop	Male	(b/blu) C/42	1266-04339

GPS: 42 Degrees 84' 20 N, 87 Degrees 82' 83 W

Milwaukee: Veolia Water - Hoan Bridge/MMSD Territory



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Dana” (b/blu) 79/W, produced in 2019 at the St. Mary’s Hospital site in Chicago, IL – her 1st year at this site.

Adult Male: “Rounder” (b/g) B/38, produced in 2007 at Milwaukee’s Molson Coors site – back for his 9th year.

Eggs: 2 laid between April 30 – May 2

Projected Hatch Dates: June 4 – 6

Eggs Hatched: 2 on June 6

Banded: 1 female & 1 male on June 25

Site Visits: June 25, October 2



This site has been active since 1999 producing a total of 27 young (1.22/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Chance	Female	(b/blu) M/37	1947-47022
Floyd	Male	(b/blu) M/36	1947-47021

Note: Both young intermediate sized – sexes uncertain at banding.

GPS: 43 Degrees, 01’ 16 N, -87 Degrees, 54’ 04 W

Above: Dana
Below: Rounder
Left: Banding day

Milwaukee: We Energies Valley Power Plant



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Hercules" (b/r) 60/R, produced in 2011 at the St. Joseph's Hospital nest site in Milwaukee – back for his 7th year.

Eggs: 3 between March 26 – April 4

Projected Hatch Dates: May 6 – 11

Eggs Hatched: 3 on May 5

Banded: 1 female and 1 male on May 22

Site Visits: May 22, October 9



*Above: Hercules
Left: Banding day*

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 42 young (2.2/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Brandy	Female	(b/blu) M/24	1947-47009
Blaze	Male	(b/blu) C/43	1266-04340

Note: One smaller male was not banded.

GPS: 43 Degrees 02' N, 87 Degrees 57' 49 W

Milwaukee: US Bank



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: At least 1

Eggs Hatched: At least 1 – May 15th est.

Site Visit: June 24

Access to the nest box on the 41st floor ledge was restricted this year so I was unable to inspect it for activity and eggs as I have every year since 1987. This site last produced young in 2016 so on the morning of June 21st I was surprised to learn of a grounded young falcon at 615 Michigan Ave. (600' below the nest box). This youngster was rescued by the WI Humane Society (WHS) and taken in for care.

Consequently I was able to visit the observation deck on June 24th and found an adult pair of falcons defending the site and determine the female was unbanded (above right) when she landed nearby. Taking into consideration the ages of young at two nearby nest sites, the youngster found grounded here could only have been produced at this site.

After leaving the US Bank (USB) site, I drove to the WHS where the grounded youngster (below right) had been given a clean bill of health. I banded it there and then released it at the UW-Milwaukee nest site where young of a similar age had recently fledged. Because of limited access to USB this year and the 600' drop beneath the nest box, releasing it at this site was my best option.

This site has been active since 1988 producing a total of 60 young (1.88/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Tessa	Female	(b/blu) M/34	1947-47019

GPS: 43 Degrees 02' 18 N, -87 Degrees 54' 10 W



Milwaukee: UW-Milwaukee, EMS Building



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded, likely her 9th year here.

Adult Male: “Lightning” (b/r) 84/R, produced in 2012 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI. This was Lightning’s 6th year at this site.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 22 – 31

Projected Hatch Dates: April 29 – May 1

Eggs Hatched: 3 between May 11 – 13

Site Visit: June 24

Note: I didn’t band young here this year but did band a youngster that was grounded and taken into the WI Humane Society (WHS) for treatment on June 19th. I banded this falcon on June 24th at WHS and released it back at the UW-Milwaukee site afterwards.

Above: The unbanded female

Below: The grounded youngster after release back at UWM



This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 42 young (3.5/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Wilhelmine	Female	(b/blu) M/35	1947-47020

GPS: 43 Degrees 01’ 25 N, -87 Degrees 53’ 54 W

Milwaukee: St. Joseph's Hospital



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: 4 laid by April 17

Eggs Hatched: 4 by May 20

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 34 young (3.4/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 04' 26 N, -87 Degrees 58' 37 W

Milwaukee: Molson Coors Brewery

(Formerly Miller Brewery & Miller Coors Brewery)



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Donald" (b/blu) 65/A, produced in 2016 at the St. Joseph's Hospital site in Milwaukee, WI.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 26 – April 2

Projected Hatch Dates: May 3 – 5

Eggs Hatched: 3 between May 5 – 7

Banded: 1 female & 2 males on May 24

Site Visits: May 24, October 16

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 33 young (1.73/year).



Above: The unbanded female

Below: Donald

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Brew	Female	(b/blu) M/27	1947-47012
Pack	Male	(b/blu) C/45	1266-04342
Ship	Male	(b/blu) C/46	1266-04343

GPS: 43 Degrees 02' 28 N, -87 Degrees 57' 49 W

Wauwatosa: MPMC Thermal Power Plant

(Formerly We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant)



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded, likely her 3rd year here.

Adult Male: “Donald” (b/blu) 65/A, produced in 2016 at the St. Joseph’s Hospital site in Milwaukee, WI – his 2nd year here. Donald also nested at Milwaukee’s Molson Coors site this year producing 3 young with an unbanded female.

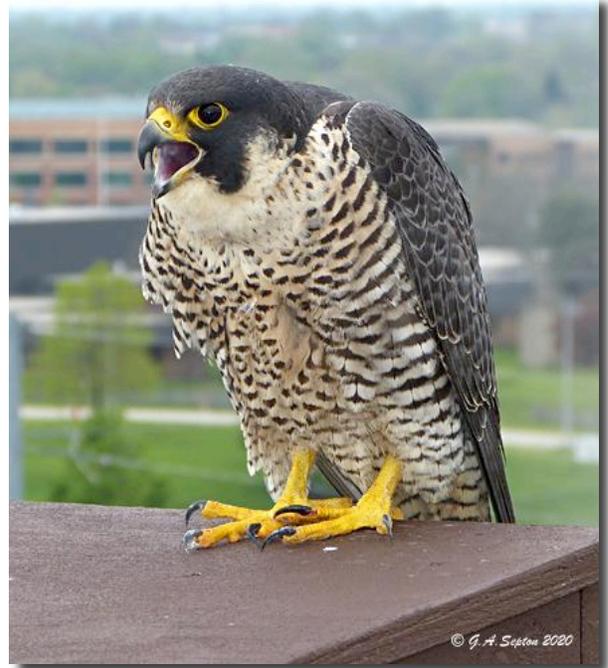
Eggs: 3 laid between March 25 – April 4

Projected Hatch Dates: May 6 – 8

Eggs Hatched: 3 between May 2 – 4

Banded: 2 females & 1 male on May 23

Site Visits: May 23



Above: The unbanded female
Below: Her 3 young on banding day



This site has been active since 2013 producing a total of 26 young (3.25/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Dauntless	Female	(b/blu) M/25	1947-47010
Havoc	Female	(b/blu) M/26	1947-47011
Shrike	Male	(b/blu) C/44	1266-04341

Note: All above are reverse banded.

Note: C/44 was found dead on site shortly after fledging – window collision.

Note: The remains of M/25 were found in Port Washington, WI on July 28, 2020.

GPS: 43 Degrees 02’ 45 N, -88 Degrees 01’ 39 W

Sheboygan: Alliant Edgewater Generating Station



Nesting Details

Adult Female: (b/g) P/63, produced in 2005 at Grand Haven L. and P., Sims Plant in Grand Haven, MI. This was her 13th year here.

Adult Male: Banded - unidentified

Eggs: 3 between March 20 – 26

Projected Hatch Dates: April 26 – 28

Eggs Hatched: 1 on April 28

Banded: 1 female on May 21

Site Visits: May 21



*Above: P/63 – the adult female
Below left: Fiona on banding day*



This site has been active since 1992 producing a total of 81 young (2.79/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Fiona	F	(b/blu) M/21	1947-47006

GPS: 43 Degrees 42' 58 N, -87 Degrees 42' 22 W

Manitowoc: Briess Malt & Ingredients Company

(Formerly Riverland Ag & Busch Agricultural Resources)



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded – her 1st year at this site.

Adult Male: “Bartell” (b/blu) 41/A, produced in 2015 at the Madison Gas & Electric Power Plant site in Madison, WI. This was Bartell’s 4th year here.

Eggs: 4 between April 4 – 11

Projected Hatch Dates: May 11 – 13

Eggs Hatched: 4 – May 17 – 19 est.

Banded: 1 female & 3 males on June 5

Site Visits: May 21, June 5



Above: The unbanded female

Below: Bartell

Left: Her 4 youngsters

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 75 young (3.3/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Penny	Female	(b/blu) M/31	1947-47015
Cobia	Male	(b/blu) C/52	1266-04349
Lovec	Male	(b/blu) C/53	1266-04350
Barley	Male	(b/blu) C/54	1266-04351

GPS: 44 Degrees 05' 19 N, -87 Degrees 39' 16 W

Kewaunee: Dominion Nuclear Power Plant *(Decommissioned)*



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: 3 on April 20

Eggs Hatched: 3 on May 17 (est.)

Site Visits: None

Senior Environmental Compliance Coordinator/Safety Specialist Ted Maloney reports that the falcons nested in the new nest box atop the roof.



Above: 3 young on May 20

Photo credit: Ted Maloney

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of at least 50 young (2.5/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 20' 31 N, -87 Degrees 32' 10 W

DOOR PENINSULA NEST SITES

Rock Island State Park: Dolomite Cliffs



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

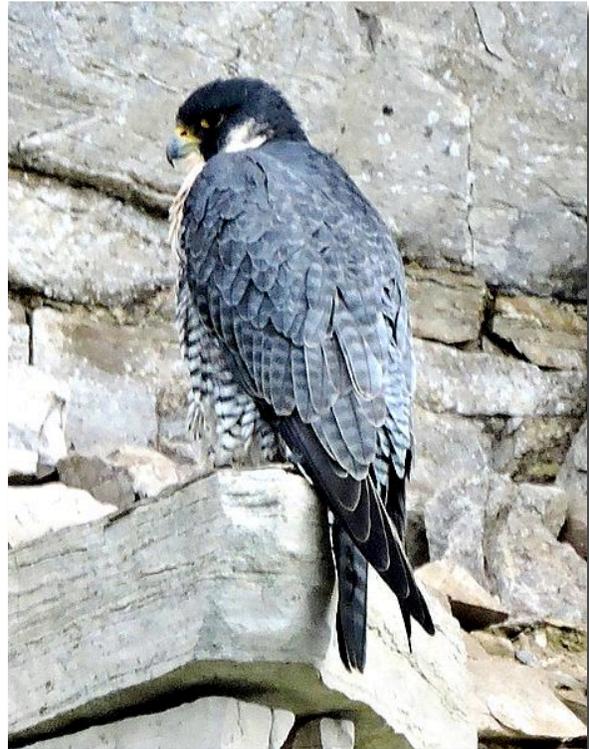
Eggs: At least 5

Eggs Hatched: At least 5 – May 19 est.

Once again Melody Walsh & Randy Holm monitored this site and worked around the weather and water conditions to provide a record of nesting here this year.

This historical eyrie was active until the late 1950's. It was reoccupied in 2016, with a first successful nest in 2017.

Since then it has produced a total of 15 young (3.75/year).



Above: The 5 young at their nest ledge
Below: The adult female perched nearby
Photo credits: Melody Walsh

GPS: 45 Degrees 25' 30 N, -86 Degrees 49' 30 W

FOX RIVER NEST SITES

Green Bay: UW-Green Bay - Cofrin Library



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Mimi” (b/r) D/54, produced in 2014 at We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant – back for at least her 5th year.

Adult Male: “Rupert” (b/r) H/24, produced in 2014 at the UW-Oshkosh nest site in Oshkosh, WI – back for at least his 4th year.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 18 – 25
Projected Hatch Dates: April 26 – 28
Eggs Hatched: 4 between April 26 – 28



Above: Mimi
Below: Her 4 young

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 15 young (1.5/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 31' 30 N, -87 Degrees 55' 30 W

Green Bay: Proctor & Gamble Paper Products



Nesting Details

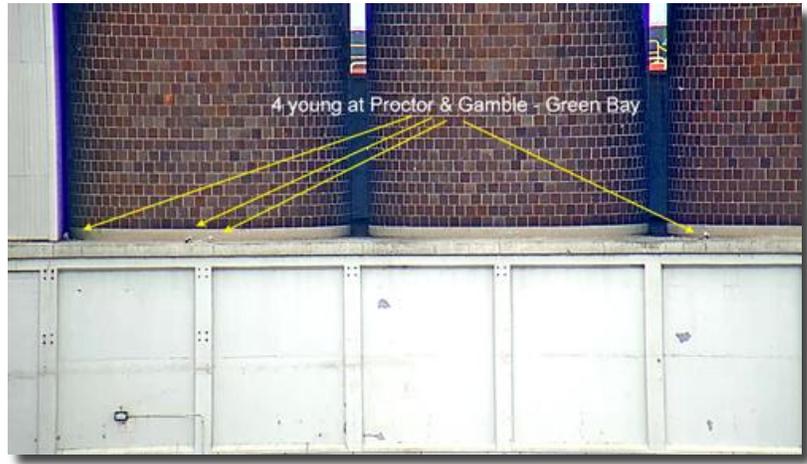
Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: Unknown

Eggs Hatched: At least 4

I've been able keep an eye on this site via the webcam at the WPS office building across the river. This building has now been sold and the webcam removed so monitoring the Proctor & Gamble site without actual access to the mill itself will be pretty much impossible going forward.



Above: The Proctor & Gamble site showing the 4 young on June 23, 2020 - approximately 28 days of age.

This site has been active since 2017 producing a total of 13 young (3.25/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 31' 24 N, -88 Degrees 00' 23 W

Green Bay: Georgia Pacific Mill



Nesting Details

Adult Female: "Loriann" (b/blu) 31/M, produced in 2015 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in Port Washington, WI.

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: 5 laid between March 24 – April 3

Projected Hatch Dates: May 4 – 8

Eggs Hatched: 4 by May 9

This site has been active since 2008 producing a total of 39 young (3.0/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 29' 33 N, -88 Degrees 01' 50 W

Menasha: Essity Mill *(Formerly SCA Tissue)*



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: “Thor” (b/g) 76/N, produced in 2004 at the Busch Agricultural Resources complex in Manitowoc, WI (now Briess Malt). It’s likely this male had also nested at the nearby Roland Kampo Bridge site for some time prior to arriving at the Essity Mill.

Eggs: 4 between March 21 – 27

Projected Hatch Dates: April 27 – 29

Eggs Hatched: 4 between April 27 – 29



Above: 3 of 4 eggs hatched by April 28

This site has been active since 2015 producing a total of 14 young (2.33/year).

GPS: 44 degrees 12’ 18 N, -88 degrees 27’ 22 W

Oshkosh: UW-Oshkosh – Groeningen Hall



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Julia” (b/r) 19/W, produced in 2011 at the Lakeview nest site in Chicago, IL. This was Julia’s 5th year at this site.

Adult Male: “Gaylord” (b/blu) 58/A, produced in 2016 at the UW-Milwaukee EMS site – his 3rd year here.

Eggs: 5 between March 24 – April 2

Projected Hatch Dates: May 1 – 3

Eggs Hatched: 3 by May 11

Banded: 1 female & 1 male on May 27

Site Visit: May 27

Note: One egg broke on May 4th and 1 young died on May 12th.



Above: Julia with her 2 young

Below: Gaylord



This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 25 young (2.5/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Strength	Female	(b/blu) M/29	1947-47014
Courage	Male	(b/blu) C/48	1266-04345

GPS: 44 Degrees 01' 18 N, -88 Degrees 32' 53 W

WISCONSIN RIVER NEST SITES

Pardeeville: Alliant Columbia Generating Station



Nesting Details

Adult Female: (b/r) 02/H, produced in 2009 at the MEC Louisa site in Louisa Co., IA - back for her 10th year.

Adult Male: “Horos” (b/r) P/01, produced in 2014 at the Georgia Pacific Mill in Green Bay, WI - his 3rd year here.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 21 – April 1
Projected Hatch Dates: April 29 – May 1
Eggs Hatched: 3 on May 1



Above: A still image from a webcam video clip showing 02/H with her 3 young

This site has been active since 2006 producing at least 51 young (3.4/year).

GPS: 43 degrees 29' 17 N, -89 degrees 25' 15 W

Rothschild: WPS Weston Power Plant



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Rosalee” (b/r) C/94, produced in 2014 at the Madison Gas & Electric site in Madison, WI – back for her 5th year. For additional info on Rosalee see page 25 of this report.

Adult Male: “Sheldon” (b/r) 19/M, produced in 2013 at the UW-Oshkosh site in Oshkosh, WI – back for his 5th year.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 26 – April 2

Projected Hatch Dates: May 3 – 5

Eggs Hatched: 2 on May 5

Banded: 1 female and 1 male on May 27

Site Visit: May 27

Note: “Kringle” (b/blu) C/47 was found dead in the nest box on May 30. The carcass was sent to the DNR Health Lab in Madison for necropsy.

Note: “Tundra” (b/blu) M/28 was trapped and released at the Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station on October 15, 2020. See page 57 of this report.



Above: Rosalee

Left: Her 2 young after banding

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 37 young (2.5/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Tundra	Female	(b/blu) M/28	1947-47013
Kringle	Male	(b/blu) C/47	1266-04344

GPS: 44 degrees 51' 34 N, -89 degrees 38' 57 W

INLAND NEST SITES

Madison: Madison Gas & Electric Power Plant



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Trudy” unbanded, likely the same female as previous 8 years.

Adult Male: “Melvin” (b/r) 80/P, produced in 2013 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI. This is Melvin’s 6th year at this site.

Eggs: 4 laid between April 11 – 17

Projected Hatch Dates: May 18 – 20

Eggs Hatched: 4 between May 19 – 21

Banded: 2 females & 2 males on June 9

Site Visit: June 9



This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 46 young (3.83/year).

Above: Trudy feeding her 4 youngsters

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
April	Female	(b/blu) M/32	1947-47017
Terra	Female	(b/blu) M/33	1947-47018
Verde	Male	(b/blu) A/90	1266-04352
Nelson	Male	(b/blu) A/91	1266-04353

GPS: 43 Degrees 04' 46 N, -89 Degrees 22' 28 W

Jefferson: Valero Jefferson Ethanol Plant

(Formerly Ladish Malting, Cargill Ag, Valero Renewables) - Nesting data courtesy of Matt Hill



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Lily” (b/blu) 59/M, produced in 2016 at the Thilmany Mill in Kaukauna, WI – her 3rd year here.

Adult Male: “Suzuki” (b/g) E/06, produced in 2006 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Pleasant Prairie, WI – present at this site for at least 11 years. Sometime after April 3rd Suzuki was replaced by “**Boreas**” (b/blu) 62/A, produced in 2016 at the Georgia Pacific Mill in Green Bay, WI.



*Above: Suzuki and Lily with 2 of their 4 eggs - March 26
Nest cam image: Matt Hill*

Eggs: 4 laid between March 23 – 31

Projected Hatch Dates: April 30 - May 2

Eggs Hatched: 3 on May 7

This site has been active since 2004 producing a total of 41 young (2.41/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 02' 28 N, -87 Degrees 57' 49 W

LAKE SUPERIOR NEST SITES

Ashland: Xcel Energy Bay Front Generating Station

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries, Raptor Resource Project



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: 4

Eggs Hatched: 3

This is the 7th nesting at this site. Adding the young produced at the old ore dock since 2009 (10) to those produced at the BFGS (25), a total of 35 peregrines have been produced at Ashland thus far (2.9/year).

GPS: 46 degrees 35' 13 N, -90 degrees 54' 08 W

Superior: Peavey/Gavilon Grain Elevator – **New Site**

Nesting data courtesy of Jackie Fallon & Dave Evans



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: Unbanded

Eggs: At least 1

Eggs Hatched: 1

Banded: 1 male June 15

Right: Dave Evans with the lone youngster

Photo credit: Jackie Fallon

From Dave Evans: Dave installed a nest tray here on April 15th and found the falcons incubating in the tray by April 20.



Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Un-named	Male	(b/blu) N/56	1947-39272

GPS: 46 Degrees 44' 14 N, -92 Degrees 04' 57 W

Superior/Allouez: Burlington Northern Ore Docks

Nesting data courtesy of Jackie Fallon & Dave Evans



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Allouette”
(b/blu) 65/H, trapped and banded on site by Dave Evans on March 4, 2017.

Adult Male: “Hunter”
(b/g) M/26, produced in 2005 at the New Madrid Power Plant site in New Madrid Co., MO – the same male present since 2017.

Eggs: At least 2

Eggs Hatched: At least 2

Banded: 2 males on June 9



Above: The 2 young after banding & before being returned to their nest.

Photo credit: Jackie Fallon

This site has been active since 2015 producing a total of 14 young (2.33/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Quitdee	Male	(b/blu) C/19	1266-06340
RJ	Male	(b/blu) D/98	1266-06341

GPS: 46 Degrees 70' 17 N, -92 Degrees 02' 63 W

MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEST SITES



Photo Credits: BNSF RR Bridge - John Weeks, eyass peregrines – L. Earl Bishop

Mississippi River nesting data & information provided by:

Amy Ries of the Raptor Resource Project: www.raptorresource.org/

Jackie Fallon of the Midwest Peregrine Society: midwestperegrine.umn.edu/

Bill Smith: WIDNR – Retired

Pepin County: Maiden Rock



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Young produced: 4

Peregrines nested here in 1987 producing 3 young but didn't begin nesting regularly again until 2001.

Since 2001, this site has produced a total of 48 young (2.4/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 30' 06 N, -92 Degrees 17' 17 W

Pierce County: Diamond Bluff Complex - Skidmore Bluff



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Young produced: 2

GPS: 44 Degrees 37' 43 N, -92 Degrees 35' 1 W

Buffalo County: Nelson Twin Bluff Complex



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: At least 4

Banded: 2 females & 2 males on June 9

This territory has been active since 2014 producing a total of 22 young (3.14/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
McKinley	Female	(b/blu) 74/X	1947-35563
Mercedes	Female	(b/blu) 78/X	1947-35564
Sawyer	Male	(b/blu) 34/B	1266-01950
Camden	Male	(b/blu) 35/B	1266-23757

GPS: 44 Degrees 25' 6 N, -91 Degrees 59' 54 W

Buffalo County: Maassen's Bluff



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: At least 4

Banded: 4 females on June 8

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of 32 young (1.6/yr.)

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Clutch	Female	(b/blu) 70/X	1947-35559
Striker	Female	(b/blu) 71/X	1947-35560
Speedy	Female	(b/blu) 72/X	1947-35561
Tisiphone	Female	(b/blu) 73/X	1947-35562

GPS: 44 Degrees 22' 59 N, -91 Degrees 57' 43 W

Buffalo County: Castle Rock



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Eggs: At least 4

Banded: 3 females & 1 male on June 1

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 34 young (1.8/yr.)

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Teaghan	Female	(b/blu) P/76	1947-35534
Piedra	Female	(b/blu) P/77	1947-35535
Castilla	Female	(b/blu) P/78	1947-35536
Stephen	Male	(b/blu) 57/R	1266-01938

GPS: 44 Degrees 5' 15 N, -91 Degrees 33' 53 W

Alma: Dairyland Power Cooperative



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: “Mackey” (b/r) K/36, produced in 2017 at Maiden Rock, Pepin Co., WI.

Eggs: At least 4

Banded: 4 females on June 5

This site has been active since 1997 producing a total of 60 young (2.5/yr.)

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Rona	Female	(b/blu) 68/X	1947-35558
Zig	Male	(b/blu) 31/B	1266-01947
Kingpin	Male	(b/blu) 32/B	1266-01948
Middy	Male	(b/blu) 33/B	1266-01949

GPS: 44 Degrees 18' 08 N, -91 Degrees 54' 46 W

Buffalo County: Alma Marina – **New Site**



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Young produced: At least 1

Amy Ries reports at least 1 young was found to have fledged on June 29.

GPS: 44 Degrees 20' 17 N, -91 Degrees 55' 23 W

Trempealeau: Trempealeau Complex - Eagle Bluff



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Young produced: At least 2

Jim Jenkins reports 2 bandable aged young were present at this site on June 23.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 4 young (0.2/year)

GPS: 44 Degrees 0' 34 N, -91 Degrees 27' 10 W

La Crosse: US Bank



Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: Unidentified

Young produced: 3

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 43 young (2.86/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 48' 48 N, -91 Degrees 15' 10 W

Genoa: Dairyland Power Cooperative



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Peta” (b/r) 32/V, produced in 2012 at the Busch Agricultural Complex/Briess Malt in Manitowoc, WI.

Adult Male: “Marcelle” (b/r) A/36, produced in 2013 - West Bluff, Pepin, Co., WI.

Young produced: 4

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 76 young (3.3/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 33' 35 N, -91 Degrees 13' 52 W

De Soto: De Soto Bay Bluff – New Site



Nesting Details

Adults: Unidentified

Young produced: At least 4

Amy Ries & Dave Kester report 4 bandable aged young were produced.

GPS: 43 Degrees 26' 54 N, -91 Degrees 12' 36 W

De Soto: Redbird Bluff



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Lefty” (b/r) A/47, produced in 2015 at the US Bank site in La Crosse, WI.

Adult Male: Unidentified

Young produced: 2

This site has been active since 2017 producing a total of 9 young (2.25/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 30' 03 N, -91 Degrees 12' 46 W

FAILED NEST SITES

Racine: Racine County Courthouse



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Aero” (b/blu) 89/N, produced in 2017 at the Georgia Pacific Mill in Green Bay, WI. This was her 1st year at this site.

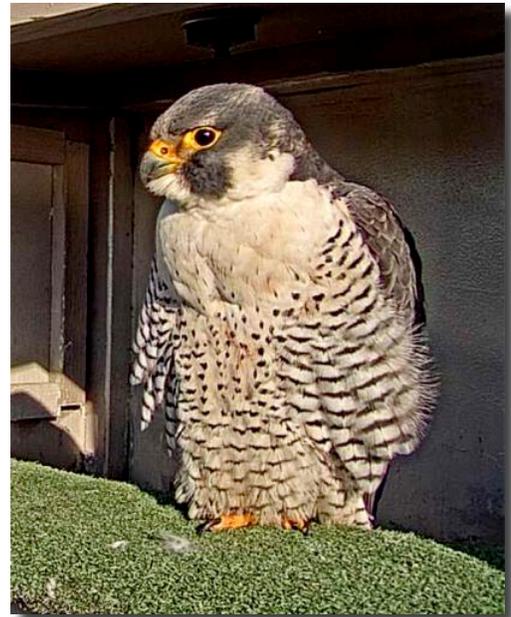
Adult Male: Unbanded

Eggs: 4 laid between March 31 – April 7
Projected Hatch Dates: May 8 – 11
Eggs Hatched: Failed

Note: There was a complete turnover of adults here this year. The prior pair female (b/g) R/13 and male “Beaster” (b/g) 67/M had been together at this site for 11 years.

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 53 young (2.8/year).

GPS: 42 Degrees 43’ 30 N, -87 Degrees 47’ 03 W



Above: Aero with breakfast
Below: The unbanded male

Port Washington: We Energies Port Washington Generating Station



Nesting Details

Adult Female: “Brinn” (b/r) 84/X, produced in 2012 at Gold Hoist cliff, Split Rock State Park, Lake, Co., MN. This was her 7th year at this site.

Adult Male: “Beasley” (b/r) P/07, produced in 2014 at We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant in Wauwatosa, WI. This was his 4th year at this site.

Eggs: 5 laid between March 21 – 31
Projected Hatch Dates: April 28 – May 4
Eggs Hatched: Failed

This site has been active since 2000 producing a total of 66 young (3.14/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 23' 01 N, 87 Degrees 52' 13 W



Above: Brinn at her nest box

Kaukauna: Thilmany Mill



Nesting Details

Adults: Unidentified

Eggs: 4 laid between April 8 – 15
Projected Hatch Dates: May 15 – 17
Eggs Hatched: Failed

From Joe Ball: Peregrines were again present through the nesting season. This marks the 3rd year in a row this site has failed.

This site has been active since 2007 producing a total of 31 young (2.38/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 16' 57 N, -88 Degrees 15' 11 W

ACTIVE/NON-PRODUCTIVE SITES

West Milwaukee: Malteurop, NA (Formerly Froedtert Malt Complex – ADM)

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: “Witt” (b/blu) 48/E, produced in 2016 at the MG&E Power Plant site in Madison, WI – back for his 3rd year.

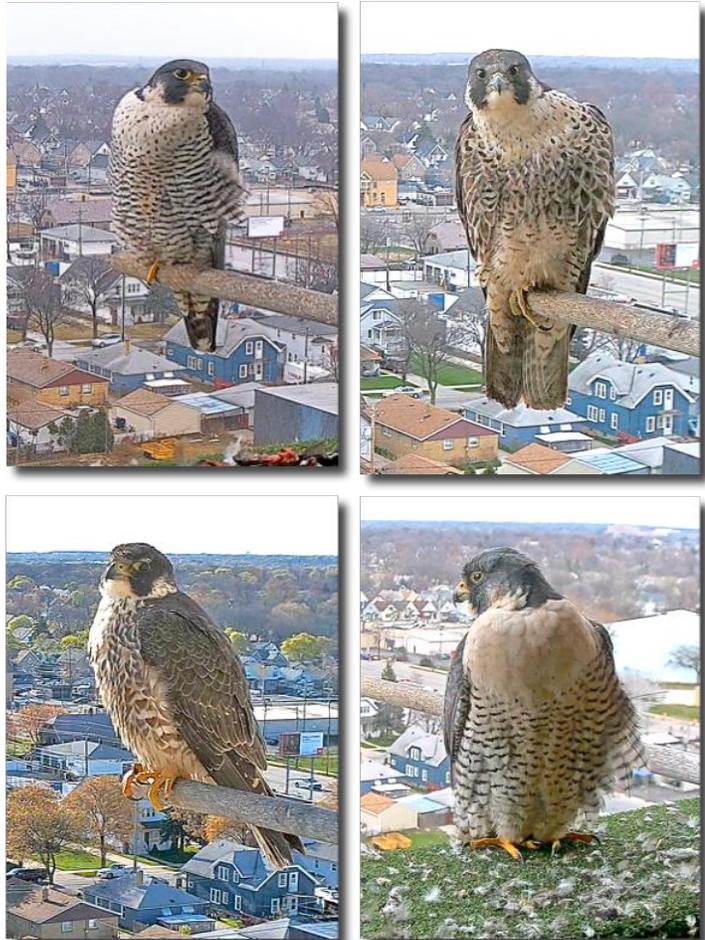
There were at least 2 different adult and 2 different immature females here this season. All were unbanded. Last year’s unbanded adult female was here throughout the nesting season but nested at the Molson Coors site where she produced 3 young with “Donald” (b/blu) 65/A, a male produced in 2016 at the St. Joseph’s Hospital site in Milwaukee, WI.

Donald also nested with an unbanded adult female at the MRMC Thermal Power Plant site in Wauwatosa, WI producing an additional 3 young at that site.

Donald wasn’t much of a provider for his mate and young at the Molson Coors site so that female regularly returned home to the Malteurop site where she often copulated with Witt and took the food he brought her back to feed her young. This was the first time in 22 years that this site did not produce young.

This site has been active since 1995 producing a total of 68 young (2.6/year).

GPS: 42 Degrees 59’ 58 N, -87 Degrees 58’ 02 W



Above: Clockwise from upper left:
a. Resident unbanded adult female on March 9
b. First unbanded imm. female on April 11
c. Second unbanded adult female on April 22
d. Second unbanded imm. female on May 8

Milwaukee: Allen Bradley Clock Tower

Michael Sutton reports a pair of falcons present through the nesting season but with the close proximity of the Veolia Water nest site which is .67 miles away its difficult to know if the falcons he observed this year are from that site or not. Last year he identified a male here as “Rolo” (b/blu) 69/E that was produced in 2017 at Milwaukee’s St. Joseph’s Hospital site. But this year with a working from home schedule due to the COVID-19 virus he was unable to make any observations nor take any images.

GPS: 43 Degrees 01’ 12 N, -87 Degrees 54’ 47 W

Devil’s Lake State Park: East Bluff Quarry

Bill Smith reports a pair of peregrines present throughout the nesting season again this year. Once again there was an adult male joined by a banded imm. female.

This site was first successful in 2015 and again in 2017 producing a total of 7 young (1.16/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 24’ 46 N, -89 Degrees 42’ 7 W

Dekorra: Wisconsin River I39/I90/94 Bridge

Bill Smith found peregrines present on and off at this site between March 15 – April 10 but activity ceased after April 15.

This site has been active since 2012 producing a known total of 3 young (0.33/year).

GPS: 43 Degrees 44’ 64 N, -89 Degrees 49’ 33 W

Prescott: BNSF Railroad Bridge.

Jackie Fallon reports the same pair present as last year but the pair did not nest.

Adult Female: “Freya” (b/r) A/49, produced in 2015 at the Bay State Milling site in Winona, MN.

Adult Male: Unbanded

This site (WI side of bridge) has been active since 2007 producing a known total of 19 young (1.46/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 44’ 52 N, 092 Degrees 48’ 12 W

Adams County: Witches Gulch Bluffs

Adult Female: “Julie” (b/blu) 90/Z,
produced in 2019 at the Ford Parkway Bridge
site in Minneapolis, MN.

Adult Male: Unbanded

Bill Smith reports an unbanded adult male
and a banded immature female present here
this season. Observations were made on 27
site visits between April 20 – September 13
This is the first reoccupied Wisconsin River
eyrie to date and may have occurred due to
the reduced human activity in the region this
year due to Covid-19. It’ll be interesting to
see if this site is active again next season.



Above: *The unbanded adult male on
May 27, 2020*

Below: *“Julia” (b/blu) 90/Z on July 6, 2020*
Photo credits: *Bill Smith*



GPS: 43 Degrees 40' 36 N, -89 Degrees 48' 10 W

ACTIVE/OUTCOME UNKNOWN

Racine: Payne & Dolan - Racine Quarry

Eric Howe (8) and Kristen Wagner (1) observed peregrines here on nine occasions from March 3 – May 21 so its quite possible they nested again. I visited this site on June 4th and didn't find any peregrines present and the location where they nested successfully last year was empty. Charles Street from where I photographed the nest has been relocated to the east so any chances of viewing the southeast quarry wall are now gone. There was also a lot of earth moving underway as the quarry expansion project gets underway.



Above: The quarry looking east from Douglas Ave. showing the clearing above the east wall where Charles St. was once located.

The quarry west of Douglas Ave. is also inaccessible for viewing but provides some good “cliff” habitat for nesting peregrines so if the falcons are adversely affected by the expansion activity there are additional nesting options in this adjacent quarry.

GPS: 43 Degrees 46' 14 N, -87 Degrees 47' 54 W

De Pere: De Pere Bridge

I didn't have an opportunity to visit this site but Tom Davis reports that peregrines were present again during the nesting season.

GPS: 44 Degrees 26' 51 N, -88 Degrees 3' 48 W

Appleton: College Avenue Bridge

David Langner and Bruce Danz report peregrines were present through the nesting season and for at least the past 3 years. There have also been reports of peregrines at the 441 bridge which is approximately 2-miles downriver. An image of the adult banded male at this site taken by Bruce Danz is featured on page 58 of this report. An unbanded adult female was also photographed at this site by Dan Witkowski on October 30, 2020.

GPS: 44 Degrees 15' 39 N, -88 Degrees 23' 21 W

Grant County: Glen Haven - Dugway Road Complex – Dugway Road

Bill Smith and Brett Mandernack report peregrines present at this site on March 17, April 23 & 26. Amy Ries reports the landowner mentioned that activity ceased here pretty early on.

GPS: 42 Degrees 50' 14 N, -91 Degrees 04' 22 W

Crawford County: Hobbs Hollow Bluff

Dave Kester, Bill Smith and Maggie Jones found this site occupied on April 2, 9, 11, 14, & 22. Bill Smith and Maggie Jones observed a pair of peregrines here on May 25.

GPS: 43 Degrees 17' 48 N, -91 Degrees 3' 2 W

Trempealeau Co: Trempealeau Bluff Complex – Trempealeau Bluff

Dave Kester indicates that this site was occupied on March 11 and April 9.

GPS: 44 Degrees 0' 34 N, -91 Degrees 27' 13 W

Ashland County: Lake Superior – Outer Island NE

Mike DeWitt observed a pair of adult peregrines at this site on June 12. One falcon was observed carrying what was believed to have been a gull chick. Peregrines were also sighted here in 2016 and 2017.

GPS: 47 Degrees 50' 14 N, -90 Degrees 49' 0 W

Ashland County: Lake Superior – Balancing Rock

Dave Ebbitt observed a pair of peregrines here on August 9. This site is a known peregrine location per local guide.

GPS: 46 Degrees 56' 42 N, -90 Degrees 31' 9 W

TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED SITES

Juneau County: Louis Bluff North

Bill Smith observed a single peregrine here on September 13.

GPS: 43 Degrees 41' 39 N, -89 Degrees 49' 33 W

Sauk County: Ferry Bluff

Walter Kitundu observed a sub-adult peregrine here on August 15.

GPS: 43 Degrees 14' 19 N, -89 Degrees 48' 41 W

Door County: Eagle Bluff

Mike Neal reported seeing a peregrine here a few times this year.

GPS: 45 Degrees 9' 47 N, -87 Degrees 11' 45 W

Buffalo County: Greshik's Bluff

John Howe observed a pair of peregrines here on March 20 and Amy Ries found a single male falcon present on May 20.

GPS: 44 Degrees 8' 22 N, -91 Degrees 43' 32 W

Buffalo County: Hole in the Wall

Bill Smith observed a pair of peregrines here on May 30. This site is part of the Fountain City Complex.

GPS: 44 Degrees 6' 21 N, -91 Degrees 41' 2 W

Crawford County: Monehan's Bluff

Dave Kester found a pair of peregrines here on April 9.

GPS: 43 Degrees 14' 16 N, -91 Degrees 3' 47 W

Grant County: Lynn Hollow - Grant River Complex

Peregrines were present at two cliffs within this 3-cliff complex again this year and are likely the same falcons. Bill Smith & Brett Mandernack observed a pair of adult peregrines at both the Lynn Landing and Lynn – Grant Overhung cliffs here on March 17. The 3rd cliff in this complex is Houston Polark Roberto Bluff (HPRB) where peregrines nested last year. This year no falcons were observed at HPRB.

GPS: 42 Degrees 40' 35 N, -90 Degrees 48' 27 W

NOTE: For historical and current peregrine observations in WI visit ebird.org

WISCONSIN PRODUCED PEREGRINES NESTING IN OTHER STATES



Following is known information on WI-produced peregrines that nested or were identified in other states for 2020.

Illinois

“Squawker” (b/g) 48/M, a male produced in 2003 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Pleasant Prairie, WI paired with an unbanded female at the Evanston Library site in Evanston, IL. The pair produced 4 young.

“Acheron” (b/r) 87/V, a female produced in 2013 at the UW-Oshkosh site in Oshkosh, WI paired with an unbanded male at Chicago’s South Loop site producing 3 young.

“Nitz” (b/g) 2/*Y, a female produced in 2001 at the Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) in West Milwaukee, WI was last seen at the University of IL Chicago on January 20, 2020. Nitz had nested there since 2013.

“Lil Kool” (b/r) P/54, a male produced in 2015 at Thilmany Mil in Kaukauna, WI paired with "Louise" (bl) S/56, a female produced in 2016 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They nested at the Rockford Register Star site in Rockford, IL producing 4 young.

“Ernie” (b/r) P/60, a male produced in 2015 at Racine County Courthouse in Racine, WI paired with an **“Patsy” (b/r) 63/V**, a female produced in 2012 Dairyland Cooperative in Alma WI. The pair nested at the Midwest Generation site in Waukegan, IL and produced 2 young. Patsy was found injured on September 20th, taken into rehab but died a week later.

Indiana

“Maltese” (b/r) 47/V, a female produced in 2013 at the Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) in West Milwaukee, WI paired with “Peace” (b/r) P/23, a male produced in 2015 at the Macomb County Building in Mt. Clements, Macomb County, MI. The pair nested at the South Bend, City-County Tower Building site in South Bend, IN producing 3 young.

“Jeffery” (b/blu) 52/E, a male produced in 2016 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant, paired with an unbanded adult female at the Market Tower nest site in Indianapolis, IN producing 4 young. This was Jeffery’s 3rd year at this site.

“Shadow” (b/r C/96), produced in 2014 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Pleasant Prairie, WI paired with an unidentified male. The pair was nested at the Mittal (Bethlehem) Steel Coal Injection site in Burns Harbor, Indiana producing 3 young.

“Hunter” (b/r) H/29, produced in 2014 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI was observed with what is believed to be an unbanded female at the US Steel site in Gary, IN but no nesting occurred.

Minnesota

“Sam” (b/g) B/82, a male produced in 2008 at the US Bank site in La Crosse, WI paired with a “Delta” (b/blu) N/37 a previously unbanded female that was captured and banded when the young were banded here in 2019. The pair nested at Delta Hangar 5, Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport in Minneapolis, MN producing 1 young.

“Davis” (b/g) D/57, a male produced in 2007 at the US Bank site in La Crosse, WI paired with an unbanded adult female. The falcons nested at Precipice Bluff, Whitewater State Park in Winona County, MN producing 3 young.

“Jerry” (b/g) 88/C, a female produced in 2006 at the Lynxville Bluff site in Lynxville, WI paired with an unidentified male. The pair nested at the Bay State milling site in Winona, MN producing 3 young.

“Miracle” (b/blu) 38/W, a female produced in 2017 at the WPS Weston site in Rothschild, WI paired with “Boreas” (b/blu) 39/D, a male produced in 2017 at the Multifoods Center site in Minneapolis, MN. The pair produced 1 young.

“Wisconsin-spirit” (b/blu) 07/R, a male produced in 2018 at the WPS Weston Power Plant in Rothschild, WI paired with “Crush” (b/blu) 73/H. a female that was trapped and banded as an adult by Dave Evans at the CRH Concrete site in Duluth, MN. The pair nested at the CRH site producing 4 young.

Kentucky

“Lorie” (b/blu) 57/X, a female produced in 2018 at Maassen’s Bluff in Buffalo County, WI paired with an unidentified male at the Nucor Steel Gallatin site in Gallatin, County, KY. The pair produced 2 young.

Michigan

There were no WI-produced peregrines reported nesting in MI this year.

Info on Wisconsin-produced peregrines nesting in other states provided by:

Illinois: Mary Hennen, Field Museum of Natural History

Indiana: John Castrale, Indiana DNR – Retired

Kentucky: Michael Patton

Michigan: Karen Cleveland, MIDNR

Minnesota: Amy Ries, Raptor Resource Project & Jackie Fallon, Midwest Peregrine Society

PEREGRINES PRODUCED IN OTHER STATES NESTING IN WI

Although nesting details for the individual falcons listed below are provided in their respective nest site reports, I have also compiled them below for a more comprehensive overview.

Illinois Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin

“Dana” (b/blu) 79/W, a female produced in 2019 at the St. Mary’s Hospital site in Chicago, IL paired with **“Rounder” (b/g) B/38**, a male produced in 2007 at Milwaukee’s Molson Coors site. The pair nested at the Veolia Water site in Milwaukee producing 2 young.

“Julia” (b/r) 19/W, a female produced in 2011 at Chicago’s Lakeview nest site in Chicago, IL paired with **“Gaylord” (b/blu) 58/A**, a male produced in 2016 at the UW-Milwaukee site in Milwaukee, WI producing 2 young. This was Julia’s 5th season at this site and her 4th successful nest.

Minnesota Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin

“Brinn” (b/r) 84/X, a female produced in 2012 at Gold Hoist cliff, Split Rock State Park, Lake, Co., MN paired once again with **“Beasley” (b/r) P/07**, a male produced in 2014 at We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant in Wauwatosa, WI. The pair nested at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in Port Washington, WI but their nest failed. This was Brinn’s 7th year at this site.

Iowa Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin

(b/r) 02/H, a female produced in 2009 at the MEC Louisa site in Louisa Co., IA paired with **“Horos” (b/r) P/01**, a male produced in 2014 at the Georgia Pacific Mill in Green Bay, WI. The pair nested at the Alliant Energy Columbia Generating Station in Pardeeville, WI producing 2 young. This was 02/H’s 10th year at this site.

Michigan Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin

(b/g) P/63, a female produced in 2005 at the Grand Haven L. and P., Sims Plant in Grand Haven, MI paired with a banded adult male at the Edgewater Generating Station in Sheboygan, WI producing 1 young. This was P/63’s 13th year at this site.

Missouri Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin

“Hunter” (b/g) M/26, a male produced in 2005 at the New Madrid Power Plant site in New Madrid Co., MO paired with **“Allouette” (b/blu) 65/H**. The pair nested at the Burlington Northern Ore Docks site in Superior/Allouez, WI producing 2 young.

PEREGRINE FALCONS ID'D/FOUND DEAD/INJURED IN WI

The following provides information regarding Peregrine Falcons that (to the best of my knowledge) were identified and/or reported injured or dead in WI as of October 25, 2020. [Falcon IDs are in Blue.](#)

Briess Malt & Ingredients Complex, Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, WI

(Formerly Busch Agricultural Resources & Riverland Ag)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Jimbob	M	(b/blu) 12/R	1156-03690	6/1/2018

This falcon was found injured on January 11, 2020 on N. Farwell Ave. in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI. It was rehabbed at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at the WI Humane Society in Milwaukee and released on January 25, 2020 at the UW-Milwaukee EMS site where he had been observed via the nest box webcam earlier in January.

Georgia Pacific, Green Bay, Brown County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Eurus	F	(b/blu) 48/M	1947-18214	5/20/2016

This falcon was found dead beneath a power pole on February 4, 2020. The location was 2 mi. SE from Raymond, Racine County, WI.

Racine County Courthouse, Racine, Racine County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Dorothy	F	(b/blu) 13/Y	1947-41539	5/30/2019

This skeletal remains of this falcon were found on March 8, 2020. The location was 4 mi. NNW from Racine, Racine County, WI.

Proctor & Gamble (P&G), Green Bay, Brown County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
None	M	(b/blu) 92/E	1156-03670	3/15/2018

This unbanded falcon was originally found injured near the P&G site in Green Bay, WI on December 20, 2018. It was rehabbed at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary (BBWS), Green Bay, WI, I banded it on March 15, 2020 and it was released on April 18, 2018. This falcon was found injured again on March 24, 2020 at Sanimax on Badgerland Drive in Green Bay, WI treated at BBWS but died from its injuries.

Dominion Nuclear Power Plant, Carlton, Kewaunee County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Jerry	M	(b/blu) 63/E	1126-16215	5/26/2017

This falcon was found dead in an intake clarifier on May 14, 2020 at the Georgia Pacific Day Street Mill in Green Bay, WI.

We-Energies Port Washington Power Plant, Ozaukee County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Shea	M	(b/blu) 01/R	1156-03679	5/24/2018

This falcon was found dead on May 27, 2020 in Green Bay, Brown County, WI.

Georgia Pacific, Green Bay, Brown County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>
Cade	M	(b/r) 52/R	1126-14403	5/25/11

This falcon was found dead on June 11, 2020 at the Dominion Kewaunee Nuclear Generating Station site in Kewaunee, WI. Cause of death was a collision with a power line. This was the resident adult male at this site.

MRCM Power Plant, Milwaukee County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Shrike	M	(b/blu) C/44	1266-04341	5/23/2020

This falcon was found dead on June 12, 2020 on site shortly after fledging. Cause of death was window collision.

UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Winnebago County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Fondy	M	(b/blu) 07/W	1266-00523	5/31/2019

This falcon was found injured on June 21, 2019 in Oshkosh, Winnebago County, WI. Cause of injury was collision with a car.

Valero Complex, Jefferson, Jefferson County, WI

(Formerly Cargill Malt, Ladish Malt, Renew Energy LLC)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Logan	M	(b/r) 66/R	1126-14416	6/7/2011

This falcon was found injured on July 21, 2020 with a badly broken wing at the Verso Paper Mill in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. The falcon was sent to the Raptor Education_Group for treatment but died from its injuries.

MRCM Power Plant, Milwaukee County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Dauntless	F	(b/blu) M/25	1947-47010	5/23/2020

The remains of the banded legs of this falcon were found on July 28, 2020. The location was 1270 Mineral Springs Drive, Port Washington, Ozaukee County, WI.

We-Energies Oak Creek Power Plant, Oak Creek, Milwaukee County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Triton	M	(b/blu) 63/A	1156-22848	5/23/2016

This falcon was found injured on August 13, 2019 2.4 mi. SSE from Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, WI. The injuries rendered it unreleasable and it was transferred to an education center.

We-Energies Port Washington Power Plant, Ozaukee County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Smokey	M	(b/blu) 55/S	1266-00508	5/28/2019

This falcon was found dead on August 29, 2019 at N1061 County Road U, Weyauwega, Waupaca County, WI.

Malteurop Complex, West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

(Formerly Froedtert Malt/International Malting Corp./ADM)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Expedition	M	(b/r) P/52	1156-21982	5/26/2015

This falcon was found dead September 20, 2020 at 1319 N. Summer Range Road in De Pere, Brown County, WI.

WI PEREGRINE FALCONS ID'D/FOUND DEAD/INJURED OUTSIDE WI

The following provides information regarding Peregrine Falcons that (to the best of my knowledge) were identified and/or reported injured or dead outside WI as of October 25 2020. [Falcon IDs are in Blue.](#)

MPMC Power Plant, Milwaukee County, WI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Mustang	M	(b/blu) C/37	1266-04335	6/6/2019

This falcon was found dead on August 24, 2019 at O'Hare International Airport, Du Page County, IL. Cause of death was collision with an aircraft.

Malteurop Complex, West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

(Formerly Froedtert Malt/International Malting Corp./ADM)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Maltese	M	(b/r) 47/V	1687-30583	5/25/2013

This falcon was observed on October 12, 2019. The location was 307 S. Main St. in South Bend, IN.

BANDED PEREGRINES IDENTIFIED BY BIRDERS & BANDERS

The following images showing band numbers were taken by birders & banders in Wisconsin and Illinois in 2020. Encounters received after last year's report was sent out are also included.



***“Knox” (b/blu) 09/W**, a male peregrine produced in 2019 at the WPS Weston Power Plant in Rothschild, WI was trapped and released at the Linwood Springs Research Station on October 6, 2019. Holding the falcon is Brad Zinda.*

Photo credit: Gene Jacobs

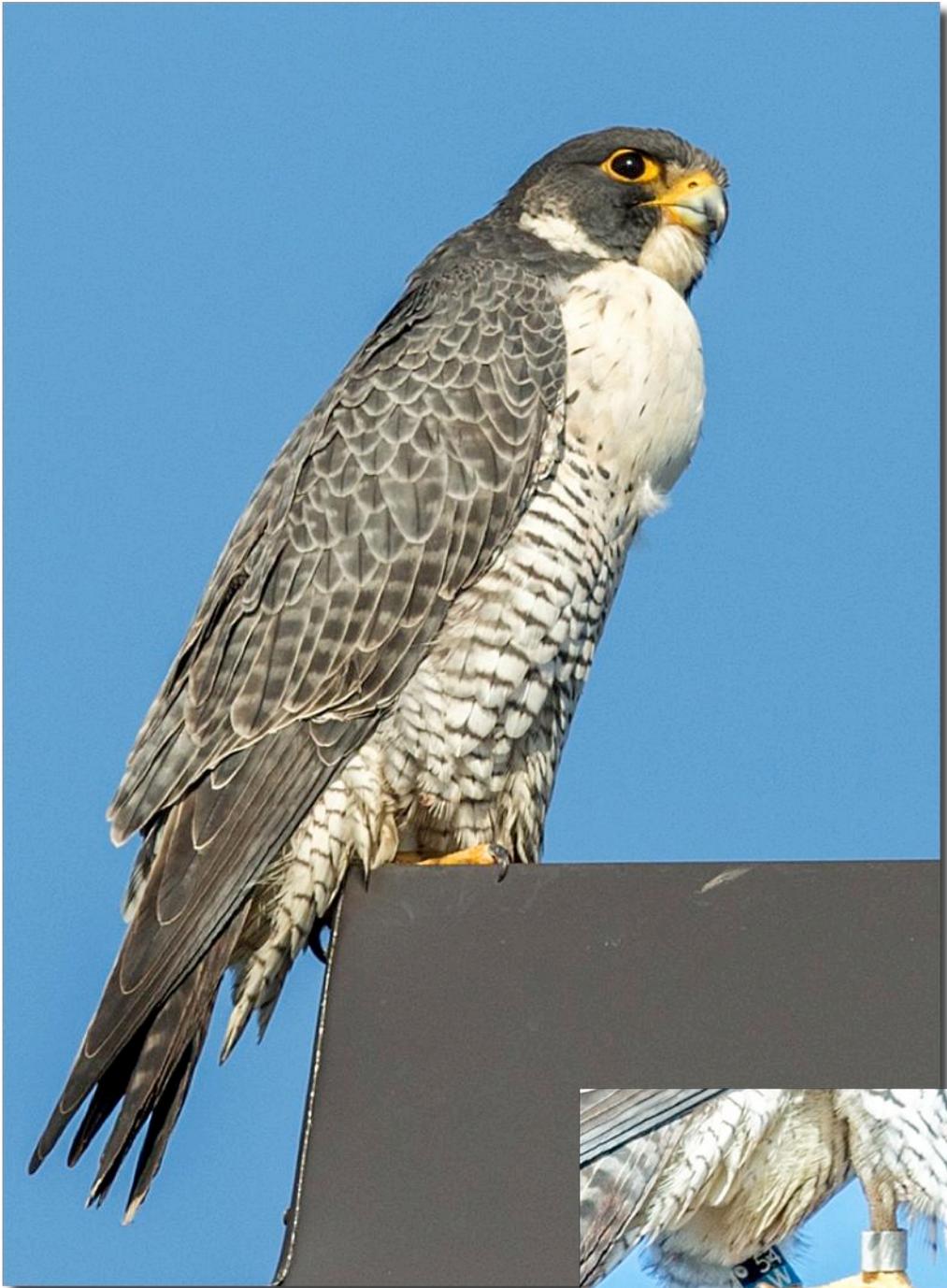




“Fluffy” (b/blu) 18/Y, a female produced in 2019 at the Essity Mill in Menasha, WI was photographed by Frank Holmes on November 19, 2019 at Horseshoe Lake State Park in Madison County, IL.

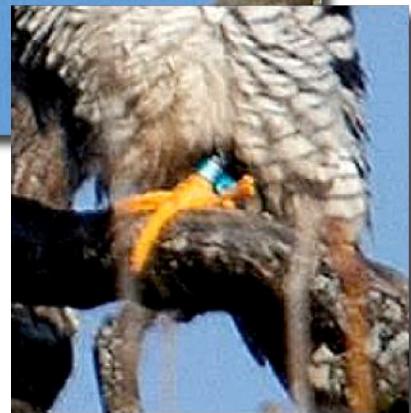
Photo credit: Frank Holmes





***“CJ” (b/blu) 54/W**, a female produced in 2018 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant was photographed by Jeff Timmins on December 24, 2019 in Castleton, IN.*

Photo credit: Jeff Timmins



“Jeffery” b/blu 52/E, a male produced in 2016 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Pleasant Prairie, WI was photographed by Bret Furgason on December 25, 2019, 0.5 miles SW of Warren Park near Irvington, IN. This location is 5.4 miles east of his nest site in downtown Indianapolis, IN where he has successfully nested since 2018.

Photo credit: Bret Furgason



“Red Dog” (b/blu) C/34, a male peregrine produced in 2019 at the Ardent Mills site in Pleasant Prairie, WI was observed at the Elgin Tower in Elgin, IL on March 25, 2020.

Photo credit: Diane Hansen



“Dana” (b/blu) 79/W, a female peregrine produced in 2019 at the St. Mary’s nest site in Chicago, IL was photographed by Jim Edhuber on October 11, 2020 at Lakeshore State Park in Milwaukee, WI where she had been feeding on a ring-billed gull. Dana successfully nested at the Veolia Water site in Milwaukee this year producing 2 young. A full nesting account is provided on page 10 of this report.

Photo credit: Jim Edhuber



“Barley” (b/blu) C/54, a male produced in 2020 at the Briess Malt & Ingredients nest site in Manitowoc, WI was trapped and released at the Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station in Cedar Grove, WI on September 27, 2020.

Photo credit: Mac Chamberlain



“Tundra” (b/blu) M/28, a female produced in 2020 at the WPS Weston Power Plant nest site in Rothschild, WI was trapped and released at the Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station in Cedar Grove, WI on October 15, 2020. Holding the falcon is Tom Meyer.

Photo credit: Nadia Swanson



“Bucky” (b/r) 73/P, a male produced in 2013 at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in Port Washington, WI was photographed by Bruce Danz on October 26, 2020 at the College Avenue Bridge in Appleton, WI. From reports received over the years, it’s likely peregrines have been nesting under this bridge for several years.

Photo credit: Bruce Danz

VISITING PEREGRINES CAPTURED ON NEST BOX WEBCAMS

The following accounts are all opportunistic catches and its far more than likely we miss a lot of these encounters as peregrines move about throughout the year.



"Millennial" (b/blu) 75/E, a male produced in 2017 at We Energies Port Washington Power Plant was identified in the nest box with the webcam at the Veolia Water site in Milwaukee, WI on February 27, 2020.



“Farina” (b/blu) M/13, a female produced in 2019 at the Ardent Mills site in Pleasant Prairie, WI is captured visiting the nest box at the Valero Renewables site in Jefferson, WI on April 13, 2020. “Lily” (b/blu) 59/M, the resident adult female that was incubating 4 eggs at the time reacts to Farina’s visit.

NOTE: *I’ve seen these interactions a number of times where an immature falcon visits an active nest site. I believe the young are attracted to active nest sites first because peregrines are attracted to other peregrines, and second because as immatures, they may still be associating this scenario with their own natal sites as being a source of food. And the reason there are no battles may be because the young falcon still sees the adult as its parent – and the adult female with elevated hormone levels during incubation may still see the young falcon as one of its young and not a true threat.*

Another similar encounter follows this account on page 61.



“Nina” (b/blu) M/04, a female produced in 2019 at the UW-Milwaukee nest site in Milwaukee, WI was captured on the nest box webcam at the Great Spirit Bluff nest site in Houston County, MN on April 14, 2020.

Webcam image credit: Raptor Research Project



“Yeli” (b/blu) 53/S, a male produced in 2019 at Milwaukee’s Valley Power Plant was captured on the nest box webcam at the Molson Coors site in Milwaukee, WI on August 7, 2020.

Webcam image credit: Emily Kultgen





“Beak Freak” (b/blu) 52/S, a male produced in 2019 at the Oak Creek Power Plant was captured on the nest box webcam on October 13 & 14 at the Valero Renewables nest site in Jefferson, WI.

Webcam image credit: Matt Hill



Black/blue M/43, a female produced in 2019 at the Carmeuse Lime Plant site in Gary, IN was captured on the nest box webcam at the Port Washington Generating Station in Port Washington, WI on October 22, 2020.



“Rosalee” (b/r) C/94, was produced in 2014 at the Madison Gas & Electric nest site in Madison, WI. She nested again this year at the WPS Weston Power Plant in Rothschild, WI - her 5th year at this site. The following webcam & photo images document her travels so far this fall/winter:

Top: With “Suzuki” (b/g) E/06, a male produced in 2006 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Pleasant Prairie, WI. The pair was captured on the webcam at the Valero Renewables nest site in Jefferson, WI on 10/29/2020.

Webcam images: Matt Hill - Valero Renewables

Center: With “Donald” (b/blu) 65/A, a male produced in 2016 at Milwaukee’s St. Joe’s Hospital nest site. The pair was captured on the webcam at the Molson Coors nest site in Milwaukee, WI on 11/02/2020. **Webcam images:** Andrew Burke - Molson Coors

Bottom: With “Perry” (b/blu) 39/E, a male produced in 2019 at Chicago’s Pilsen nest site. The pair was photographed at the Bensenville Ditch birding area south of O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL on 11/20/2020. Interestingly Rosalee was also photographed at the same location by Susan Szeszol on January 4, 2019.

Photo credits: Susan Szeszol

WISCONSIN NEST SITE TYPES & PRODUCTION 2020



Site Type	N	%Total
Power Plants	11	29%
Buildings	16	42%
Elevators/Silos	4	11%
Paper Mills	3	8%
Banks	1	3%
Courthouses	0	0%
Breweries	1	3%
Universities	3	8%
Hospitals	2	5%
Office Towers	1	3%
Sewage Treatment	1	3%
Natural Cliffs	10	26%
Quarries	0	0%
Bridges	0	0%
Ore Docks	1	3%
Total Nest Sites	38	

Site Type	Young	%Total
Power Plants	33	28%
Buildings	49	42%
Elevators/Silos	12	10%
Paper Mills	12	10%
Banks	3	3%
Courthouses	0	0%
Breweries	3	3%
Universities	10	9%
Hospitals	6	5%
Office Towers	1	1%
Sewage Treatment	2	2%
Natural Cliffs	32	28%
Quarries	0	0%
Bridges	0	0%
Ore Docks	2	2%
Total Young	116	

NOTE: Numbers of young represent known production. Percentages are rounded.



WEB SITE & WEB CAM LINKS

Note: Not all webcams are active year-round.

We Energies Nest Sites

http://www.we-energies.com/environmental/protect_wildlife.htm

Nesting Season Updates, Annual Reports, Nest Box Web Cams

Milwaukee Regional Medical Center

<https://mrmccampus.org/about-us/sustainability/peregrine-falcon-project>

Season Updates and Webcam Link

Racine County Courthouse Nest Site

<https://falconcam.racinecounty.com/view/view.shtml?id=8209&imagepath=%2Fmjpg%2Fvideo.mjpg&size=1>

WPS Rothschild - Weston Nest Site

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WIPublicService>

Nest Box Web Cams

Madison Gas & Electric Nest Site

<https://www.mge.com/our-environment/falcons/>

Nesting Season Updates & Webcam

UW Milwaukee Nest Site

<http://falcon-info.uwm.edu/>

Nest Box Web Cam, Nesting Season Updates, Video Clips and Special Reports

UW Oshkosh Nest Site

<https://uwosh.edu/sirt/peregrine-falcons/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEjOFuchF5A&feature=youtu.be>

Veolia Water/MMSD Hoan Bridge Nest Site

<https://www.veolianoorthamerica.com/milwaukee/sustainability/protecting-biodiversity/live-falcon-camera>

Briess Malt & Ingredients, Manitowoc

<http://blog.brewingwithbriess.com/new-live-falcon-cam-atop-the-briess-manitowoc-grain-elevator/>

Nest Box Web Cam & Blog

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