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2025 Nesting Season Report

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***Cover Image**: The unbanded adult female peregrine at the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center Thermal site in Wauwatosa, WI. This particular female shows no fear of humans and routinely holds her ground which always make retrieving her young to band each year a challenging endeavor. Nevertheless, we always manage to get the job done! This was likely her 8th year nesting at the MRMC site.*

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WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH
2025 Nesting Season Overview

With Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) becoming more widespread around the world, Wisconsin's peregrines were hit with this deadly virus this year. Following outbreaks in the Chicago area with subsequent losses of overwintering peregrines there, the outbreak seemed to move north and may have been at least partly spread by mergansers that congregate along the Lake Michigan shoreline and provide a steady prey base especially for female peregrines that prey on these larger ducks at this time of year.

Here in Milwaukee, we lost 2 adult female peregrines at the Veolia Water nest site between February 8th – March 1st (see site account on page 12). Both carcasses were salvaged, sent to the National Wildlife Health Lab in Madison (NWHL) for necropsies and both tested positive for HPAI. In early March a new unbanded immature female arrived at this site and produced 2 young on May 21st. Then in early June, she too disappeared but no carcass was ever found so there is no way to prove HPAI was the cause of her demise. But, all things considered, its highly likely.

In addition to the losses at the Veolia site, both adult peregrines at the We Energies nest site at the Port Washington Generating Station (PWGS) were also lost between March 8-10 (see site account on page 17). Similar to the first peregrine lost at the Veolia site, the adult female at PWGS was also found dead in her nest box but we were unable to have her carcass tested for HPAI. Her mate of 8 years disappeared 2 days afterwards and his carcass was never found but again, HPAI was the likely culprit. One can only venture to guess how many additional peregrines may have been lost this season.

With the above losses front and center this year I again employed extra precautions when banding to avoid the possibility of transferring HPAI between sites. Monitoring nest sites via webcams for suspect behavior and taking additional precautions during banding have become standard protocol.

This year there was a <u>known</u> minimum total of 103 young produced at 40 successful nest sites. Twelve nests were located along the Lake Michigan shoreline, 5 along the Fox River system, 3 along the Wisconsin River system, 4 in the Lake Superior region (2 on island cliffs),11 along the Mississippi River (10 on cliffs), 3 on the Door peninsula (2 on cliffs) and 2 inland - at Madison & Jefferson. Of the above sites, 1 was new this year. And, 86 (83%) of the 103 known young produced this year were banded.

In adhering to consistency, for successful sites where the exact number of young produced in unknown, total young produced is listed as "at least 1 young produced" in the site account - and 1 young is added to the annual tally.

Site surveys and observations by Bill Smith & Tom Doolittle, Mark Blackbourn, Amy Ries of the Raptor Resource Project, Jackie Fallon of the Midwest Peregrine Society,

Melody Walsh & Randy Holm, Dale & Glenys Bird, Dave Evans, Rush and Candy Evans, Sumner Matteson, Izzy Vetterman, Glenn Miller and others contributed to the above overview and accounts in this report. Collectively they provided observations from the Mississippi and Wisconsin River regions, the Door peninsula, as well as Lake Superior region and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Their individual site accounts and observations are also included in this report.

The total number of successful nests was down 4.8% this year from 42 in 2024 to 40 in 2025. Overall total production was also down 5.5% from last year (109 young in 2024 v. 103 young in 2025). Average production per successful nest was also down this year with 2.9 young/successful nest in 2024 v. 2.6 young/successful nest in 2025. In all, I covered just under 2,500 miles this spring and banded a total of 59 young at 20 nest sites.

The number of successful nests on natural cliffs decreased by 1 this year to 13 and comprises 33% of the known successful nesting population, many of which are historical nest sites. This year, 27 (68%) of the 40 known successful nest sites were located in the urban/human-built landscape (including 2 quarries) producing 77 (75%) of the young so it's worth noting their ongoing importance.

The numbers above once again reflect minimum/known/verified production, but the actual numbers may be higher. As always 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 the Racine Quarry. There were also at least 2 nests that were known to have failed this year but it's likely, there could be more.

The list of sites in the "No Activity" section of this report (page 49) is composed of known historical nest sites, sites that have been successful at least once in the past, as well as prospective sites where one might expect to find peregrines. The increased number of sites in this section reflects an expanded survey effort especially by Bill Smith and should not necessarily be looked at as a decline in overall activity. Although at least one site in this section had been occupied on a regular basis (Green Bay: Georgia Pacific Mill: 2008-2022), others have been occupied intermittently, some only infrequently, and others, to the best of our knowledge - not at all.

Some historical nest sites such as those along the Wisconsin River have yet to become reoccupied for various reasons among which human activity may be a significant factor. And peregrines will often move between sites during the breeding season and occupy different sites from year to year. So, unless one makes repeated, extended visits to a site during the nesting season we can't know for sure whether peregrines were present at these sites at some point during the season.

As the recovering population continues to grow it will become increasingly difficult to thoroughly survey all known and suitable sites in both the natural and human-built environment. It takes dedicated, knowledgeable observers willing to spend time and cover great distances by boat, by car, and on foot. Combining limitations imposed by

weather, visibility, access, and the costs of travel and time involved, it quickly becomes evident that carrying out these surveys and monitoring active sites, without increased human effort and funding, will at least on an annual basis become increasingly difficult.

Again, this year several banded peregrines were photographed by birders. Many of these photographers have graciously allowed their images to be included in this report and I would like to thank them here. Their images are included in the section titled: *Banded Peregrines ID'd by Birders and Banders* on page 66 of this report.

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.

The table below explains nesting terminology used in this report. Unless otherwise noted, all nesting information in this report 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
No Activity =	No falcons observed
New Site =	First known successful nest at site
Color band: (b/r) =	Black/Red
Color band: (b/g) =	Black/Green
Color band: (b/blu) =	Black/Blue
Color band: (bl) =	Black

As always, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the many corporations, organizations and individuals that helped make 2025 another successful year for Wisconsin's Peregrines. The following pages provide an overview of the 2025 nesting season and related observations and encounters.

LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

Pleasant Prairie: Ardent Mills

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified - federal band on right leg - no color band. This was her 3rd year at this site.

Adult Male: Unbanded – likely the same male as last year.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 23–29
Projected Hatch Dates: April 29–May 1
Eggs Hatched: 2 between May 2–6
Banded: 2 females on May 21
Site Visits: May 21

***Above**: The banded female.*
***Below**. The unbanded male.*
***Left**: Their 2 young after banding.*

This site has been active since 2019 producing a total of 23 young (3.3/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Jerry	Female	(b/blu) 54/AC	2447-08894
Tom	Female	(b/blu) 55/AC	2447-08895

GPS: 42 Degrees 34’ 31 N, -87 Degrees 53’ 57 W
Note: 54/AC could be a larger male.

Racine: Racine County Courthouse

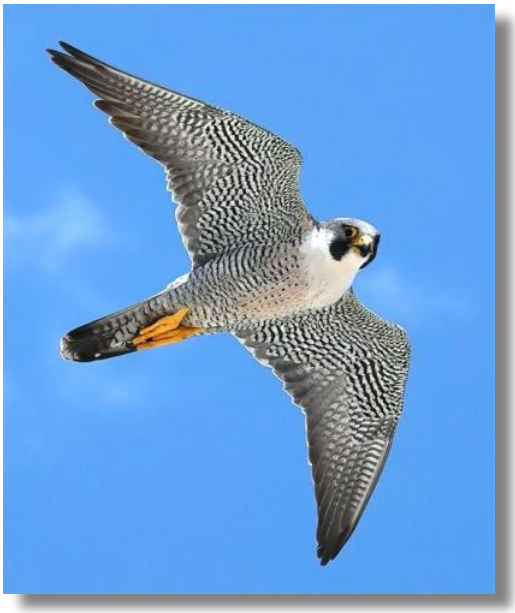
Nesting Details

Adult Female: **"Teca" (b/blu) M/43**, produced in 2019 at the Carmeuse Lime Plant nest site in Gary, IN – her first year at this site. Interestingly, she had been identified at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station nest box each winter from 2020-2023. She was also ID'd at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant nest site on April 4th last year.

Adult Male: Unbanded - his 6th year here.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 21-27
Projected Hatch Dates: April 27-29
Eggs Hatched: 3 on April 28
Banded: 2 females & 1 male on May 16
Site Visits: May 16

This site has been active since 2003 producing a total of 70 young (3.04/year).



***Above**: The unbanded adult male.*
***Below**: "Teca"*
***Left**: Their 3 young after banding.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Rooney	Female	(b/blu) 46/AC	2447-08892
Bucky	Female	(b/blu) 47/AC	2447-08886
Uecker	Male	(b/blu) X/18	1266-25029

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

Oak Creek: We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant

Nesting Details

***Above**: "Essity" with her 4 young on May 12th.*

Adult Female: "Essity" (b/blu) 48/Y, produced in 2018 at the Essity Mill nest site in Menasha, Wisconsin. This was her 5th year at this site.

Adult Male: Unbanded – believed to be the same male as last year. Interestingly this unbanded male displaced "Joel" (b/blu) 88/V in a battle that took place on April 3rd. Joel was produced in 2023 at the Millennium Park nest site in Chicago, IL and had been present here since January 17th. After the battle, the unbanded male shared with incubation and helped raise the 4 young fathered by Joel.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 23-30
Projected hatch dates: April 29-May 1
Eggs hatched: 4 between May 2-6
Banded: 2 females & 2 males on May 21
Site visits: March 24, May 21, Oct. 13

This site has been active since 1998, producing a total of 84 young (3.0/year).

Banding data

Name	Sex	Project band	USFWS band
Atlanta	Female	(b/blu) 52/AC	2447-08891
Eclipse	Female	(b/blu) 53/AC	2447-08893
Leopold	Male	(b/blu) X/24	1266-25033
Scott	Male	(b/blu) X/39	1266-25034

Note: 53/AC was found dead on site on July 20 – cause was building collision.
GPS: 42 Degrees 84' 20 N, 87 Degrees 82' 83 W

Milwaukee: Veolia Water – Hoan Bridge/MMSD Territory

Nesting Details

Above: *The unbanded juvenile female on March 2nd.*

Adult Female: Unbanded juvenile

Adult Male: "Blaze" (b/blu) C/43, produced in 2020 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee, WI - his 3rd year here.

This site was hit hard by HPAI (Highly pathogenic avian influenza) this season. On February 8th, "Dana" (b/blu) 79/W, the resident female here was found dead in her nest box. The carcass was removed and sent to the National Wildlife Health Lab in Madison (NWHL), WI for a necropsy. On February 26th, "Dana" was replaced by "Eevee" (b/blu) U/02 who was produced in 2023 at the Carmeuse Lime Plant nest site in Gary, IN. Then on March 1st, Eevee was also found dead on site, and her carcass was likewise sent to the NWHL for necropsy. Both falcons tested positive for HPAI. The same day Eevee was found dead, an unbanded juvenile female peregrine turned up on site. She eventually laid 2 eggs both of which hatched on May 21st. On June 9th when we banded the 2 young, this new female was conspicuously absent and never again observed. Without a carcass to test, we'll never know if she was also lost to HPAI as well, but it is likely. Thankfully, "Blaze" kept his offspring well fed for the ensuing 3 weeks and both successfully fledged on June 29th.

Eggs: 2 laid between April 14-18
Projected Hatch Dates: May 23-25
Eggs Hatched: 2 on May 21
Banded: 2 females on June 9
Site Visits: June 9, Oct. 17

This site has been active since 1999 producing a total of 43 young (1.59/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Minnie	Female	(b/blu) 70/AC	2447-09110
Daya	Female	(b/blu) 71/AC	2447-09111

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

Milwaukee: We Energies Valley Power Plant

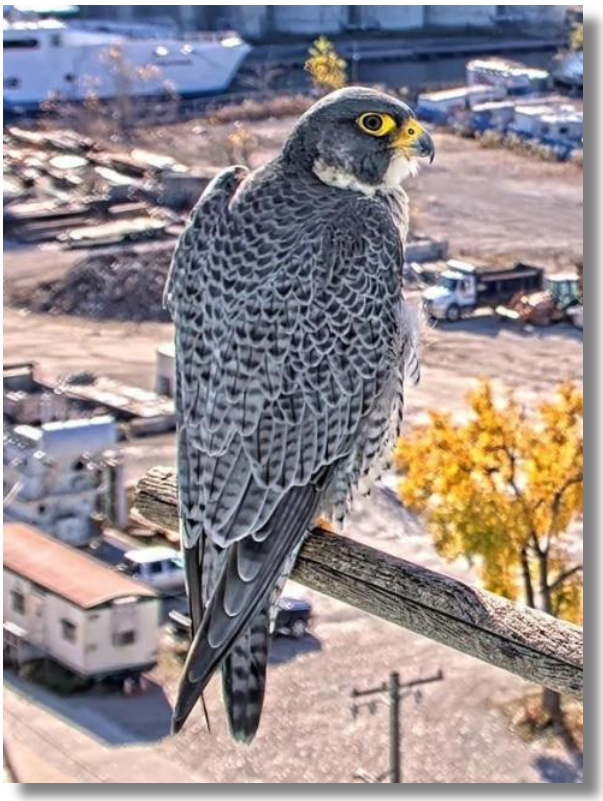
Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded - likely the same female present since 2014.

Adult Male: "Barney" (b/blu) 34/V, produced in 2022 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station nest site. This was his 1st year at this site.

Eggs: 2 laid between March 27-31
Projected hatch dates: May 2-4
Eggs hatched: 1 on May 4
Banded: 1 female on May 27
Site visits: May 27, Oct. 8

This site has been active since 2002, producing a total of 53 young (2.20/year).



***Above**: The unbanded adult female.*
***Below**: "Barney" incubating.*
***Left**: Breezer after banding.*

Banding data

Name	Sex	Project band	USFWS band
Breezer	Female	(b/blu) 63/AC	2447-09103

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

Milwaukee: Molson Coors Brewery

(Formerly Miller Brewery & Miller Coors Brewery)

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Witt" (b/blu) 48/E, produced in 2016 at the Madison Gas & Electric site in Madison, WI. Witt formerly nested at Milwaukee's Malteurop site (now demolished) and was observed various times at both the Molson Coors site as well as the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center site. This is Witt's 2nd year at this site.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 23-30
Projected Hatch Dates: April 29-May 1
Eggs Hatched: 1 on May 2
Banded: 1 male on May 20
Site Visits: May 20

***Above**: Webcam images of the unbanded female and Witt (below).*
***Left**: Gavin after banding.*

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 45 young (1.88/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Gavin	Male	(b/blu) X/23	1266-25032

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

Milwaukee: St. Joseph's Hospital

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Checkers" (b/blu) A/97, produced in 2021 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI - believed to be his 2nd year here.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 31-April 6
Projected Hatch Dates: May 6-8
Eggs Hatched: 4 by May 7
Banded: 2 females & 2 males - May 16
Site Visit: May 16

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 44 young (2.93/year).

***Above**: Checkers*
***Below**: His 4 youngsters after banding.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Ava	Female	(b/blu) 44/AC	2447-08884
Sky	Female	(b/blu) 45/AC	2447-08885
Shiloh	Male	(b/blu) X/16	1266-25025
Lightning	Male	(b/blu) X/17	1266-25026

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

Wauwatosa: MRMC Thermal Power Plant

(Formerly We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant)

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded, likely her 8th year at this site.

Adult Male: "Mugs" (b/blu) U/87, produced in 2022 at the Molson Coors site in Milwaukee, WI – his 2nd year here.

Eggs: 4 laid between March 25-April 1
Projected Hatch Dates: May 2-4
Eggs Hatched: 2 between May 3-5
Banded: 2 females on May 22
Site Visit: May 22

This site has been active since 2013 producing a total of 40 young (3.08/year).

***Above**: The unbanded adult female.*
***Below**: Mugs bringing in lunch.*
***Left**: The 2 young on May 5th.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Hayden	Female	(b/blu) 58/AC	2447-08898
Rossi	Female	(b/blu) 59/AC	2447-08899

Note: 59/AC could be a larger male.
GPS: 43 Degrees 02' 45 N, -88 Degrees 01' 39 W

Port Washington: We Energies Port Washington Generating Station

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded – her 1st year here.

Adult Male: "Hamm's Solo" (b/blu) S/97, produced in 2023 at the Molson Coors Brewery site in Milwaukee – his 1st year here.

Note: There was a complete turnover of adults here this season. On March 8th, I found "Brinn" (b/r) 84/X dead in her nest box, and within 2 days, her mate "Beasley" (b/r) P/07 disappeared. The cause of her sudden death and Beasley's subsequent disappearance appears to have been HPAI. During their 8 years together, Brinn & Beasley produced a total of 23 young.

Eggs: 4 between April 11-20
Projected hatch dates: May 21-23
Eggs hatched: 4 between May 21-23
Banded: 2 females & 2 males on June 10
Site visits: March 11, 21, June 10

This site has been active since 2000, producing a total of 83 young (3.19/year).

***Above**: "Hamm's Solo" on March 10th.*
***Below:** The new unbanded female on March 11th.*
***Left**: The 4 young after banding.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project band	USFWS band
Brinn	Female	(b/blu) 72/AC	2447-09112
Maya	Female	(b/blu) 73/AC	2447-09113
Beasley	Male	(b/blu) X/54	1266-25050
Scout	Male	(b/blu) X/55	1266-25201

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

Sheboygan: Alliant Edgewater Generating Station

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded adult – her 1st year here.

Adult Male: "Kluski" (b/blu) 97/E, produced in 2018 at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant site in Oak Creek, WI. To the best of my knowledge, this is his 6th year here.

Eggs: 3 between April 27-May 1
Projected hatch dates: June 3-4
Eggs Hatched: 2 between June 2-3
Banded: 2 females on June 23
Site Visit: June 23

This site has been active since 1992 producing a total of 90 young (2.65/year).

Above: *The new unbanded female.*
Below: *Her 2 young after banding.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Meri	Female	(b/blu) 74/AC	2447-09114
Meghan	Female	(b/blu) 75/AC	2447-09115

Note: 74/AC could be a large male.
GPS: 43 Degrees 42' 58 N, -87 Degrees 42' 22 W

Sheboygan: Boortmalt Sheboygan

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Ben" (b/blu) 62/E, produced in 2017 at the now deconstructed Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant site in Kewaunee, WI. This is Ben's 3rd year at this site.

Eggs: 4 between March 25-April 1
Projected Hatch Dates: May 2-4
Eggs Hatched: 4 between May 2-1
Banded: 1 female & 3 males on May 27
Site Visit: May 27

This site has been active since 2023 producing a total of 12 young (4.0/year)

Above: *Ben*
Below*: The unbanded female.*
Left*: Their 4 young after banding.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Pillar	Female	(b/blu) 64/AC	2447-09104
Ben	Male	(b/blu) X/66	1266-25041
Jet	Male	(b/blu) X/46	1266-25042
Condar Jr.	Male	(b/blu) X/47	1266-25043

GPS: 43 Degrees 44' 50 N, -87 Degrees 43' 32 W

Manitowoc: Briess Malt & Ingredients Company

(Formerly Riverland Ag & Busch Agricultural Resources)

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded – her 6th 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 9th year here.

Eggs: 4 between March 26-April 2
Projected Hatch Dates: May 2-4
Eggs Hatched: 4 between May 3-1
Banded: 1 female & 3 males on May 22
Site Visit: May 22

Above: *The unbanded adult female.*
Below*: Bartell*
Left*: Their 4 youngsters.*

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of *96 young (3.43/year).
**Total corrected number.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Spitfire	Female	(b/blu) 57/AC	2447-08897
Dave	Male	(b/blu) 56/AC	2447-08896
Schnitzky	Male	(b/blu) X/40	1266-25035
Bourbon	Male	(b/blu) X/41	1266-25036

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

DOOR PENINSULA NEST SITES

Sturgeon Bay: Sturgeon Bay Quarry

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Nesting Details

Adults: Unbanded
Eggs: At least 2
Eggs Hatched: At least 2
Young Fledged: 2

Bill Smith found 2 young present at this site on June 24th.

Note: On July 9th Josh Martinez identified a banded adult male at this site as "Corea" (b/blu) 11/V, produced in 2021 at the Georgia Pacific Mill site in Green Bay, WI – see page XX of this report.

This site has been active since 2023 2023 producing a total of 8 young (2.66/yr.).

GPS: 44 Degrees 54' 29 N, -87 Degrees 24' 8 W

***Above**: The 2 young in the former raven's nest on June 24th.*
***Photo credit:** Bill Smith*

Peninsula State Park: Eagle Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 1
Eggs Hatched: At least

eBird accounts report a pair of falcons present on April 12th and at least 1 present on June 6th & 18th. On June 25th, Bill Smith found both adults present during over 3 hours of observations. Based on their behavior he is positive that young were present.

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

Washington Island: Denny's Bluff

Observations courtesy of Melody Walsh & Randy Holm

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 1
Eggs Hatched: At least 1

Melody Walsh & Randy Holm found a pair of adult peregrines present at this site on May 6th. During their visit the female was incubating and the male brought in prey for her. On a subsequent visit on May 26th, they were able to observe at least 1 and perhaps 2, (10-14 day old) young present.

On June 1st, Randy & Melody returned here and strangely found no peregrines present. It's difficult to know what may have happened but last year it appeared this site was also lost and may have been predated.

***Above**: The adult female on her nest on May 26th.*
***Left**: The 1-2 young in the nest.*

***Photo credits**: Melody Walsh*

This site has been active since 2022 producing a total of at least 7 young (1.75/year)

GPS: 45 Degrees 23' 1 N, -86 Degrees 57' 17W

FOX RIVER NEST SITES

Kaukauna: Canal Wall

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: Unbanded

Eggs Laid: At least 4
Eggs Hatched: At least 4
Banded: 4 males on May 19

Many thanks to Tim Harvey who again monitored this site, took photographs, and documented production. Thanks also go to Jeep Pagel for his expertise with climbing and to Raymond Frana of the US Army Corps of Engineers for once again providing access to this site.

Above: *The unbanded adult male.*
Left*: The 4 young after banding.*
Photo credits*: Heather Landers*

This site has been active since 2021 producing a total of 17 young (3.4/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Ray	Male	(b/blu) 50/AC	2447-08889
Chase	Male	(b/blu) 51/AC	2447-08890
Jeep	Male	(b/blu) X/21	1266-25030
Keegan	Male	(b/blu) X/22	1266-25031

Note: 50/AC may be a small female.
GPS: 44 degrees 16’ 51 N, 88 degrees 16’ 06 W

Menasha: Essity Mill *(Formerly SCA Tissue)*

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Bucky (b/r) 73/P, produced in 2013 at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in Port Washington, WI - here since 2022.

Eggs: 4 between March 22-28
Projected Hatch Dates: April 28-30
Eggs Hatched: 4 between April 29-30
Banded: 1 female & 3 males on May 9.

Special thanks to Danny Erickson & Chris Keller for their help with climbing at this site.

This site has been active since 2015 producing a total of 31 young (2.8/year).

***Above**: The unbanded adult female.*
***Photo credit**: Chris Keller*
***Below**: The 4 young after banding.*

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Storm	Female	(b/blu) 49/AC	2447-08888
Tork	Male	(b/blu) 48/AC	2447-08887
Chase	Male	(b/blu) X/19	1266-25028
Soar	Male	(b/blu) X/20	1266-25029

Note: 48/AC may be a smaller female.
GPS: 44 degrees 12' 18 N, 88 degrees 27' 22 W

Appleton: Zion Lutheran Church

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unidentified

Adult Male: "Presto" (b/blu) S/58, produced in 2022 at the Madison Gas & Electric site in Madison, WI. To the best of our knowledge, this was his 1st year at this site.

Eggs: 4 between April 9-16 est.
Eggs Hatched: 2 on May 14 est.
Banded: 1 female & 1 male on June 1

Thanks again to Gary Neuman & Gene Weise for monitoring this site and to Chris Keller and Brandi Grahl for help with banding.

Above: *Presto doing a fly by during banding.*
Left*: His 2 youngsters back in their nest.*
Note: *Presto was also photographed at the College Ave. bridge in Appleton, WI on March 13, 2025. see page 74 of this report.*

This nest site has been active since 2023 producing a total of 7 young (2.3/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Tammy	Female	(b/blu) 68/AC	2447-09108
Dave	Male	(b/blu) 67/AC	2447-09107

Note: 67/AC could be a smaller female.
GPS: 44 Degrees 16' 12 N, -88 Degrees 24' 19 W

Green Bay: UW-Green Bay - Cofrin Library

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Ares" (b/blu) 30/V, produced in 2022 at the Essity Paper Mill in Menasha, WI – his 1st year at this site

Eggs: 4 between April 9-17
Projected Hatch Dates: May 17-19
Eggs Hatched: 3 between May 14-16
Banded: 1 female & 2 males on June 6
Site Visit: June 6

***Above**: The unbanded adult female.*
***Left**: Her 4 young after banding.*

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 27 young (1.8/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Athena	Female	(b/blu) 69/AC	2447-09109
Zeuss	Male	(b/blu) X/52	1266-25048
Apollo	Male	(b/blu) X/53	1266-25049

Note: The partially eaten remains of X/52 were found dead on site on July 9th.
GPS: 44 Degrees 31' 30 N, 87 Degrees 55' 30 W

WISCONSIN RIVER NEST SITES

Devil's Lake State Park: East Bluff Quarry

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Amy Riess

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: Unbanded

Eggs: At least 4
Eggs Hatched: At least 4
Banded: 2 females & 2 males on June 9.

Special thanks are in order to Amy Riess, John Howe, Dave Kester and the crew from RRP who rappelled into this site and retrieved & banded the young.

Above: *Banding day at Devils Lake.*
L to R*: Dave Noble, Donna Morris, Bill Smith, Rich Staffen*

Photo credit*: John Howe – Raptor Resource Project*

This site was first successful in 2015 and has since produced a known total of 16 young (1.45/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Ester	Female	(b/blu) 83/AN	2447-08464
Janie	Female	(b/blu) 84/AN	2447-08465
Bill	Male	(b/blu) 51/AH	2206-27796
Ken	Male	(b/blu) 32/AH	2206-27797

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

Pardeeville: Alliant Columbia Generating Station

Nesting Details

Adult Female: "Carson" (b/blu) 12/Y, produced in 2019 at the UW-Green Bay - Cofrin Library nest site in Green Bay, WI - her 3rd year at this site.

Adult Male: "Horos" (b/r) P/01, produced in 2014 at the Georgia Pacific Mill site in Green Bay, WI – his 8th year here.

Eggs: 4 between by March 23-28
Projected Hatch dates: April 28-30
Eggs Hatched: 3 - April 30-May 4
Banded: 3 males on May 23
Site Visit: May 23

***Above**: Carson photographed near her nest box.*
***Left**: Her 3 youngsters after banding.*

This site has been active since 2006 producing at least 65 young (3.25/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Neil	Male	(b/blu) X/42	1266-25037
Buzz	Male	(b/blu) X/43	1266-25038
Michael	Male	(b/blu) X/44	1266-25039

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

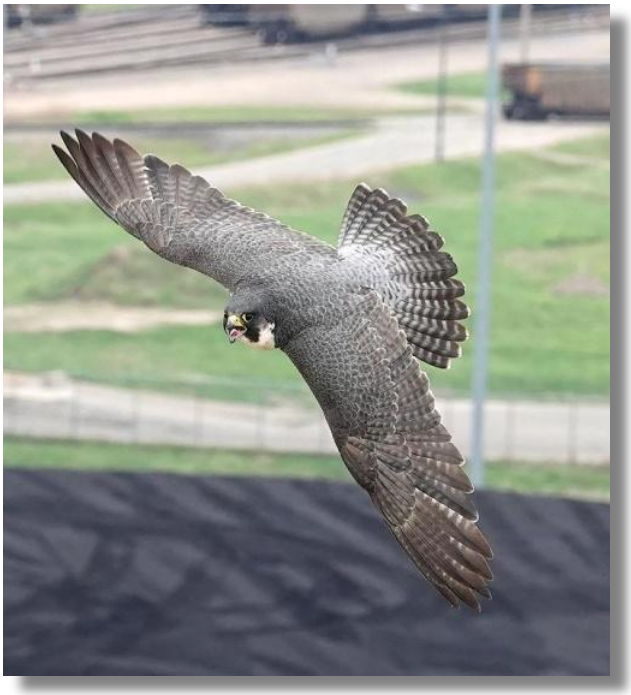
Rothschild: WPS Weston Power Plant

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: "Sheldon" (b/r) 19/M, produced in 2013 at the UW-Oshkosh site in Oshkosh, WI - back for his 10th year.

Eggs: 4 laid between April 5-11
Projected Hatch Dates: May 12-14
Eggs Hatched: 3 between May 14-16
Banded: 3 males on June 3
Site Visit: June 3



***Above**: The new unbanded female.*
***Left**: Her 3 sons after banding.*

This site has been active since 2006, producing a total of 48 young (2.4/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Flaps	Male	(b/blu) X/49	1266-25045
Hercules	Male	(b/blu) X/50	1266-25046
Lee	Male	(b/blu) X/51	1266-25047

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 present here for the past 13 years.

Adult Male: "Melvin" (b/r) 80/P, produced in 2013 at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant nest site in Oak Creek, WI. This was Melvin's 11th year at this site.

***Above**: Webcam image of Trudy with her 3 young.*

Eggs: 4 laid between April 1-8
Projected Hatch Dates: May 9-11
Eggs Hatched: 3 between May 11-12
Banded: 2 females & 1 male on May 30
Site Visit: May 30

This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 61 young (3.6/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Olive	Female	(b/blu) 65/AC	2447-09105
Mozzarella	Female	(b/blu) 66/AC	2447-09106
Basil	Male	(b/blu) X/48	1266-25044

Note: 66/AC could be a large male.
GPS: 43 Degrees 04' 46 N, -89 Degrees 22' 28 W

Jefferson: Aztalan Bio LLC *(Formerly Ladish Malting, Cargill Ag, Valero Renewables)*

Nesting data courtesy Gary Boyanovsky & James Szwec

Nesting Details

Adult Female: **"Lily" (b/blu) 59/M**, produced in 2016 at the Thilmany Mill in Kaukauna. WI – her 8th year here.

Adult Male: Unbanded

Eggs: 4 between March 24-30
Projected Hatch Dates: April 30-May 2
Eggs Hatched: 4 between May 3-4
Banded: 3 females & 1 male on May 24
Site Visit: May 24

***Above**: Webcam image of the adult male.*
***Left**: His 4 young after banding.*

This site has been active since 2004 producing a total of 61 young (2.8/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Barbie	Female	(b/blu) 60/AC	2447-08900
Sparkles	Female	(b/blu) 61/AC	2447-09101
Halcon	Female	(b/blu) 62/AC	2447-09102
Foerster	Male	(b/blu) X/45	1266-25040

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

LAKE SUPERIOR NEST SITES

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: "Endion" (b/blu) 09/U, produced in 2021 at the Hibbard Plant MPL in St. Louis County, MN.

Eggs: At least 2
Eggs Hatched: At least 2
Young produced: At least 2

This site has been active since 2015 producing a total of 27 young (2.45/year).

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

Ashland: Xcel Energy Bay Front Generating Station

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded
Adult Male: "Scottie" (b/r) 59/C, produced in 2016 at the Houghton Hancock Bridge nest site in Houghton, MI.

Eggs: 4
Young produced: 2
Banded: 2 males on June 25

This site has been active since 2014 producing a total of 38 young (3.16/yr.)

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Steve	Male	(b/blu) 37/AH	1266-24507
Cuddles	Male	(b/blu) 38/AH	1266=24508

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

Ashland County: Bear Island SE

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Tom Doolittle

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: Unknown
Eggs hatched: Unknown
Young produced: At least 1

This site was visited by Tom Doolittle on June 24th with 2 adults and recently hatched young present. On July 7th, Tom and Bill Smith visited this site and found a single adult perched in a tree south of the eyrie which was located close to the 2024 site. In spite of their efforts, from the boat, they were unable to see behind a large rock and dense white cedar that was blocking the eyrie and consequently unable to view any young.

This site has been active since 2024 producing a known total of 2 young (1.0/year)

GPS: 47 Degrees, 1’ 4 N, -90 Degrees 44’ 26 W

Ashland County: Outer Island CE

Nesting data courtesy of Tom Doolittle & Bill Smith

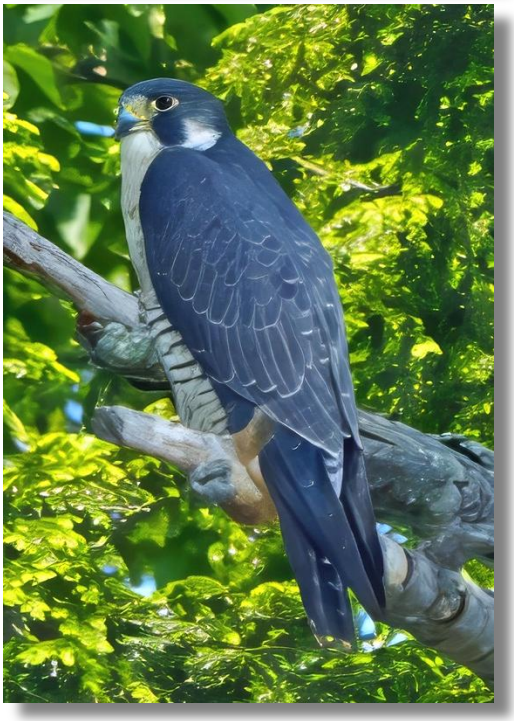
Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 1
Eggs hatched: At least 1
Young Produced: At least 1

This site was first discovered in 2022 by Bill Smith, Tom Doolittle and Mike. This year an adult pair and at least one young were present on June 24th. And on July 7th, both adults and fully-fledged young were present. The eyrie this year was located a few hundred meters up the shore from last year's location. This site is only 2.2 miles south of the Outer Island NE site, but not in the direct line of sight.

This site has been active since 2022 producing a total of 4 young (1.0/year).

GPS: 47 Degrees 1' 11 N, -90 Degrees 24' 31 W



Above: *The adult male.*
Below*: The adult female*
Left*: Their single young*
Photo credit*s: Bill Smith*

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 - Banded Young: www.raptorresource.org/
Jackie Fallon of the Midwest Peregrine Society: midwestperegrine.umn.edu/
Bill Smith: WIDNR – Retired

Pepin County: Maiden Rock

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adult: Unknown
Eggs: At least 3
Young produced: At least 3
Banded: 1 female & 2 males on June 4

Peregrines nested here in 1987 producing 3 young but didn't begin nesting regularly again until 2001. Since then, this site has produced a total of 55 young (2.2/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Neveah	Female	(b/blu) 80/AN	2447-08461
Dolomite	Male	(b/blu) 54/AH	2206-27777
Jordan	Male	(b/blu) 31/AH	2206-27776

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

Fountain City: Greshik's Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 3
Young produced: At least 3
Banded: 1 female & 2 males on May 29

This site has been active since 2008 producing a total of 18 young (1.0/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Red Wing	Female	(b/blu) 63/AN	2447-06844
Flint	Male	(b/blu) 14/AH	2206-27687
Striker	Male	(b/blu) 15/AH	2206-27688

GPS: 44 Degrees 8' 22 N, -91 Degrees 15' 9 W

Alma: Dairyland Power Cooperative

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adults: Unbanded
Eggs: 4
Young produced: 4
Banded: 1 female & 3 males on May 27

This site has been active since 1997 producing a total of 79 young (2.72/yr.)

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Unnamed	Female	(b/blu) 55/AN	2447-06836
Unnamed	Male	(b/blu) 07/AH	2206-27770
Unnamed	Male	(b/blu) 05/AH	2206-27768
Unnamed	Male	(b/blu) 06/AH	2206-27769

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

Buffalo County: Maassen's Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries, Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adult Female: "Skarletta" (b/blu) V/70, produced in 2024 at the Red Wing Grain site in Goodhue County, MN.

Adult Male: "Dani" (b/r) E/85, produced in 2014 at the Greysolon Plaza site in Duluth, MN.

Eggs: At least 2
Young produced: At least 2
Banded: 1 female & 1 male on June 19

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of 42 young (1.68/yr.)

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Moonraker	Female	(b/blu) 90/AN	2447-08472
Zoom	Male	(b/blu) 29/AH	1266-24503

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

Buffalo County: Twin Bluff Complex - Nelson

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 3
Banded: 1 female & 2 males on May 29

This site has been active since 2014 producing a total of 35 young (2.9/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Sylvia	Female	(b/blu) 62/AN	2447-06843
Blake	Male	(b/blu) 12/AH	2206-27683
Joel	Male	(b/blu) 13/AH	2206-27686

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

Trempealeau County: Castle Rock (Bluff Siding)

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adults Female: **"Elsa" (b/blu) 85/A**, produced in 2016 at the Highway 61 Bridge/Hastings Cliff site in Washington County, MN.

Adult Male: **"Faber" (b/blu) K/92**, produced in 2016 at Faith Bluff in Winona Co, MN.

Eggs: At least 3
Young produced: 3
Banded: 3 females on May 30

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 50 young (2.08/year.)

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Ginger	Female	(b/blu) 64/AN	2447-06845
Nutmeg	Female	(b/blu) 65/AN	2447-06846
Cinnamon	Feale	(b/blu) 66/AN	2447-06847

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

Trempealeau: Eagle Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackbourn

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 2
Young produced: At least 2

Local raptor enthusiast Jim Jenkins reported 2 young fledged here on June 29th.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a minimum known total of 13 young (0.86/year).

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

La Crosse: US Bank

Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adult Female: Unbanded

Adult Male: **"Ardy" (b/r) 06/D**, produced in 2015 at the Black Dog power plant site in Dakota County, MN.

Eggs: 4
Eggs hatched: 3
Banded: 3 young on June 3

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 58 young (2.9/year).

Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Pearl	Unknown	(b/blu) 91/AN	2447-08473
Owen	Unknown	(b/blu) 92/AN	2447-08474
Brooke	Unknown	(b/blu) 93/AN	2447-08475

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

La Crosse County: Cliffwood Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith, Paul Napier & Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 2
Eggs hatched: At least 2

At least 2 young were produced at this site but were not banded.

GPS: 43 Degrees 48' 7 N, -91 Degrees 12' 34 W

Vernon County: Bad Axe River North

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 2
Young produced: At least 2
Banded: Young were too old to band on June 11th.

This site has been active since 2023 and producing a total of 3 young. (1.0/year)

GPS: 43 Degrees 32’ 31 N, -91 Degrees 13’ 33 W

Crawford County: Lynxville Complex – Travis’s Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Maggie Jones

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: At least 2
Young produced: At least 2

Maggie Jones found this site occupied with 2 bandable aged young present.
This site has been active since 2021 producing a total of 11 young (2.75/year)

GPS: 43 Degrees 17’ 25 N, -91 Degrees 2’ 52 W

SUCCESSFUL/LOST NEST SITES

Oshkosh: UW-Oshkosh - Groeningen Hall

Nesting Details

***Above**: Webcam image of Julia removing her chick shortly after hatching.*

Adult Female: "Julia" (b/r) 19/W, produced in 2011 at the Lakeview nest site in Chicago, IL. This was Julia's 10th year at this site.

Adult Male: "Gaylord" (b/blu) 58/A, produced in 2016 at the UW-Milwaukee EMS site - his 7th year here.

Eggs: 4 between March 23-April 20
Projected Hatch Dates: April 29-May 1
Eggs Hatched: 1 on May 5
Note: The newly hatched chick appeared weak and was carried out of the nest by Julia. None of the remaining 3 eggs hatched.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 35 young (2.3/year).

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

FAILED NEST SITES

Kenosha: Froedtert South - Kenosha Medical Center

(Formerly United Hospital System)

Nesting Details

Adult Female: "Olympia" (b/r) 31/W, produced in 2012 at the South Loop site on Michigan Ave. in Chicago, IL. This was her 11th year at this site.

Adult Male: "Livingston" (b/r) 55/D, produced in 2010 at the MG&E site in Madison, WI. This would be his 13th year at this site.

Eggs: 4 laid between April 20-May 1
Projected Hatch Dates: May 27-29
Eggs Hatched: None/Failed
Note: The eggs gradually disappeared during incubation with only 1 remaining on June 2nd.

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 32 young (1.6year).

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

Kaukauna: Thilmany Mill

Nesting Details

Adults: Unknown
Eggs: 4 laid between April 19-25
Projected Hatch Dates: May 26-28
Eggs Hatched: Failed

From Mickey Steger: Peregrines were again present through the nesting season. This marks the 9th year in a row this site has failed.

This site has been active since 2007 producing a total of 31 young (1.63/year).

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

ACTIVE/NON-PRODUCTIVE SITES

Milwaukee: US Bank

Adult Female: Unidentified
Adult Male: Unidentified

A multi-year tuckpointing project is underway at this site. In order to avoid any potential adverse human/peregrine interactions during this project, I closed the nest box off once again on January 30th - well before any nesting activity had begun. We're hopeful this project will be completed early and that we can get the nest box reopened soon afterwards.

This site has been active since 1988 producing a total of 71 young (1.86/year).

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

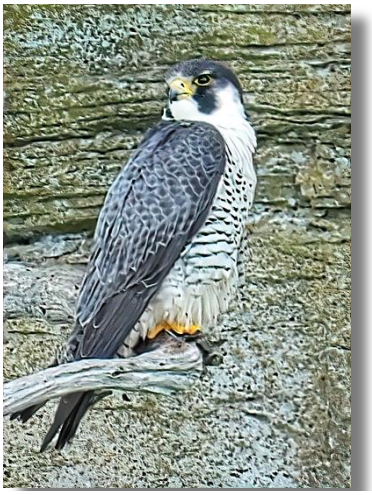
Washington Island: Boyers Bluff

Observations courtesy of Melody Walsh, Randy Holm, Dale & Glenys Bird

Immature Female: Unbanded
Adult Male: Unbanded

Melody Walsh & Randy Holm reported a pair of peregrines present at this site during visits made on May 26th. Once again, like last year, the female is a subadult. On subsequent visits on June 1st and July 1st, only a single adult male was observed.

This historical site became reoccupied in 2022 and since th of 3 young (0.75/year).



Above: *The subadult female (left) and the adult male (right) on May 6, 2025.*

Photo credits*: Melody Walsh*

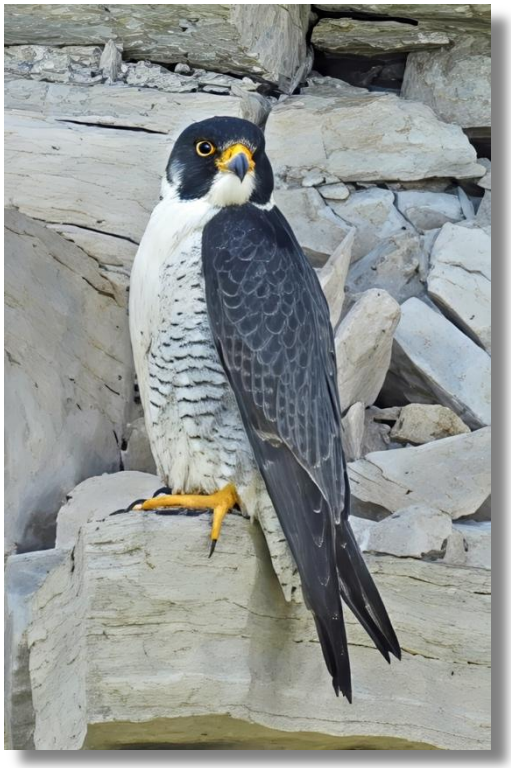
GPS: 45 Degrees 25' 13 N, -86 Degrees 56' 13 W

Rock Island State Park: Dolomite Cliffs

Observations courtesy of Melody Walsh, Randy Holm, Dale & Glenys Bird

Randy visited this site on April 30th and found a lone adult male present. Randy & Melody visited this site on May 4th & 7th and again found a lone adult male. On their May 26th visit they found no falcons present and on their visit to this site on June 1st, they again found a lone adult male. On their final visit on July 1st, they found no falcons present.

This historical eyrie was active until the late 1950's. It was reoccupied in 2016, with a 1st successful nest in 2017. Since then, it has produced a total of 21 young (2.33/year).



***Right**: The adult male at the Rock Island eyrie on May 5, 2025.*

***Photo credit**: Melody Walsh*

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

Grant County: Glen Haven (Dugway Road)

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill Smith found this site occupied by a pair of adults early and he thought a nesting attempt had been made. However, on May 7th he found an immature female present with the adult pair. On June 12th the only falcon he saw was an immature female again that flew north and west over the Mississippi River and disappearing in Iowa.

Thus far, this site has only produced young (2) in 2015.

GPS: 42 Degrees 50' 14 N, -91 Degrees 4' 22 W

Vernon County: Shady Maple Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill discovered this site and found falcon(s) present here on 9 of 14 visits between March 25th - June 5th. The female here was a 1-year-old.

GPS:42 Degrees 42' 42 N, -91 Degrees 12' 24 W

ACTIVE/OUTCOME UNKNOWN SITES

Racine: Payne & Dolan - Racine Quarry

I did not have an opportunity to visit here again this season and there were no e-bird reports this year - likely due to a lack of suitable viewpoints due to the expansion of the quarry.

Once again, the quarry expansion included relocating Charles Street to the east and installing new fencing elsewhere eliminated any suitable viewing options of the former eyrie location or suitable nearby ledges. Peregrines will likely continue to nest at this site or in the quarry to the west of Douglas Avenue. But because of access and viewing restrictions, we may never know for sure.

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 there were e-bird observations of peregrines from January into June. It is not known if this site produced any young.

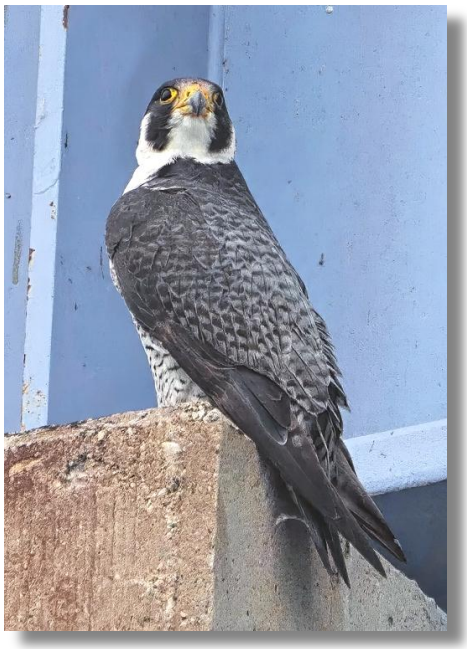
GPS: 44 Degrees 26’ 51 N, -88 Degrees 3’ 48 W

Sturgeon Bay: Bayview Bridge

Nesting data courtesy of Candace & Rush Evans & Bill Smith

It appears an adult pair of peregrines attempted nesting here this year, but no young were confirmed.

GPS: 44 Degrees 49’ 14 N, -87 Degrees 21’ 20 W



***Right**: The adult male perched atop a pillar at the Bayview Bridge on June 25th.*

***Photo credit**: Bill Smith*

Ashland County: Stockton Island - Balancing Rock North

Nesting data courtesy of Kasey Arts, Izzy Vetterman, Tom Doolittle & Bill Smith

On May 30th Kasey Arts & Izzy Vetterman observed a single adult at this site. On June 24th Tom Doolittle also found a single adult male perched above the eyrie with many areas with evident whitewash but no other adults or young were observed. On July 7th, Bill Smith & Tom Doolittle found no peregrines present.

This site has been occupied since at least 2020 but young were first confirmed in 2023. Since then, this site has produced a total of 3 young (1.0/year)

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

TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED SITES

Door County: Ellison Bay - Ellison Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Reposts from eBird indicate at least 1 peregrine present here on May 17th. Jeep Pagel surveyed this site by canoe on June 2nd and reported not hearing or seeing any peregrines. Bill Smith visited this site on June 24th and also found no signs of peregrine activity.

This site has been active since 2024 producing a total of 2 young (1.0/year)

GPS: 45 Degrees 15' 32 N, -87 Degrees 5' 59 W

Ashland County: Sand Island – Justice Bay Cliffs

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith & Tom Doolottle

A couple early August observations near potential habitat suggests this island be a survey priority in 2026.

GPS: 46 Degrees594' 26 N, -90 Degrees 55' 34 W

Prescott: BNSF Railroad Bridge

Nesting data courtesy of Jackie Fallon

This site has been active since 2006 with peregrines alternating between nesting on the MN and WI sides of the bridge. Peregrines nested on the WI side of the bridge during 6 of the 20 years it's been active, and during those years they produced a total of 19 young. (0.95/year).

A pair was present here again this year producing 4 young the MN side of the bridge.

GPS: 44 Degrees 44' 52 N, -92 Degrees 48' 12 W

Buffalo County: Alma Marina

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackbourn

Bill found an adult male courting an immature female here on April 25th but there is no additional information available.

This site has been active since 2020 producing a total of 1 young (0.16/year).

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

Vernon County: De Soto Bay Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

During 5 visits to this site, Bill Smith found only a territorial adult male present here on April 27th.

This site has been active since 2020 producing a total of 5 young (0,83/year).

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

Grant County: Glen Haven (Dugway Road)

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith, Brett & Carole Mandernack

Bill Smith found this site occupied again this year with an adult pair present. But on May 7th an immature female was also present and the adult male dove at it repeatedly. On June 12th only the immature female was observed.

Thus far, this site has only produced young (2) in 2015.

GPS: 42 Degrees 50’ 14 N, -91 Degrees 4’ 22 W

NO ACTIVITY

Green Bay: Georgia Pacific Mill

Observations courtesy of Mike Moore

There were no peregrine sightings reported here. This site has been quite consistent with young produced in 14 of the 17 years it's been active. And, until 2023, there has never been an instance where peregrines were not present during the nesting season. Whether this absence was an unfortunate random occurrence, or a result of avian flu is not known. Without any on site peregrine presence it'll take time for this site to become reoccupied

This site has been active since 2008 producing a total of 43 young (2.38/year).

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

Door County: Table Bluff (Gills Rock Bluff)

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill was unable to visit here this season.

GPS: 45 Degrees 17' 46 N, -87 1' 12 W

Door County: Deathdoor Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill was unable to visit here this season.

GPS: 45 Degrees 17' 47 N, -87 Degrees 3' 54 W

Superior: Peavey Gavilon Mill

Nesting data courtesy of Dave Evans

Dave Evans reports that he never saw a falcon here during the breeding season.

This site has been active since 2020 producing a total of 5 young (0.83/yr.)

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

Superior: General Mills S&X

Nesting data courtesy of Jackie Fallon & Dave Evans

Dave Evans reports no activity at this site. The male (b/blu) 67/R moved back to the Duluth (MN) Port Terminal and has a new female – "Penny" (b/blu) M/31, produced in 2020 at the Briess Malt site in Manitowoc, WI.

This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 18 young (1.06/year).

GPS: 48 Degrees 44' 36 N, 92 Degrees 06' 33 W

Ashland County: Outer Island NE

Nesting data courtesy of Tom Doolittle & Bill Smith

Tom Doolittle visited this site on June 24th and found no peregrines and no signs of activity. On July 7th Tom and Bill Smith visited this site and again found no signs of any activity. This site had been occupied previously for at least 9 years.

This site has been occupied since at least 2016, but productivity checks were conducted starting in 2021. Since then, a total of 8 young have been produced at this site (1.6/year).

GPS: 47 Degrees 2' 59 N, -90 Degrees 24' 0.5 W

Ashland County: Stockton Island - Balancing Rock North

Nesting data courtesy of Kasey Arts, Izzy Vetterman, Tom Doolittle & Bill Smith

On May 30th, NPS staff Kasey Arts & Izzy Vetterman found this site occupied by a pair of adult peregrines. On June 24th, Tom Doolittle found many areas with evident whitewash and an adult male perched above the eyrie with a full crop. No other adult or any young observed. On July 7th, Tom and Bill Smith visited this site again but found no peregrines,

This site has been occupied since at least 2020 but young were first confirmed in 2023. Since then, this site has produced a total of 3 young (1.0/year)

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

Columbia County: Dekorra: Gibralter Rock

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill reports driving by this site several times & stopped a few times but saw no sign of peregrines.

GPS: 43 Degrees 20' 34 N, -89 Degrees 36' 1 W

Columbia County: Dekorra: Wisconsin River I39/90/94 Bridge

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill Smith reports the new interstate bridge project is underway and no peregrines were observed here this season.

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

Adams County: Witches Gulch

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill Smith reports no signs of peregrine occupancy this season.

GPS: 43 Degrees 40' 40 N, -89 Degrees 48' 12 W

Sauk County: Ferry Bluff/Cactus Rock

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

One to two peregrines overwintered here but there were not seen after February 23rd.

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

Sauk County: Otter Creek

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill Smith reports no activity at this historical site and succession by trees pretty much hides the sandstone cliffs

GPS: 43 Degrees 20' 15 N, -89 Degrees 46' 36 W

Sauk County: Twin Islands Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No activity observed once again. The WDNR has agreed to undertake some vegetation management here this fall.

GPS: 43 Degrees 13' 28 N, -89 Degrees 49' 30 W

Pierce County: Eagle Point Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill was unable to visit here this season.

GPS: 44 Degrees 42' 58 N, -92 Degrees 43' 45 W

Buffalo County: Hole in the Wall

Observations courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Amy Ries neither found, nor heard falcons present during two visits here this year

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

Buffalo County: Skidmore Bluff

Observations courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Amy reports no falcons observed during 7 hours of observations from mid-March through mid-June. The landowner also saw no falcons this year.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 20 young (1.33/year).

GPS: 44 Degrees 37’ 43 N, -92 Degrees 32’ 19 W

Buffalo County: Alma Bluff

Observations courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

The falcons did not use this site but did nest at the nearby Dairyland Power Cooperative site producing 4 young.

GPS: 44 Degrees 18’ 32 N, -91 Degrees 54’ 24 W

La Crosse County: Goose Island Bluff

Observations courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Bill Smith reports no sign of activity at this historical site.

GPS: 43 Degrees 43’ 58 N, -91 Degrees 11’ 50 W

Vernon County: Bad Axe Country Club

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill was unable to visit here this season.

GPS: 43 Degrees 37’ 52 N, -90 Degrees 59’ 5 W

Vernon County: Genoa Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No sign of peregrine occupancy at this potential bluff.

GPS: 43 Degrees 34’ 18 N, -90 Degrees 13’ 36 W

Vernon County: Redbird Bluff

Observations courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project & Rich King

Rich King monitored this site, and Amy made 2 visits and neither saw nor heard any falcons.

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

Crawford County: Lynxville Complex - Hobb’s Hollow Bluff

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Bill Smith reports no sign of activity at this site. This site is only a half mile from the Lynxville Bluff that was used this year and is considered part of the same territory.

This site has been active since 2021 producing a total of 11 young (2.2/year)

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

Crawford County: Lynxville Complex - Monehan’s Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith & Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

A recently used cliff in the Lynxville Complex – an upstream cliff called Travis’s Bluff in this complex was used this year (see Lynxville nesting account on page 40).

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

Crawford County: Lock & Dam 9

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith & Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Bill Smith reports no falcons observed here this season.

GPS: 43 Degrees 12’ 47 N, -91 Degrees 5’ 36 W

Crawford County: Limery Ridge

Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill Smith found no falcons present here this season and instead reported Red-tailed hawks were occupying the site.

GPS: 43 Degrees 04’ 40 N, -91 Degrees 08’ 06 W

Crawford County: De Soto SE
Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

No sign of peregrine occupancy at this potential site this year.

GPS: 43 Degrees 23’ 58 N, -91 Degrees 11’ 6 W

Crawford County: De Soto
Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

No sign of peregrine occupancy at this potential site this year.

GPS: 43 Degrees 24’ 26 N, -91 Degrees 11’ 21 W

Grant County: Rattlesnake Point
Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

This Wisconsin River site has no history of use and now becoming occluded by trees.

GPS: 43 Degrees 9’ 54 N, -90 Degrees 42’ 21 W

Grant County: Lynn Hollow Bluff
Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

No sign of activity at this recently used site.

This site has been active since 2021 producing a minimum total of 2 young (0.4/year).

GPS: 42 Degrees 40’ 38 N, -90 Degrees 49’ 0.6 W

Grant County: Platte River North Primary
Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill Smith found no sign of peregrine activity here this year/

GPS: 42 Degrees 37’ 19 N, -90 Degrees 40’ 23 W

Grant County: Wyalusing Quarry

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith, Brett Mandernack & Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

Bill Smith reports with no sign of peregrine activity again. As reported last year, this site has never been successful. The nest box mounted to the cliff here was damaged by a rock and going forward, Amy Ries sees no reason to encourage peregrines to nest here.

GPS: 42 Degrees 57’ 5 N, -91 Degrees 8’ 26 W

Grant County: Glen Haven South

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

Bill reports no signs of peregrine occupancy this season.

GPS: 42 Degrees 49’ 35 N, -91 Degrees 4’ 28 W

Grant County: Jamestown Complex - Fenley Recreation Area

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No signs of activity at this occasionally used site this year.

GPS: 42 Degrees 34’ 46 N, -90 Degrees 39’ 41 W

Grant County: Platte River South

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No signs of activity of occupancy this year.

GPS: 42 Degrees 35’ 55 N, -90 Degrees 39’ 45 W

Grant County: Platte River North Alternate

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No signs of activity of occupancy this year.

GPS: 42 Degrees 37’ 20 N, -90 Degrees 40’ 22 W

Grant County: Grant River West 035

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No signs of activity of occupancy this year.

GPS: 42 Degrees 40’ 15 N, -90 Degrees 46’ 2 W

Grant County: Lynn-Grant River Overhang

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No signs of activity of occupancy this year.

GPS: 42 Degrees 40’ 28 N, -90 Degrees 47’ 41 W

Grant County: Houston Polark Roberto Bluff

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No signs of activity of occupancy this year.

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

Grant County: Bertom Lake

Observations courtesy of Bill Smith

No signs of activity of occupancy this year.

GPS: 42 Degrees 41’ 50 N, -90 Degrees 55’ 11 W

WISCONSIN PRODUCED PEREGRINES NESTING IN OTHER STATES

Following is known information on WI-produced peregrines that nested or were identified in other states for 2025.

Illinois

"**Brian" (b/blu) 62/S**, a male produced in 2019 at the Columbia Generating Station site in Pardeeville, WI paired with "Louise" (bl) S/56, a female produced in 2016 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The pair nested in Rockford, IL. Five eggs were laid, 4 hatched and 3 young were banded and fledged. This was their 5th year together.

"**Gunner**" **(b/blu) 96/E**, a male produced in 2018 at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant nest site in Oak Creek, WI. Gunner was present at his Foster Avenue territory (Chicago) until losing his mate in February due to HPAI. He then moved south and nested at Chicago's Lakeview site pairing with Lakeview's female (1687-15690), a single USFWS banded bird from Buffalo NY. Four eggs were laid, 3 of which hatched. Banding took place on May 26th. All chicks fledged without issue.

"**Josephine**" **(b/r) *B/*P,** a female produced in 2014 at the St. Joseph's Hospital site in Milwaukee, WI paired with **Curt (b/r) 77/R**, a male produced in 2012 at the Veolia Water - Hoan Bridge/MMSD site in, Milwaukee WI. The pair nested at Chicago's UIC west site. The nest ledge is not completely visible, so a complete egg count was not possible. Two nesting attempts failed to hatch any eggs.

Big Bad John" (b/blu 17/R), a male produced in 2018 at the Malteurop Complex site in Milwaukee, WI paired with a female believed to be "**Legacy" (b/blu) M/07**, produced in 2019 at the Georgia Pacific Mill site in Green Bay, WI. The pair nested at Chicago's Oak Street location. Four eggs were laid, 3 of which hatched. One chick did not survive beyond a week due to heavy rains. Banding took place on June 3rd. Both remaining young fledged without issue.

"Pint" (b/blu) U/86, a female produced 2022 at the Molson Coors nest site in Milwaukee, WI paired with an unidentified banded male at Chicago's O'Hare site producing 4 young. USDA removed all 4 chicks just prior to fledging. They were banded and transferred to Willowbrook Wildlife Center. All 4 young were subsequently released by USDA on July 29, 2025 at Castle Rock State Park.

“**Lisa” (b/g) R/39**, a female produced in 2009 at the WPS Pulliam Power Plant in Green Bay, WI paired with a new male as her previous mate “Ben” (b/r) H/34) died in the fall of 2024. The new male was two-year-old “Harrison” (b/blu Z/43, produced in 2023 at Chicago’s Harrison crib site. While the pair was present at Chicago’s Wacker site throughout the breeding season no nest attempt was observed.

“**Owena” (b/r) 53/V**, a female produced in 2013 at the Racine County Courthouse site in Racine, WI nested at Chicago’s St. Mary’s site for her 8th year. She paired with “Hecky” (b/blu) B/02, a male produced in 2020 at the Evanston Library site in Evanston, IL. Four eggs were laid, all of which hatched and all 4 young fledged.

Indiana

“Jeffery” (b/blu) 52/E, a male produced in 2016 at the We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant site in Pleasant Prairie, WI paired with an unbanded adult female at the Market Tower nest site in Indianapolis, IN producing 4 young with 3 dying prior to banding. This was Jeffery’s 8th year at this site.

“Thunder” (b/blu) 11/H, a female produced in 2015 at the We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant site in Pleasant Prairie, WI paired with an unbanded adult male. The pair was present at the ArcelorMittal (Bethlehem, now Cleveland Cliffs) site in East Chicago, IL but due to the location of the nest box, production could not be confirmed.

Minnesota

“Castilla” (b/blu) P/78, a female produced in 2020 at the Castle Rock site in Trempealeau County, WI paired with “Bullet” (b/r) A/41, a male produced in 2017 at the Great River Energy Plant in Elk River, MN. The pair nested at the Colonade site in Golden Valley, MN laying 4 eggs none of which hatched.

“Brew” (b/blu) M/27, a female produced in 2020 at the Molson Coors Brewery (formerly Miller Brewery) site in Milwaukee, WI paired with “Tanner” (b/blu) B/71, a male produced in 2023 at the King Plant Bayport site in Washington County, MN. The pair nested at the Ford Parkway Bridge site in Minneapolis, MN producing 4 young.

“Mac” (b/r) E/30, a male produced in 2013 at the Dairyland Power Plant site in Alma, WI, paired with an unbanded female. The pair nested at the Red Wing Grain site in Red Wing, MN producing 4 young.

“Wisco-Spirit” (b/blu) 07/R, a male produced in 2018 at the WPS Weston Power Plant site in Rothschild, WI paired with **“Penny” (b/blu) M/31**, a female produced in 2020 at the Briess Malt site in Manitowoc, WI. The pair nested at the CRH Concrete site in Duluth, MN producing 2 young that perished after fledging.

“Melody” (b/blu) H/53, a female produced in 2023 at the US Bank site in La Crosse, WI paired with an unknown, banded b/blu male at the Mayo Building site at the University of MN in Minneapolis, MN producing 3 eggs that did not hatch. She was later ID’d at the Xcel Riverside Plant in Minneapolis, MN where she paired with “Beaker” (b/blu) 25/U, a male produced in 2021 at the High Bridge Plant site in St. Paul, MN. The pair produced 4 young at that site.

“Janet” (b/blu) P/64, a female produced in 2023 at the Hobb’s Hollow site in Crawford County, WI paired with an unknown male. The pair nested at Guider’s Bluff in Alamakee County, IA producing 3 young.

“Mac” (b/r) E/30, a male produced in 2013 at the Dairyland Cooperative site in Buffalo County WI paired with an unbanded adult female. The pair nested at the Redwing Grain Stackhouse site in Goodhue County, MN producing 4 young.

Info on Wisconsin-produced peregrines nesting in other states provided by:
Illinois: Mary Hennen, Field Museum of Natural History
Indiana: Grace LeCuyer, Indiana DNR
Minnesota: Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project & Jackie Fallon, Midwest Peregrine Society
Iowa: Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project

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, they are also compiled below for a more the 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 "Blaze" (b/blu) C/43, a male produced in 2020 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant site in Milwaukee, WI. The pair nested at the Veolia Water site in Milwaukee, WI but Dana was lost to HPAI before egg-laying. This was Dana's 6th year at the Veolia site.

"Julia" (b/r) 19/W, a female produced in 2011 at Chicago's Lakeview nest site in Chicago, IL paired again with "Gaylord" (b/blu) 58/A, a male produced in 2016 at the UW-Milwaukee site in Milwaukee, WI. The pair nested at the UW-Oshkosh site in Oshkosh, WI laying 4 eggs but producing just 1 young that was carried out of the nest box by Julia shortly after hatching. This was Julia's 10th season at this site.

"Olympia" (b/r) 31/W, a female produced in 2012 at the South Loop site on Michigan Ave. in Chicago, IL paired once again with "Livingston" (b/r) 55/D, a male produced in 2010 at the MG&E site in Madison, WI. The pair nested at the Froedtert South - Kenosha Medical Center laying 4 eggs none of which hatched. This was Olympia's 11th year at this site.

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 the We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant site in Wauwatosa, WI. The pair nested at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station site in Port Washington, WI. On March 8th, I found "Brinn" dead in her nest box, and within 2 days, her mate "Beasley" disappeared. The cause of her sudden death and Beasley's subsequent disappearance appears to have been HPAI. This was Brinn's 12th year at this site.

"Ardy" (b/r) 06/D, a male produced in 2015 at the Black Dog Power Plant site in Dakota County, MN paired with an unbanded female at the US Bank site in La Crosse, WI producing 3 young.

"Endion" (b/blu) 09/U, a male produced in 2021 at the Hibbard Plant MPL in St. Louis County, MN paired with **"Allouette" (b/blu) 65/H,** a female trapped and banded in Superior WI by Dave Evans on March 4, 2017. The pair nested at the Superior/Allouez Burlington Northern Ore Docks in Superior, WI producing 2 young.

“Skarletta” (b/blu) V/70, a female produced in 2024 at the Red Wing Grain site in Goodhue County, MN paired with **“Dani” (b/r) E/85**, a male produced in 2014 at the Greysolon Plaza site in Duluth, MN. The pair nested at Maassen’s Bluff in Buffalo County, WI producing 2 young.

“Elsa” (b/blu) 85/A, a female produced in 2016 at the Highway 61 Bridge/Hastings Cliff site in Washington County, MN paired with **“Faber” (b/blu) K/92**, a male produced in 2016 at Faith Bluff in Winona Co, MN. The pair nested at Castle Rock (Bluff Siding) in Trempealeau County WI producing 3 young.

Indiana Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin

“Teca” (b/blu) M/43, a female produced in 2019 at the Carmeuse Lime Plant nest site in Gary, IN paired with an unbanded adult male. The pair nested at the Racine County Courthouse in Racine WI producing 3 young. This was her 1st year at this site.

Michigan Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin

“Scottie” (b/r) 59/C, a male produced in 2016 at the Houghton Hancock Bridge site in Houghton, MI paired with an unbanded adult female. The pair nested at the Xcel Energy Bay Front Generating Station in Ashland, WI producing 2 young.

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

The following provides information regarding Peregrines that were reported injured or dead in WI as of November 2025. Some of the accounts are from 2024 but were not reported until after last year's report was finalized. Falcon IDs are in Blue**.** Additional accounts with images can be found on page 66 of this report.

Valero Renewables, Jefferson, Jefferson, County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Spider	M	(b/blu) 01/W	1266-00516	5/29/2019

This falcon was found dead by Chad Christensen on June 5, 2024. The location was .3 miles E/NE from Jefferson, Jefferson County, WI.

Ardent Mills, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha Co. WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Linda	F	(b/blu) 45/AD	2447-06860	5/21/2024

This falcon was found injured on July 13, 2024. The location was 1 mi. E from Somers, Kenosha County, WI. It was brought to Fellow Mortals for care but died from its injuries.

MRMC Power Plant, Milwaukee County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Snoopy	M	(b/blu) W/64	2447-05985	5/26/2023

This falcon was found dead by Andrew Malinowski on August 30, 2024. The location was The MRMC power plant in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, WI.

Essity, Menasha, Winnebago County, WI *(Formerly SCA Tissue)*

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Aurora	F	(b/blu) M/39	1947-47024	5/18/2021

This falcon was found dead at the Edgewater Generating Station in Sheboygan, WI on January 10, 2025. This falcon had been the resident female at this nest site and nested successfully there between 2022-2024 producing a total of 6 young. Cause of death was unknown.

St. Mary's Hospital, Chicago, Cook County, IL

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Dana	F	(b/blu) 79/W	1947-22691	5/22/2019

This falcon was found dead in her nest box at the Veoila Water nest site in Milwaukee, WI on February 8, 2025. The carcass was sent to the WIDER Health Lab for a necropsy and tested positive for HPAI.

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

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Date Banded
Lightning	M	(b/r) 84/R	1126-14435	5/24/2012

This falcon was captured on the nest box webcam at the Molson Coors Brewery site in Milwaukee, WI on February 24, 2025. Lightning nested at the UW-Milwaukee EMS site - 2025-2021 - the year the nest box was closed off for a multi-year construction project that should be completed this year. This was the 1st sighting of Lightning since 2021.

Carmeuse Lime Plant, Gary, Lake County, IN

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Eevee	F	(b/blu) U/02	1947-56733	5/13/2023

This falcon was found dead on the ground at the Veolia Water nest site in Milwaukee, WI on March 1, 2025. The carcass was sent to WIDNR Health Lab for a necropsy and tested positive for HPAI.

Maiden Rock SNA, Pepin County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
King	M	(b/blu) B/70	1266-07976	6/6/2023

This falcon was found dead in a field atop the Maiden Rock Bluff - actual date unknown. The carcass was sent to WIDNR Health Lab for a necropsy. Cause of death was from trauma from either blunt force and scavenging or predation - tested negative for HPAI.

Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
None	M	(b/blu) X/14	1266-25023	7/30/2024

This falcon was found dead by Katie Schiffman on March 7, 2025.The location was 1.2 mi NNW from Elmside, Dane County, WI. Cause of death was unknown, but this was a falcon that was found injured in Milwaukee on July 27, 2025, rehabbed and later released.

Gold Hoist Cliff Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, Lake County, MN

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Brinn	F	(b/r) 84/X	1907-02994	6/7/2012

This falcon was found dead in her nest box at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station nest box on March 10, 2025. Brinn had nested at this site since 2014. The carcass was not tested but the suspected cause of death was HPAI. Interestingly, Brinn's mate of 8 years "Beasley (b/r) P/07 may also have succumbed to HPAI as he disappeared 2 days later.

Kaukauna, Canal Wall, Outagamie County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Adrian	M	(b/blu) 24/V	1266-06957	6/11/2021

This falcon was found dead by Adam Sorensen on April 7, 2025. The location was St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI. The cause of death was a window collision.

NIPSCO Power Plant, Michigan City, La Porte County IN

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Lucy	F	(b/blu) U/13	1947-56730	5/31/2023

This falcon was found dead on the roof of the roof of the Watry Industries building on April 10, 2025. The location was 3312 Lakeshore Drive in Sheboygan, WI. Cause of death is unknown but the head and neck were broken into so this could have been predation or a territorial battle. The Alliant Edgewater Generating Station nest site is located less than a half mile away.

UW-Green Bay, Green Bay, Brown County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Zeuss	M	(b/blu) X/52	1266-25048	6/6/2025

This falcon was found dead by Robert Carlson on July 9, 2025. The location was the UW-Green Bay campus. Cause of death is unknown.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Shiloh	M	(b/blu) X/16	1266-25025	5/16/2025

This falcon was found dead by Norine Heuser on August 1, 2025. The location was the Elm Grove Cemetery .7 miles NE from Laney, Shawano County, WI. Cause of death is unknown.

Essity, Menasha, Winnebago County, WI *(Formerly SCA Tissue)*

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Tork	M	(b/blu) 48/AC	2447-08887	5/19/2025

This falcon was found dead by Josh Martinez on August 12, 2025. The location was .5 miles WNW from Menasha, Winnebago County, WI. Cause of death is unknown.

We-Energies Valley Power Plant, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Breezer	F	(b/blu) 63/AC	2447-09103	5/27/2025

This falcon was found grounded and tangled in some netting and reported by retired WDNR game warden John Christian on September 16, 2025. The location was 3-4 miles SE of Hustiford, WI. The falcon was subsequently untangled and left in a protected pasture and the following morning it was gone. Two days later, its thought to have possibly been seen around 2 miles from the location of the original encounter.

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

The following Peregrines were identified and/or reported injured or dead outside WI as of November 2025. Some of the accounts are from 2024 but were not reported until after last year's report was finalized. Falcon IDs are in Blue. Additional accounts with images can be found on page XX of this report.

UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Winnebago County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Hope	F	(b/blu) S/91	2447-02350	5/19/2023

This falcon was found dead on January 11, 2024 at 4740 N. Western Avenue in Chicago, IL.

Ardent Mills, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha Co. WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Charlie	M	(b/blu) R/66	1947-54757	5/31/2022

This falcon was photographed in southern Ontario, Canada on November 15, 2024, but I have not been able to track down the photographer.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Kevin	M	(b/blu) 37/AC	2447-08877	5/31/2024

This falcon was found dead on January 15, 2025. The location was .4 mi S from Bellevue, Jackson County, IA. Cause of death was HPAI.

UW-Milwaukee EMS, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Hilary	M	(b/blu) 91/N	1687-34597	5/26/2017

This falcon was found dead by Rob Bates on February 10, 2025. The location was .8 mi NNW from Port Sheldon, Ottawa County, MI

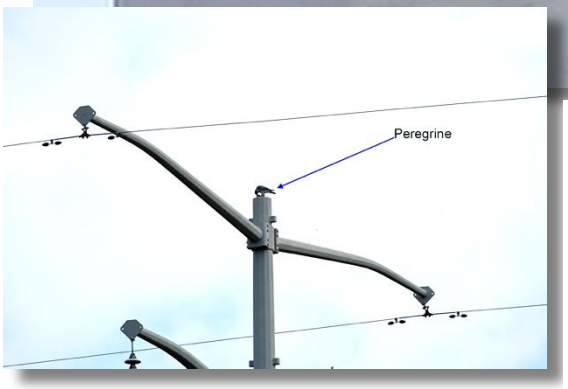
Ardent Mills, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha Co. WI

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Jerry	M	(b/blu) 54/AC	2447-08894	5/21/2025

This falcon was found injured/weakened by Tim Driscoll on September 18, 2025. The location was Crookston, MN. Although plans were to get it to the Raptor Center for treatment, it died before it could be taken there. Cause of death was avian influenza.

BANDED PEREGRINES IDENTIFIED BY BIRDERS & BANDERS

The following images showing band numbers were taken by birders and banders in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana from late 2024 to through November 2025. There were also several peregrines photographed where band numbers could not be verified due to lighting, viewing angles or focus issues. Nevertheless, these observations are encouraging!

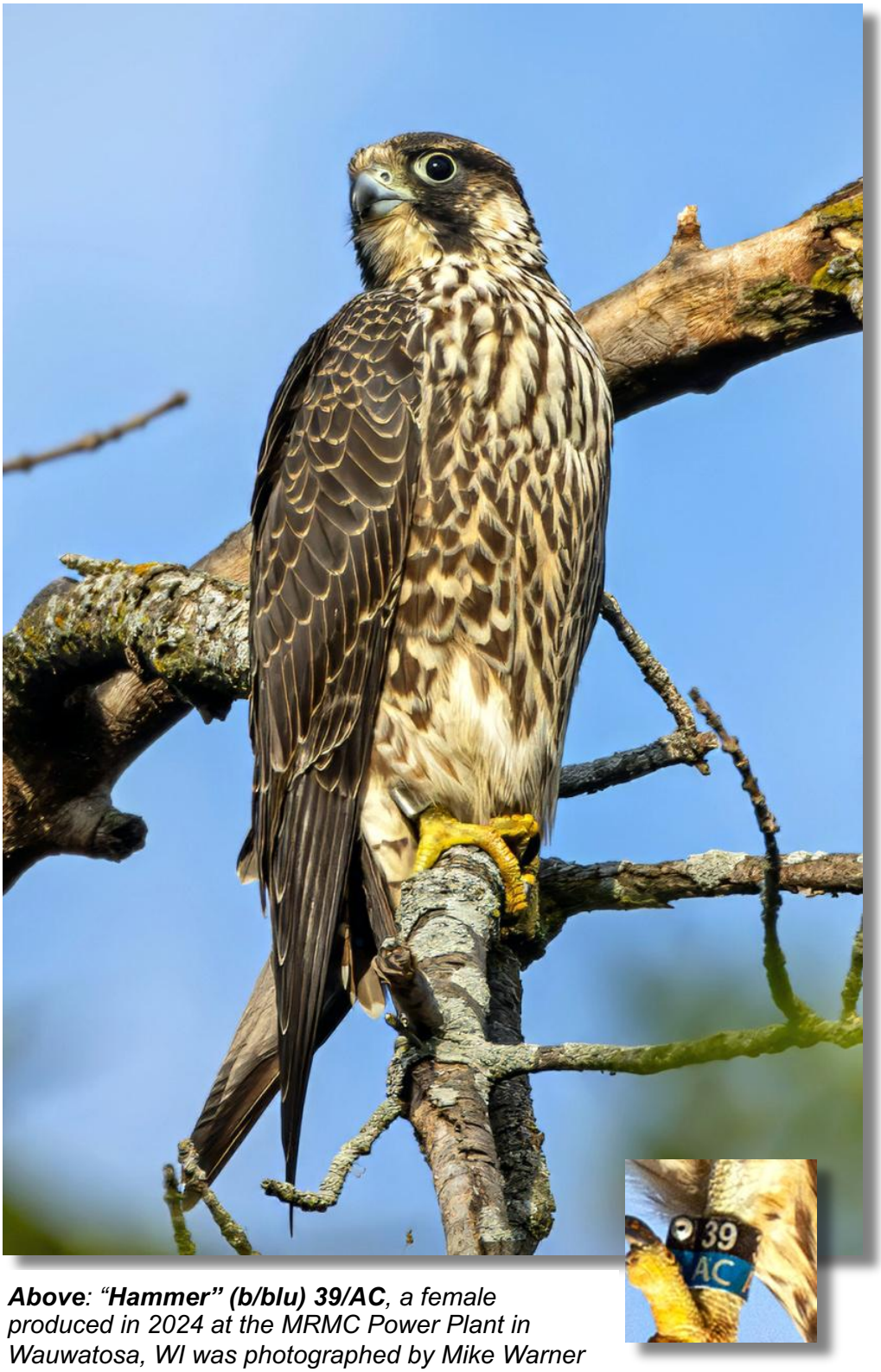


***Above**: **"Checkers" (b/blu) A/97**, a male produced in 2021 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI was photographed by Dennis Miller at the Mequon Nature Preserve in Washington County, WI on October 13, 2024. This image was heavily edited to obtain a band number.*

***Left**: The original image showing Checkers perched atop a power pole.*

***Photo credit**: Dennis Miller*

***Note**: This falcon was also captured on the nest box webcam at the Molson Coors nest site in Milwaukee, WI on January 11, 2025.*



***Above**: "**Hammer" (b/blu) 39/AC**, a female produced in 2024 at the MRMC Power Plant in Wauwatosa, WI was photographed by Mike Warner at the Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary at Buena Park, Cook County, IL on October 5, 2024.*

***Photo credit**: Dr. Mike Warner – GreatBirdPics.com*

Above: ***"Romeo" (b/blu) W/47****, a male produced in 2023 at the Ardent Mills site in Pleasant Prairie, WI was photographed by Gil Patmore at the Highland Rookery in Lake County, IN on October 12, 2024.*

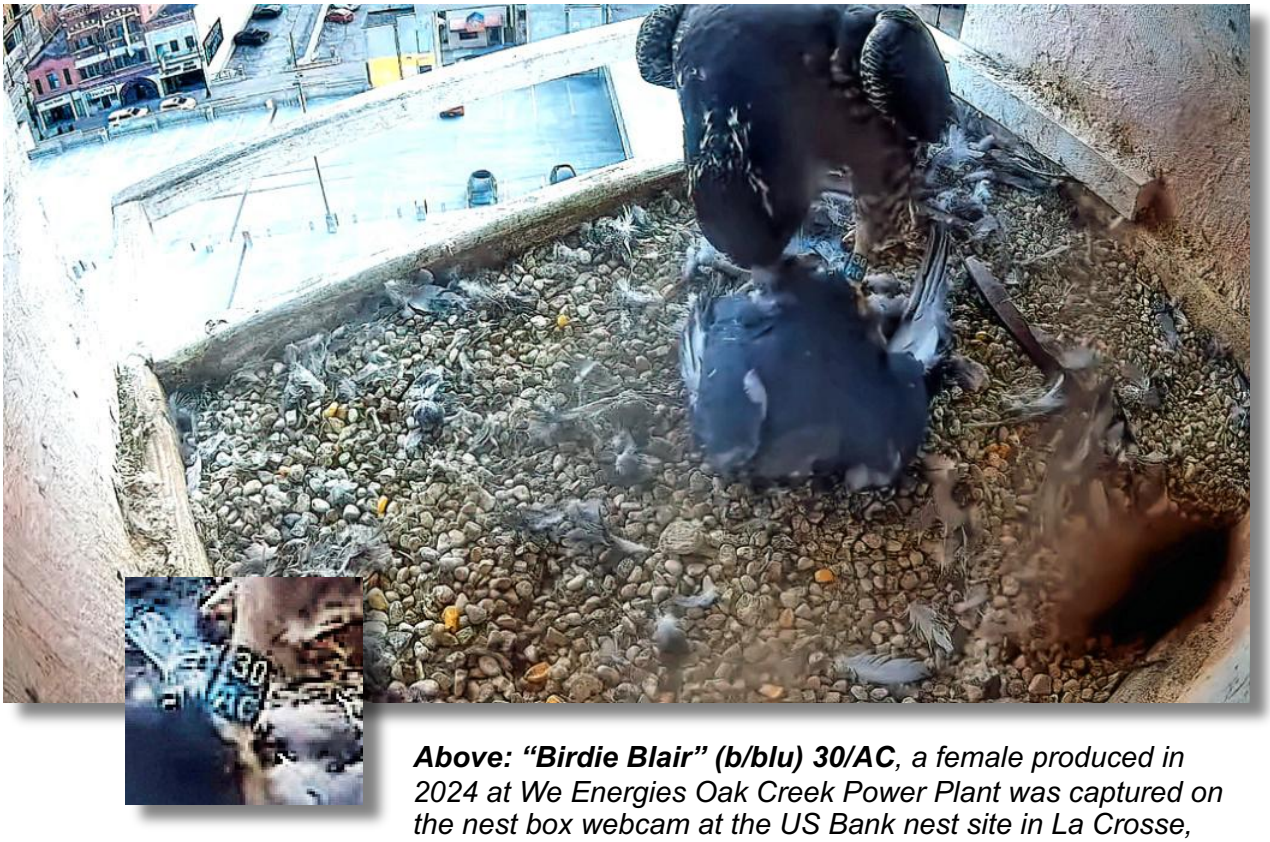
Photo credit*: Gil Patmore*

***Above: "Checkers" (b/blu) A/97**, a male produced in 2021 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant was captured on the nest box webcam at the Molson Coors nest site in Milwaukee, WI on January 11, 2025.*

***Above: "Corey" (b/blu) X/15**, a male peregrine found injured in Beaver Dam, WI was transferred to the Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center on September 30, 2025 for care. He was successfully rehabbed, banded and released on November 25, 2025 at Madison Audubon's Goose Pond Sanctuary in Arlington, WI.*

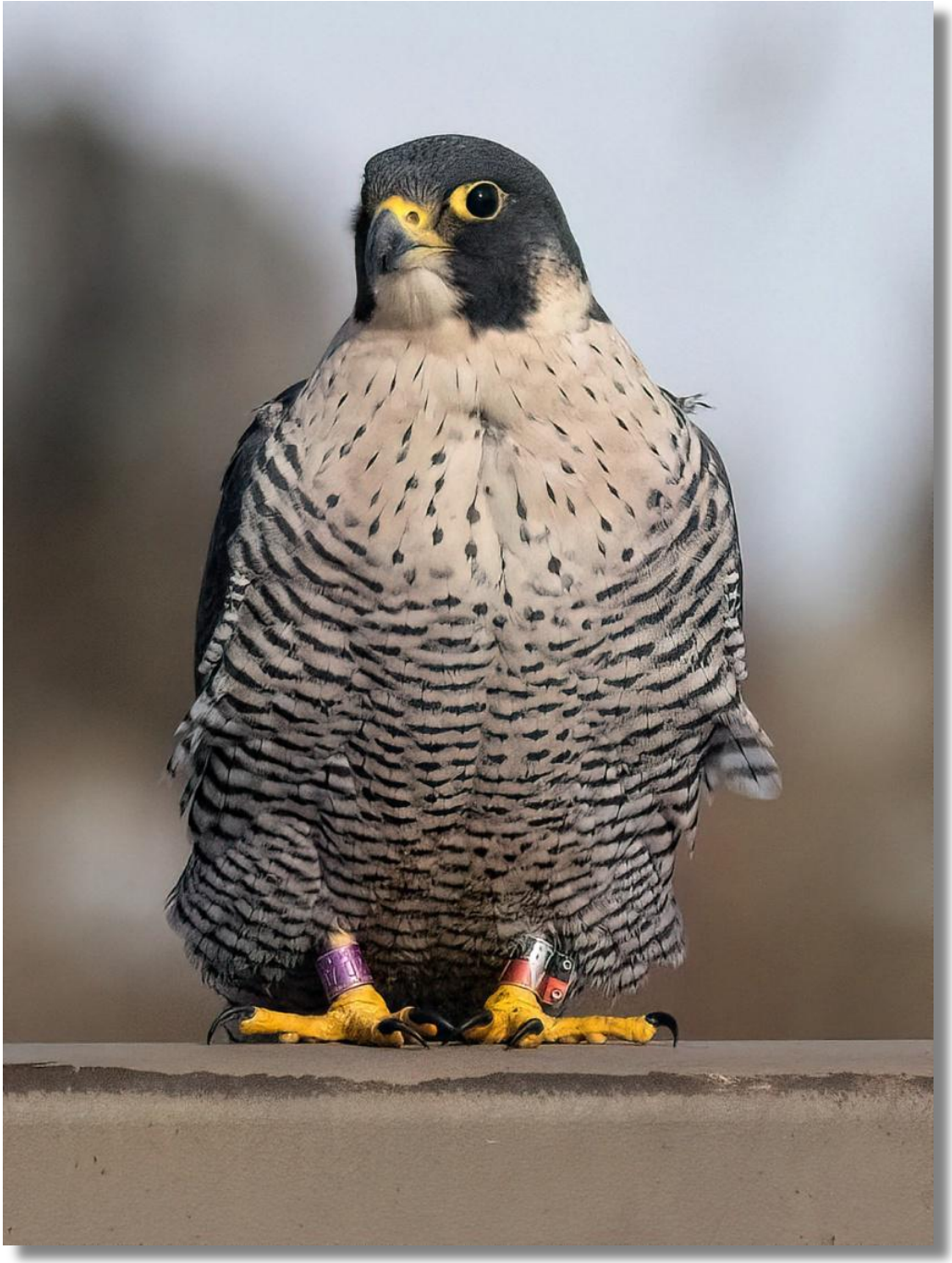
***Above**: **"Selway" (b/blu) 61/V,** a male produced in 2022 at the Aztalan Bio nest site in Jefferson, WI was photographed by Michael VanHeuklon at the corner of Hwy S and Hwy J east of Freedom, WI on December 9, 2024.*

***Photo credit**: Michael VanHeuklon*



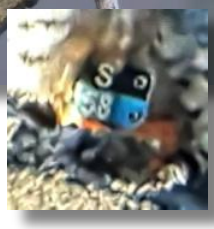
***Above: "Birdie Blair" (b/blu) 30/AC**, a female produced in 2024 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant was captured on the nest box webcam at the US Bank nest site in La Crosse, WI on January 7, 2025.*

***Webcam capture**: Courtesy of Amy Ries, Raptor Resource Project*



***Above: "Acheron" (b/r) 87/V**, a female produced in 2013 at the UW-Oshkosh site was photographed by Cody Paulsen at the Northerly Island site in Chicago, IL on January 17, 2025.*

***Photo credit**: Cody Paulsen*



***Above**: "Presto" (b/blu) S/58, a male produced in 2022 at the Madison Gas & Electric site in Madison, WI was photographed with an unbanded adult female by Bruce Danz at the College Avenue Bridge in Appleton, WI on March 13, 2025. Presto nested successfully this year at the Zion Lutheran Church site, also in Appleton - about a mile away (see page 25).*

***Photo credit**: Bruce Danz*

Above: (b/blu) V/92*, a female produced in 2023 at the Twin Bluff nest site in Buffalo County, WI was photographed by Gerald Uchytil on at the BNSF railway bridge nest site in Prescott, WI on April 11, 2025.*

Photo credit*: Gerald Uchytil*

Above: "Quentin" (b/blu) 60/W*, a male produced in 2018 at the St. Joseph's Hospital nest site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Sam Bai at 77 W. Jackson St. in Chicago, IL on June 24, 2025.*

Photo credit: *Sam Bai*

***Above**: **"Corea" (b/blu) 11/V**, a male produced in 2021 at the Georgia Pacific Mill site in Green Bay, WI was photographed through a spotting scope by Josh Martinez at the Sturgeon Bay quarry nest site in Sturgeon Bay, WI on July 9, 2025.*

***Photo credit**: Josh Martinez*

***Above**: **"Ava" (b/blu) 44/AC**, a female produced in 2025 at the St. Joseph's Hospital nest site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Andy Lasar at an industrial lot near Donges Bay Road & Wausaukee Road in Washington County, WI on August 8, 2025.*

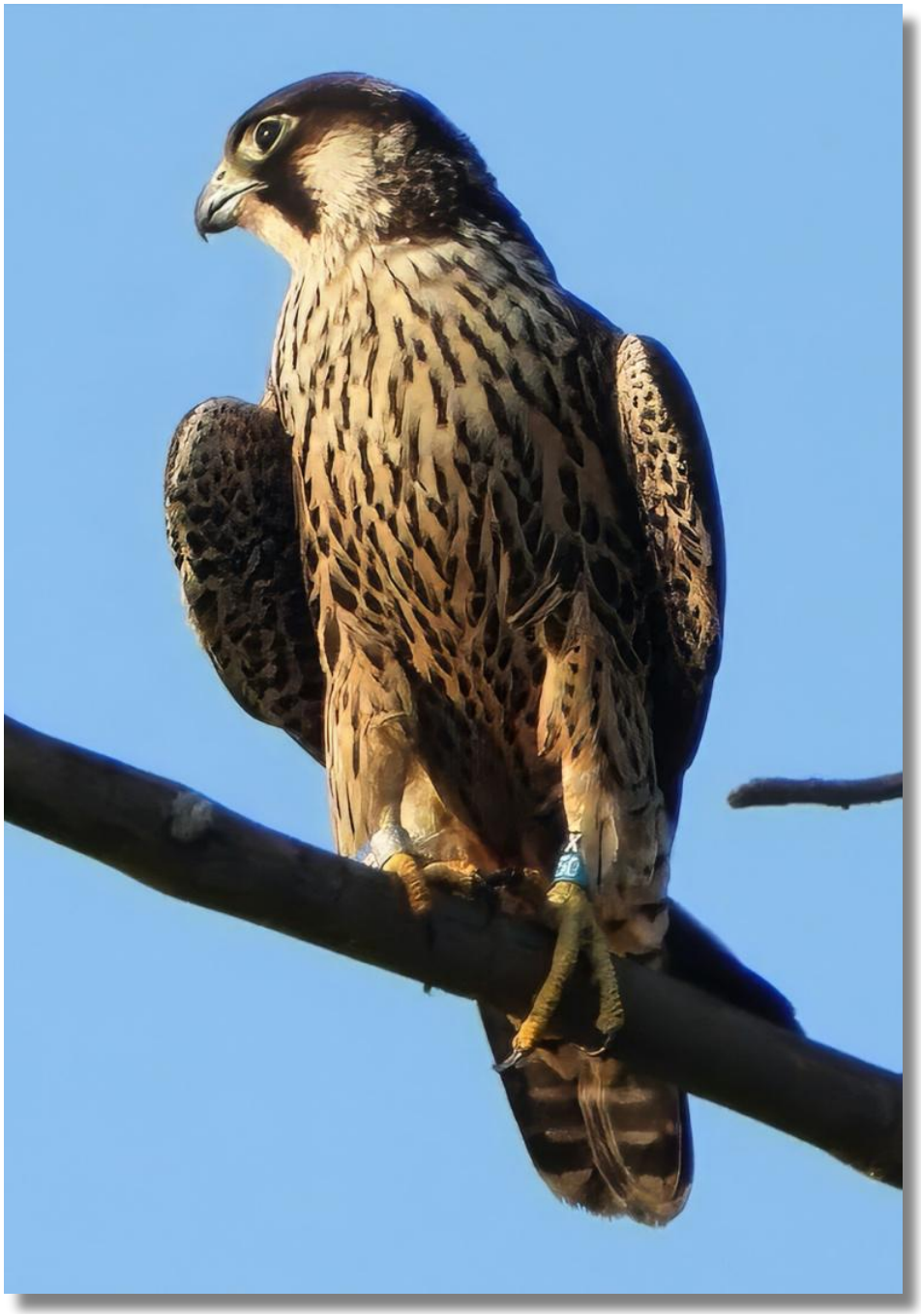
***Photo credit**: Andy Lasar*

Above: (b/blu) 47/AB *is a female and one of 3 young banded on May 30, 2025 by Jackie Fallon at Queens Bluff, Great River State Park in Winona County, MN. She was trapped and released at the Cedar Grove Ornithological Station in Cedar Grove, WI on September 5, 2025. Holding the falcon is Grace Yaros.*

Photo credits*: Emily Jones*

***Above: "Breezer" (b/blu) 63/AC**, a female produced in 2025 at We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee, WI was found grounded, weak and tangled in some netting and reported by retired WDNR game warden John Christian on September 16, 2025. The location was 3-4 miles SE of Hustiford, WI. Breezer was subsequently untangled and left in a protected pasture and the following morning it was gone. Two days later, its thought to have possibly been seen around 2 miles from the location of the original encounter.*

***Photo credit:** John Chriatian*

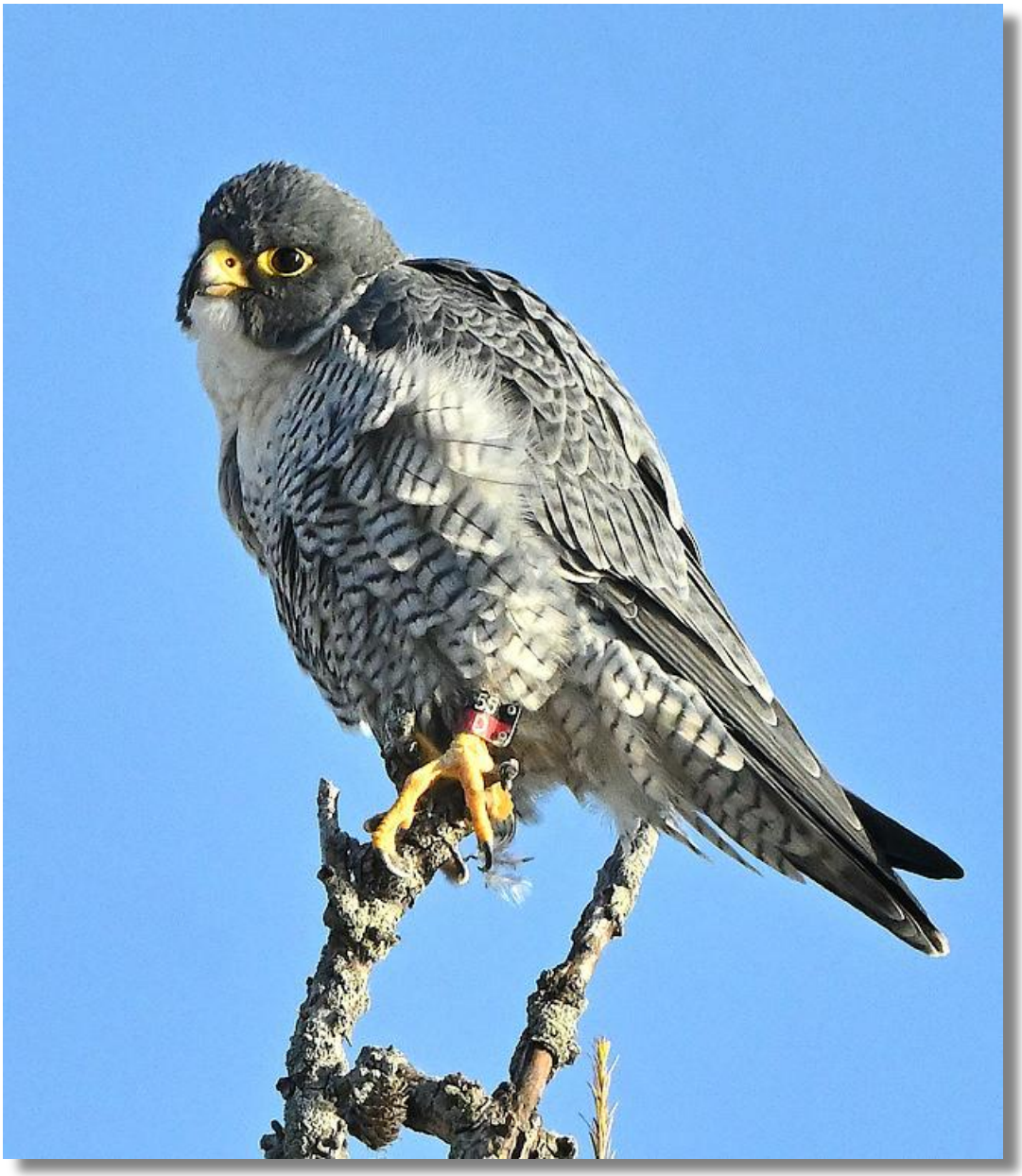


Above: "Hercules" (b/blu) X/50*, a male produced in 2025 at the WPS Weston Power Plant in Rothschild, WI was photographed by Bonnie Lunde at Harrington Beach State Park in Ozaukee County, WI on September 22, 2025.*

Photo credit*: Bonnie Lunde*

Above: "Scott" (b/blu) X/39, *a male produced in 2025 at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI was photographed by Ellen J. Sullivan at the Skokie Lagoons in Skokie, IL on September 20, 2025.*

Photo credit: *Ellen J. Sullivan*



"Livingston" (b/r) 55/D*, a male produced in 2010 at the MG&E site in Madison, WI was photographed by Gregg Summers at the Kemper Center in Kenosha, WI on November 13, 2025. Interestingly, Gregg has photographed Livingston perched on the same larch tree every fall since 2022.*

Livingston has nested at the nearby Kenosha Hospital nest site since 2013 producing a total of 24 young.

Photo credit: *Gregg Summers*

WISCONSIN NEST SITE TYPES & PRODUCTION 2025

Site Type	N	%Total
Power Plants	10	25%
Buildings	13	33%
Elevators/Silos	*4*	*10%*
Paper Mills	*1*	*3%*
Courthouses	*1*	*3%*
Breweries	*1*	*3%*
Universities	*2*	*5%*
Hospitals	*1*	*3%*
Office Towers/Banks	*1*	*3%*
Sewage Treatment	*1*	*3%*
Churches	*1*	*3%*
Natural Cliffs	13	33%
Quarries	2	5%
Bridges	0	0%
Canal Walls	1	3%
Ore Docks	1	3%
Total Nest Sites	**40**	**100%**

Site Type	Young	%Total
Power Plants	29	28%
Buildings	36	35%
Elevators/Silos	*14*	*14%*
Paper Mills	*4*	*4%*
Courthouses	*3*	*3%*
Breweries	*1*	*1%*
Universities	*4*	*4%*
Hospitals	*4*	*4%*
Office Towers/Banks	*3*	*3%*
Sewage Treatment	*2*	*2%*
Churches	*2*	*2%*
Natural Cliffs	26	25%
Quarries	6	6%
Bridges	0	0%
Canal Walls	4	4%
Ore Docks	2	2%
Total Young	**103**	**100%**

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

NEST SITE WEB CAM LINKS

***Note**: Not all webcams are active year-round.*

We Energies Nest Sites

https://www.wecenergygroup.com/environment/falcons/
Nesting Season Updates, Annual Reports, 4 Nest Box Web Cams

Milwaukee Regional Medical Center Nest Site

https://mrmccampus.org/about-us/sustainability/peregrine-falcon-project
Nesting Season Updates and Nest Box Webcam

Racine County Courthouse Nest Site

https://www.racinecounty.com/our-county/residents/falcon-cam
Nesting Season Updates & Nest Box Webcam

Madison Gas & Electric Nest Site

https://www.mge.com/sustainability/falcons
Nesting Season Updates & Nest Box Webcam

UW Oshkosh Nest Site

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEjOFuchF5A
Nesting Season Updates & Nest Box Webcam

UW Green Bay Nest Site

https://www.uwgb.edu/biodiversity/peregrine-falcon-cam/
UWGB Peregrine Info & Nest Box Webcam

Veolia Water/MMSD Hoan Bridge Nest Site

https://www.milwaukee.veolianorthamerica.com/sustainability/protecting-biodiversity
Peregrine Info & Nest Box Webcam

Briess Malt & Ingredients Nest Site

https://about.briess.com/sustainability-program/falcon-recovery-program
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