

# WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH

## 2024 Nesting Season Report

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**Cover Image:** *“Dana” (b/blu) 79/W, a female produced in 2019 at the St. Mary’s Hospital site in Chicago, IL was photographed near her nest box at Milwaukee’s Veolia Water nest site. This year Dana paired again with “Blaze” (b/blu) C/43, a male produced in 2020 at We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee, WI producing 4 young. This was Dana’s 5<sup>th</sup> year at the Veolia site.*

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## WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH

### 2024 Nesting Season Overview

With continuing concerns regarding Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) I again employed extra precautions when banding. Monitoring nest sites via webcams for suspect behavior and taking additional precautions during banding have become standard protocol. And at the sites I banded, I never observed any suspect behavior before, during or after banding.

This year there was a known minimum total of 109 young produced at 42 successful nest sites. Thirteen nests were located along the Lake Michigan shoreline, 4 along the Fox River system, 4 along the Wisconsin River system, 6 in the Lake Superior region (4 on island cliffs), 9 along the Mississippi River (7 on cliffs), 4 on the Door peninsula (1 successful/lost) and 2 inland - at Madison & Jefferson. Of the above sites, 2 were new this year. And, 73 (67%) of the 109 known young produced this year were banded.

Site surveys by Bill Smith & Tom Doolittle, Mark Blackburn, 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 3% this year from 43 in 2023 to 42 in 2024. Overall total production was also down 13% from last year (125 young in 2023 v. 109 young in 2024). Average production per successful nest was also down this year with 2.9 young/successful nest in 2023 v. 2.6 young/successful nest in 2024. Due to some health issues, I drove fewer miles and banded fewer young this year. In all, I covered just under 1,600 miles this spring and banded a total of 50 young at 17 nest sites which is about 30% less than average.

The number of successful nests on natural cliffs increased by 2 this year to 14 and comprises 33% of the known successful nesting population, many of which are historical nest sites. Even so, we must remain vigilant to ensure that our urban nest sites are managed and maintained and that new sites are established to replace those we're losing. This year, 28 (67%) of the 42 known successful nest sites were located in the urban/human-built landscape (including 2 quarries) producing 78 (72%) of the young so its 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 was also at least one nest that was known to have failed this year but its likely, there could be more. Then there are sites such as the Hwy 172 bridge in Ashwaubenon and the Hwy 42, Michigan Street, and Oregon Street bridges in Sturgeon Bay, where peregrines are seen nearly every year but a nest has yet to be confirmed. A new nest box installed last year at the Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding site in Sturgeon Bay should provide a better option for peregrines in the area.

The list of sites in the “No Activity” section of this report (page 51) 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 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.

In most ways the fact that there are more sites to survey is a good sign of a recovering population but with the recent unexplained declines of some regional peregrine populations around the world, monitoring the outcomes of known nest sites and active territories remains especially important. Recent findings from the upper Yukon River (UYR) in Alaska (*Ambrose & Florian unpublished data 2024*) detailed below provide a vivid example of how quickly things can change, the importance of continued monitoring and the value of long-term studies.

The peregrine population along a 266 km stretch of the upper UYR has (with the exception of 2020 during COVID) been intensively surveyed during the mid to late 1960's and annually since 1973. As a result of eggshell thinning caused by the insecticide DDT, the population in the UYR study area declined to a low of 12 pairs in 1973. Although DDT had been banned the previous year, its effects on this population and others around the world had been disastrous.



After the banning of DDT, peregrines began a slow but steady recovery and by 2012 the UYR population had reached 60 pairs and appeared fully recovered. This population remained steady with 112-123 territorial adults through 2019. In 2021, there was an 11% decline in the number of territorial adults (as compared to the 2012-2019 average). In 2022 the number of territorial adults declined by 28% of the 2012-2019 average. And in 2023, that decline was 34%. And, some migration counts (Padre Island, TX) show declines that are nearly identical to the trends along the UYR,

Whereas the decline of peregrine populations caused by DDT took decades to unfold, recent population declines are much different with adults disappearing rapidly resulting in immediate reduction in the number of breeding adults and the resulting reduced number of nestlings being raised. One suspected reason for these rapid declines could be avian influenza which has had devastating effects on birds around the globe.

There is currently an international effort by peregrine researchers to compile a Peregrine Occupancy Survey for 2024 that we hope will further document the extent of similar population declines. Here in Wisconsin, we have a detailed record of our nesting population from 1987-2024 - a long-term effort that increases in value every year.

Again, this year a number of 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 63 of this report.

For additional observations of peregrines in Wisconsin and elsewhere I would recommend checking out [e-bird.org](http://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

Once again, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the many corporations, organizations and individuals that helped make 2024 another successful year for Wisconsin's Peregrines. The following pages provide an overview of the 2024 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.

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

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 20–27

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 26–28

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between April 29–May 3

**Banded:** 1 female & 3 males on May 21

**Site Visits:** May 21



This site has been active since 2019 producing a total of 21 young (3.5/year).



**Above:** The banded female.

**Below:** The unbanded male.

**Left:** Their 4 young after banding.

#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Linda	Female	(b/blu) 45/AD	2447-06860
Hunter	Male	(b/blu) X/05	1266-25014
Dante	Male	(b/blu) X/06	1266-25015
Ringo	Male	(b/blu) X/07	1266-25016

**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: “Olympia” (b/r) 31/W**, produced in 2012 at the South Loop site on Michigan Ave. in Chicago, IL. This was her 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 4-19

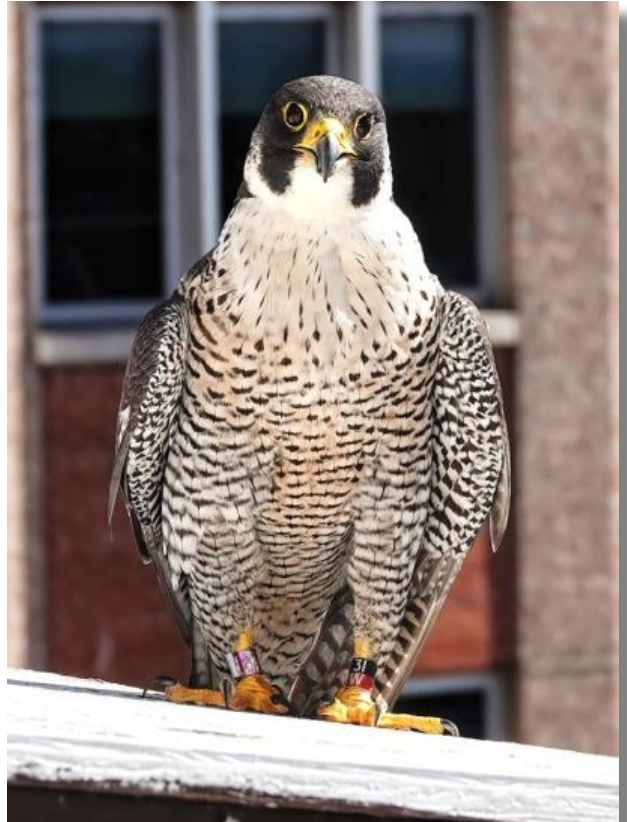
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 14-16

**Eggs Hatched:** 1 on May 16

**Banded:** 1 female on June 6

**Site Visits:** June 6

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 32 young (1.68/year).



*Above: “Olympia” atop her nest box.*

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Tori	Female	(b/blu) 43/AC	2447-08883

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



## Racine: Racine County Courthouse



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unbanded - likely her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male:** Unbanded - his 5<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 25-April 1

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 30-May 2

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between April 30-May 2

**Banded:** 2 females & 1 male on May 21

**Site Visits:** May 21, October 23



This site has been active since 2003 producing a total of 67 young (3.05/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Tina	Female	(b/blu) 46/AD	2447-06861
Perry	Female	(b/blu) 47/AD	2447-06862
Toby	Male	(b/blu) X/08	1266-25018

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

**Above:** The unbanded adult female.

**Below:** The unbanded adult male.

**Left:** Their 3 young just prior to fledging.

## 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, Wisconsin. This was her 5<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male:** Unbanded

**Note:** This season there was a significant amount of territorial activity at this site. Until March 11<sup>th</sup>, “Pack” (b/blu) C/45, a male produced in 2020 at Milwaukee’s Molson Coors site was present. Between March 7-9 he battled with “Jake” (b/r) P/12, a male produced in 2014 at the Kenosha Hospital site. Then on April 10<sup>th</sup>, there was another nest box battle between an unbanded adult male and “Yeager” (bl) C/31, a male produced in 2022 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. In the end, the unbanded adult male prevailed. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, another female named “Techa” (b/blu) M/43 was present and battled with Essity and at one point was observed mantling over Essity’s eggs. “Techa” was produced in 2019 at the Carmeuse Lime Plant site in Gary, IN.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 25-April 1

**Projected hatch dates:** May 1-3

**Eggs hatched:** 3 between May 4-6

**Banded:** 2 females and 1 male on May 23

**Site visits:** May 23, October 7



**Above:** “Essity” at her nest box.

**Below:** Her 3 young after banding.

This site has been active since 1998, producing a total of 80 young (2.96/year).

### Banding data

Name	Sex	Project band	USFWS band
Birdie Blair	Female	(b/blu) 30/AC	2447-06865
Glider	Female	(b/blu) 31/AC	2447-08871
Fitz	Male	(b/blu) 49/AD	2447-06864

**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 5<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Blaze” (b/blu) C/43**, produced in 2020 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee, WI - his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 20-26

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 26-28

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between April 27-29

**Banded:** 2 females & 2 males on May 20

**Site Visits:** May 20, September 29



**Above right: “Dana”**

**Left: Her 4 youngsters shortly after banding.**



This site has been active since 1999 producing a total of 41 young (1.64/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Fluss	Female	(b/blu) 43/AD	2447-06858
Meadow	Female	(b/blu) 44/AD	2447-06859
Ishkon Nibi	Male	(b/blu) X/03	1266-25012
Megatron	Male	(b/blu) X/04	1266-25013

**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: "Rolo" (b/blu) 69/E**, produced in 2017 at Milwaukee's St. Joseph's Hospital nest site. This was his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.



**Eggs:** 3 laid between March 17-April 3  
**Projected hatch dates:** April 30-May 6  
**Eggs hatched:** 2 between May 1-5  
**Banded:** 1 female and 1 male on May 23  
**Site visits:** May 23, October 21

*Above: "Rolo" incubating.  
Below: His young after banding.*



This site has been active since 2002, producing a total of 52 young (2.36/year).

### Banding data

Name	Sex	Project band	USFWS band
Khash	Female	(b/blu) 48/AD	2447-06863
Trapper	Male	(b/blu) X/09	1266-25017

**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.

**Eggs:** 3 laid between March 29-April 6

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 9-11

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 between May 9-10

**Banded:** 2 males on May 30

**Site Visits:** May 30, September 18



**Above:** Witt keeping an eye on us during banding.

**Below:** His 2 sons after banding.

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 44 young (1.9/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Pubby	Male	(b/blu) X/10	1266-25019
Kegster	Male	(b/blu) X/11	1266-25020

**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 1<sup>st</sup> year here.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 4-12

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 13-15

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 by May 20

**Banded:** 1 female & 1 male on May 31

**Site Visit:** May 31

**Note:** 1 young was lost in the nest.



**Top:** The unbanded adult female.

**Below:** "Checkers"

**Left:** Their youngsters after banding.



This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 40 young (2.86/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Kevin	Male	(b/blu) 37/AC	2447-08877
Karl	Male	(b/blu) 38/AC	2447-08878

**Note:** 38/AC could be a smaller female.

**Note:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> youngster at this site was 10+ days behind its siblings and was not banded.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Mugs” (b/blu) U/87**, produced in 2022 at the Molson Coors site in Milwaukee, WI - his 1<sup>st</sup> year here. “Mugs” replaces “Donald” (b/blu) 65/A who nested here and at the Molson Coors site for the previous 5 years.



**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 2-12  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 13-15  
**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between May 16-19  
**Banded:** 2 females on June 5  
**Site Visit:** June 5



This site has been active since 2013 producing a total of 38 young (3.17/year).

**Above:** Lunch-time on June 9<sup>th</sup>.  
**Below:** Mugs incubating.

## Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Hammer	Female	(b/blu) 39/AC	2447-08879
Anvil	Female	(b/blu) 40/AC	2447-08880

**Note:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> young here, a male, was a week behind its siblings and was not banded. It fledged successfully but was later found dead on the plant rooftop.

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

## 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., Minnesota. This was her 11<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 between March 26-April 5

**Projected hatch dates:** May 5-7

**Eggs hatched:** 3 between May 5-7

**Banded:** 2 females & 1 male on May 24

**Site visits:** January 10, May 24, October 19



This site has been active since 2000, producing a total of 79 young (3.16/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project band	USFWS band
Puck	Female	(b/blu) 32/AC	2447-08872
Hero	Female	(b/blu) 33/AC	2447-08873
Warrior	Male	(b/blu) 34/AC	2447-08874

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



**Above:** “Beasley” perched at his nest box on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Below:** “Warrior” back at the nest box on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Left:** “Brinn” with her 1<sup>st</sup> egg hatched on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



# Sheboygan: Alliant Edgewater Generating Station



## Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Aurora” (b/blu) M/39**, produced in 2021 at the Essity Paper Mill site in Menasha, WI. This was her 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Eggs:** 4 between April 2-8

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 9-11

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 between May 10-11

**Banded:** 2 females on May 30

**Site Visit:** May 30

This site has been active since 1992 producing a total of 88 young (2.67/year).



**Above:** “Aurora”

**Below:** “Kluski”

**Left:** Their 2 young after banding.

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Paula	Female	(b/blu) 35/AC	2447-08875
Meri	Female	(b/blu) 36/AC	2447-08876

**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. Last year I was able to confirm the number (b/blu) 62/? on the male’s band so its likely this is Ben’s 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 between April 9-16

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 16-18

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 17-19

**Banded:** 2 females & 2 males on June 5

**Site Visit:** June 5



**Above:** A webcam capture of the unbanded adult female feeding her 4 young on June 2, 2024.

## Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Jean	Female	(b/blu) 41/AC	2447-08881
Margaret	Female	(b/blu) 42/AC	2447-08882
Thomas	Male	(b/blu) X/12	1266-25021
Louis	Male	(b/blu) X/13	1266-25022

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Eggs:** 4 between March 15-21

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 21-23

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between April 23-24

**Banded:** 4 males on May 13

**Site Visit:** May 13



**Above:** The unbanded adult female  
**Left:** Her 4 youngsters.

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 90 young (3.3/year).

## Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Cloudy	Male	(b/blu) 65/V	1126-16213
Peckham	Male	(b/blu) 66/V	1266-25001
Prinz	Male	(b/blu) 67/V	1266-25002
Loretta	Male	(b/blu) 68/V	1266-25003

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

## DOOR PENINSULA NEST SITES

### Sturgeon Bay: Sturgeon Bay Quarry

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn*



#### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unidentified

**Eggs:** At least 3

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 3

**Young Fledged:** At least 3

Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn found 3 young present at this site during their June 10-11 survey.

This site has been active since 2023 producing a total of 6 young (3.0/yr.).

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



**Above:** The adult male and young in the former raven's nest.

**Photo credit:** Mark Blackburn

### Ellison Bay: Ellison Bluff – New Site

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn*



#### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 2

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 2

**Young Fledged:** At least 2

Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn found 2 young present at this site during their June 10-11 survey. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> known successful nest at this historical site since the DDT era.



**Above:** Subadult female and 2 young at their nest.

**Photo credit:** Mark Blackburn

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

# Rock Island State Park: Dolomite Cliffs

Observations courtesy of Melody Walsh & Randy Holm



## Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Believed to be “Gawanit” (b/blu) S/15, produced in 2020 at the NIPSCO power plant site in Michigan City, IN - likely her 2<sup>nd</sup> year here.

**Adult Male:** Unbanded

**Eggs:** At least 2

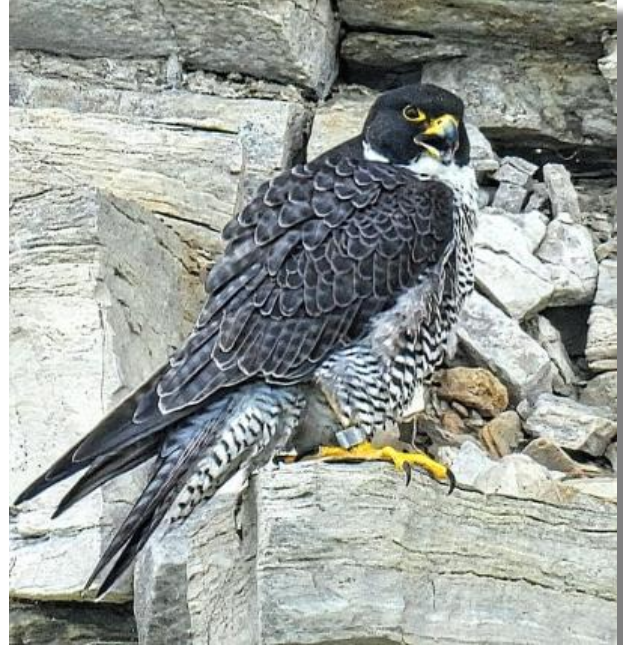
**Eggs Hatched:** At least 2

**Young Fledged:** At least 2

Randy Holm & Melody Walsh again surveyed this site and observed 1 young in the nest on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Two young were observed during their June 2<sup>nd</sup> visit.

This historical eyrie was active until the late 1950's. It was reoccupied in 2016, with a 1<sup>st</sup> successful nest in 2017. Since then, it has produced a total of 21 young (2.63/year).

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



**Above:** The female perched near her eyrie on June 11, 2024.

**Below:** The 2 young on June 11, 2024.

**Photo credits:** Melody Walsh



## FOX RIVER NEST SITES

### Kaukauna: Canal Wall



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male:** Unbanded

**Eggs Laid:** At least 3

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 3

**Banded:** Young were not banded.

Tim Harvey again monitored this site, took photographs, and documented production.



This site has been active since 2021 producing a total of 13 young (3.25/year).

**GPS:** 44 degrees 16' 51 N, 88 degrees 16' 06 W



**Above:** The unbanded adult male.

**Below:** The unbanded adult female leaving her nest.

**Left:** The 3 young at their nest site.

**Photo credits:** Tim Harvey



## 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 17-21

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 21-23

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 between April 23-25

**Banded:** 2 males on May 13



**Above:** “Blaze” shortly after fledging on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Photo credit:** Brian Friebe

**Left:** The 2 young after banding.

**Photo credit:** Danny Erickson

This site has been active since 2015 producing a total of 27 young (2.7/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Blaze	Male	(b/blu) 16/AE	2447-06022
Scout	Male	(b/blu) 97/U	1266-25005

**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 9<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Gaylord” (b/blu) 58/A**, produced in 2016 at the UW-Milwaukee EMS site - his 6<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Eggs:** 5 between March 16-26

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 23-25

**Eggs Hatched:** 5 between April 28-33

**Banded:** 3 females & 2 males on May 20

**Site Visit:** May 20

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 35 young (2.5/year).



**Above:** “Gaylord” incubating on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Center:** “Julia” incubating on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Bottom:** Their 5 young after banding.

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Huron	Female	(b/blu) 40/AD	2447-06025
Michigan	Female	(b/blu) 41/AD	2447-06856
Ontario	Female	(b/blu) 42/AD	2447-06857
Superior	Male	(b/blu) X/01	1266-25009
Erie	Male	(b/blu) X/02	1266-25011

**Note:** 42/AD could be a large male.

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



## Appleton: Zion Lutheran Church



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unidentified

**Adult Male:** Unidentified

**Eggs:** 4 on April 25

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 on May 10 est.

**Banded:** Young were not banded.

Thanks again to Gary Neuman &  
Gene Weise for keeping an eye on this site!

**Top:** The 4 eggs on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Middle:** The 2 young at their bell tower ledge nest  
on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Bottom:** One of the 2 young on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Photo credits:** Gary Neuman

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 16' 12 N, -88 Degrees 24' 19 W





## WISCONSIN RIVER NEST SITES

### Devil's Lake State Park: East Bluff Quarry

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith*



#### Nesting Details

**Immature Female:** Unidentified

**Adult Male:** Unidentified

**Eggs:** At least 1

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 1

**Young produced:** At least 1

During 35 visits to this site between February 24<sup>th</sup> - September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bill Smith reports that an adult female here was replaced by a 1-year-old female around April 14<sup>th</sup>. On July 5<sup>th</sup> he found a single young present; approximately 25 days of age but he suspects it may not have fledged.



**Above:** *The nest ledge*  
**Photo credit:** *Bill Smith*

This site was first successful in 2015 and has produced a known total of 13 young (1.3/year).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> year here.



*Above: The 2 young after banding.*

**Eggs:** 4 laid by April 2

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 between April 25-28

**Banded:** 2 males on May 14

**Site Visit:** May 14

This site has been active since 2006 producing at least 62 young (3.3/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Mac	Male	(b/blu) 98/U	1266-25010
Cheese	Male	(b/blu) 17/AE	1266-25005

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

## Wisconsin Rapids: Verso Mill

Observations courtesy of Gregg Fox



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unknown

**Adult Male:** Unknown

**Eggs:** 3 by April 8

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 by May 14

**Banded:** Young were not banded here this year.

This site has been active since 2021 producing a total of 15 young (3.75/year)

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 24' 13 N, -89 Degrees 49' 30 W

## Rothschild: WPS Weston Power Plant



### Nesting Details

**Immature Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male:** “Sheldon” (b/r) 19/M, produced in 2013 at the UW-Oshkosh site in Oshkosh, WI - back for his 9<sup>th</sup> year.

**Note:** The new immature female arrived on site on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Eggs:** 2 laid between May 6-8

**Projected hatch dates:** June 10-12

**Eggs hatched:** 1 on June 12

**Banded:** The lone youngster was not banded this year.



**Above:** The new unbanding immature female with her freshly hatched young on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

This site has been active since 2006, producing a total of 45 young (2.37/year).

**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 12 years.

**Adult Male:** “Melvin” (b/r) 80/P, produced in 2013 at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant site in Oak Creek, WI. This was Melvin’s 10<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 31-April 7

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 8-10

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 on May 9

**Note:** Young were not banded.

This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 58 young (3.63/year).

**Above:** “Trudy”

**Below:** “Melvin”



**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 Todd Foerster



### Nesting Details

**Adult female:** Unknown

**Adult male:** Unknown

**Eggs:** 4 between March 15-22

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 21-23

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between April 25-27

**Banded:** 1 female & 3 males on May 14

**Site Visit:** May 14



*Above: The 4 youngsters after banding.*

This site has been active since 2004 producing a total of 57 young (2.7/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Ethyl	Female	(b/blu) 19/AE	2447-06024
Floki	Male	(b/blu) 18/AE	1266-25006
Octane	Male	(b/blu) 99/U	1266-25007
Cornell	Male	(b/blu) X/00	1266-25008

**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**, banded on site by Dave Evans in 2017.

**Adult Male: “Cornertop” (b/blu) W/25** - trapped and banded this year by Dave Evans.

**Eggs:** 3

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 2

**Young produced:** At least 2

This site has been active since 2015 producing a total of 27 young (2.7/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: “Penny” (b/blu) M/31**, produced in 2020 at the Briess Malt (*Formerly Riverland Ag & Busch Agricultural Resources*) nest site in Manitowoc, WI.

**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:** 1 female & 1 male on June 17

This site has been active since 2014 producing a total of 36 young (3.27/yr.)

#### Banding Data

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Project Band</b>	<b>USFWS Band</b>
Zaggi	Female	(b/blu) V/73	2447-08452
Memengawa	Male	(b/blu) B/87	2206-27681

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



## Ashland County: Bear Island SE – New Site

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Tom Doolittle*



### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 2

**Eggs hatched:** At least 2

**Young produced:** At least 2

This site was discovered by Sumner Matteson and Izzy Vetterman on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> Bill Smith, Tom Doolittle & Glenn Miller visited the site and documented 2 young present.



**Above:** The 2 young produced at the new Bear Island SE nest site.

**Photo credit:** Bill Smith

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

## Ashland County: Outer Island NE

*Nesting data courtesy of Tom Doolittle & Sumner Matteson*



### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 3

**Eggs hatched:** At least 3

**Young produced:** At least 3

Tom Doolittle & Sumner Matteson found three young at this site on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 (2.0/year).



**Above:** One of the 3 young found here this year.

**Photo credit:** Sumner Matteson

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

## Ashland County: Outer Island CE

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith, Tom Doolittle & Sumner Matteson*



### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 2

**Eggs hatched:** At least 2

**Young Produced:** At least 2

This site was first discovered in 2022 by Bill Smith, Tom Doolittle and Mike Mlynarek. This year Sumner Matteson & Tom Doolittle found 2 young present on July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 3 young (1.0/year).



**Above:** *The 2 young young at the eyrie.*

**Photo credit:** *Sumner Matteson*

**GPS:** 47 Degrees 1' 7 N, -90 Degrees 24' 34 W

## Ashland County: Stockton Island - Balancing Rock North

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Tom Doolittle*



### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 2

**Eggs hatched:** At least 2

**Young Produced:** At least 2

This site was found to be active on April 25<sup>th</sup> and a subsequent visit on June 27<sup>th</sup> found a pair of adults present with the male covering eggs or young. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 young were found here.



**Above:** *The adult male at Balancing Rock North.*

**Photo credit:** *Bill Smith*

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 (1.5/year)

**GPS:** 46 Degrees 56' 42 N, -90 Degrees 31' 9 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 - Banded Young: [www.raptorresource.org/](http://www.raptorresource.org/)

Jackie Fallon of the Midwest Peregrine Society: [midwestperegrine.umn.edu/](http://midwestperegrine.umn.edu/)

Bill Smith: WIDNR – Retired

### Pepin County: Maiden Rock

*Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project*

**Adult Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male: “Kylan” (b/blu) 36/U**, produced in 2021 at the Red Wing Grain site in Red Wing, MN.

**Eggs:** At least 2

**Young produced:** At least 2

**Banded:** 1 female & 1 unknown 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 52 young (2.16/year).

#### **Banding Data**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Project Band</b>	<b>USFWS Band</b>
Sunfyre	Female	(b/blu) V/57	2447-08435
Syrax	Unknown	(b/blu) V/58	2447-08436

**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 4

**Young produced:** At least 4

**Banded:** 1 female & 3 males on June 4

This site has been active since 2008 producing a total of 15 young (0.88/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Arabella	Female	(b/blu) V/59	2447-08437
Phil	Male	(b/blu) 34/U	2206-27667
Barrholemew	Male	(b/blu) 51/U	2206-27668
Chad	Male	(b/blu) 52/U	2206-27669

**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:** 3

**Banded:** 2 females & 1 male on June 3

This site has been active since 1997 producing a total of 75 young (2.67/yr.)

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Breena	Female	(b/blu) 65/AD	2447-08433
Spara	Female	(b/blu) 66/AD	2447-08434
Balmor	Male	(b/blu) 33/l	2206-27795

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

## Buffalo County: Nelson Twin Bluff Complex

*Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project*



### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 3

**Banded:** 2 females & 1 male on June 7

This site has been active since 2014 producing a total of 32 young (2.9/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Ingrid	Female	(b/blu) V/65	2447-08444
Clara	Female	(b/blu) V/66	2447-08445
Adamich	Male	(b/blu) 53/U	2206-27672

**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:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 3

**Young produced:** 3

**Banded:** 2 females & 1 male on June 1

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 47 young (2.0/yr.)

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Rosemary	Female	(b/blu) V/82	2447-08428
Thyme	Female	(b/blu) V/83	2447-08429
Sage	Male	(b/blu) 32/U	2206-27794

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



## Trempealeau: Eagle Bluff

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn*



### Nesting Details

Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn report at least 1 downy young (a bit of dark plumage on face) present here on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a minimum known total of 11 young (0.79/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: "Karen" (b/blu) 44/P**, produced in 2016 at the Boswell Energy Center Cohasset site in Itasca County, MN.

**Adult Male: "Andy" (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 females on June 3

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 55 young (2.9/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Lulu	Female	(b/blu) V/84	2447-08430
Belle	Female	(b/blu) 63/AD	2447-08431
Norah	Female	(b/blu) 64/AD	2447-08432

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

## Vernon County: Redbird Bluff

*Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project*



### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 1

**Young produced:** At least 1

**Banded:** 1 female on May 22

This site has been active since 2017 producing a total of 15 young (/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
AJ	Female	(b/blu) P/71	1947-50693

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

## Crawford County: Hobbs Hollow Bluff

*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:** 2 females on June 5

Bill Smith found this site occupied by an adult female on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Amy Ries & RRP crew banded young here on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

This site has been active since 2021 producing a total of 11 young (2.75/year)

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Cheryl	Female	(b/blu) V/63	2447-08442
Vhagar	Female	(b/blu) V/64	2447-08443

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

## SUCCESSFUL/LOST NEST SITES

### Washington Island: Denny's Bluff

Observations courtesy of Melody Walsh & Randy Holm



#### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** At least 2

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 2

**Note:** Young lost in nest.

Melody Walsh & Randy Holm found 2 young in the nest at this site on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were no young observed on their subsequent June 11<sup>th</sup> visit and it appears the nest may have been predated.



This site has been active since 2022 producing a total of at least 6 young (2.0/year)

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



**Above:** The adult female on her nest.  
**Below:** The adult male perched nearby.  
**Left:** The 2 young on June 2  
**Photo credits:** Melody Walsh



## FAILED NEST SITES

### Kaukauna: Thilmany Mill



#### Nesting Details

**Adults:** Unknown

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 4-11

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 11-13

**Eggs Hatched:** Failed

*From Joe Ball:* Peregrines were again present through the nesting season. This marks the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row this site has failed.

This site has been active since 2007 producing a total of 31 young (1.72/year).

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

## ACTIVE/NON-PRODUCTIVE SITES

### Milwaukee: US Bank

**Adult Female: “Alpha” (b/blu) E/02**, produced in 2020 at the Multifoods/City Center site in Minneapolis, MN - her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Millennial” (b/blu) 75/E**, produced in 2017 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station site in Port Washington, WI - likely his 5<sup>th</sup> year here.

A massive signage project on the 41<sup>st</sup> floor was scheduled at this site for the months of February through May. Because the nest box here is located adjacent to the west facing sign and in order to avoid any potential adverse human/peregrine interactions during the nesting season, I closed the nest box off on February 1<sup>st</sup> - well before any nesting activity had begun. As soon as installation of the new signs was completed on May 6<sup>th</sup>, I reopened the nest box and on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Millennial was observed again on the nest box webcam.

Although there was no nesting here this year. I believe the resident pair of falcons did nest somewhere nearby in the downtown area and likely produced young. On July 27<sup>th</sup> the Wisconsin Humane Society picked up a grounded, unbanded, immature male peregrine just a few blocks from the US Bank site and on August 12<sup>th</sup>, an unbanded, immature female peregrine visited the nest box and interacted with one of the adults.

With the nest box reopened and back in play, peregrines visited throughout the summer with the adult pair performing ledge displays again by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. With any luck this site should return to normal and produce young again next spring.

This site has been active since 1988 producing a total of 71 young (1.97/year).

**Above:** *Millennial on May 7, 2024*

**Below:** *The unbanded immature female on August 12, 2024.*

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



## Green Bay: UW-Green Bay - Cofrin Library

**Immature Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male:** Unbanded

There was a complete turnover of peregrines here this season with a new unbanded adult male and an unbanded immature female. Although the pair bonded and stayed together throughout the season, no eggs were laid.

**Note:** With the planned deconstruction of the Cofrin Library building, plans are underway to construct and install a new nest box on the roof of the nearby Weidner Center.



**Above:** A webcam image of the new pair of peregrines at the UW-Green Bay nest site.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 24 young (1.71/year).

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

## Buffalo County: Maassen's Bluff

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

Bill Smith found this site temporarily occupied on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Amy Ries visited this site and found an adult pair displaying on March 18<sup>th</sup>. But on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Amy found no young, eggshells, or signs of nesting.

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of 40 young (1.66/year)

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



## Washington Island: Boyers Bluff

Observations courtesy of Melody Walsh  
& Randy Holm

**Immature Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male:** Unbanded

Melody Walsh & Randy Holm reported a pair of peregrines present at this site during visits made on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & June 2<sup>nd</sup>. As noted above, the female is a subadult and believed to have not laid eggs which is often the case with young females.

This historical site became reoccupied in 2022 and since then has produced a total of 3 young (1.3/year).

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



**Above:** The subadult female on June 2, 2024.

**Below:** The adult male also on June 2, 2024.

**Photo credits:** Melody Walsh

## ACTIVE/OUTCOME UNKNOWN SITES

### Racine: Payne & Dolan - Racine Quarry

I did not have an opportunity to visit here again this season but e-bird reports by Eric Howe from March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> report a single peregrine present. The location was 3 Mile Road and Hwy 32 - right at 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

### Peninsula State Park: Eagle Bluff

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith, Mark Blackbourn & Jeep Pagel*

**Adults:** Unidentified

Bill Smith & Mark Blackbourn visited this site on both June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and observed a pair of adults on the 11<sup>th</sup>. No sign of nesting or young.

Jeep Pagel stated the female seemed to be brooding recently hatched young on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. But during subsequent visits into mid-July, he saw no sign of young, decreased activity, and no adults present during his last visits.

Since 2022, this site has produced a total of 2 young (0.67/year).

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

## **Superior: General Mills S&X**

*Nesting data courtesy of Jackie Fallon & Dave Evans*

**Adult Female: “Crush” (b/blu) 73/H**, was banded in 2018 by Dave Evans at the CRH Concrete Plant site in Duluth, Minnesota.

**Male: “Wisco-Spirit: (b/blu) 07/R**, produced in 2018 at the WPS Weston Power Plant site in Rothschild, WI.

Dave Evans had access issues this year and wasn't always able to determine if young were produced or not.

This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 19 young (1.88/year).

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



## TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED SITES

### 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 19 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 but activity was concentrated on the MN side of the bridge.

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

### Pierce County: Skidmore Bluff

*Nesting data courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project*

Amy Ries checked this site and found it temporarily occupied by 1 falcon on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The site was checked again on May 30<sup>th</sup> but no eggs were found and no falcons were observed.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 20 young (1.42/year).

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

### Buffalo County: Alma Marina

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn*

Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn found 1 falcon present during visits on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> but no falcons present on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

This site has been active since 2020 producing a total of 1 young (0.25/year).

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

### Buffalo County: Alma Bluff

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith*

Bill Smith found a peregrine here on March 7<sup>th</sup> but no sign of activity on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The falcons at this territory visit both this site as well the nearby Dairyland Power Cooperative site where 3 young were produced this year.

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

## **Vernon County: Bad Axe River North**

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

Bill Smith found peregrines present here on February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> & June 4<sup>th</sup>. Amy Ries found no sign of falcons on May 15<sup>th</sup> & Bill Smith found no sign of activity on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bill suspects the site likely failed.

This site has been active since 2023 and producing a total of 1 young. (0.50/year)

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

## **Vernon County: De Soto Bay Bluff**

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith*

Bill Smith found no falcons present at this site during visits on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. However, he did find a falcon present on May 14<sup>th</sup> & June 4<sup>th</sup> but no sign of young.

This site has been active since 2020 producing a total of 5 young (1.00/year).

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

## **Grant County: Lynn Hollow Bluff**

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

Bill Smith found a pair present here on April 4<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. On May 8<sup>th</sup> he found the site apparently deserted. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Amy Ries found no falcons present.

This site has been active since 2021 producing a minimum total of 2 young (0.67/year).

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

## **Grant County: Glen Haven (Dugway Road)**

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith, Brett & Carole Mandernack*

Bill Smith found this site occupied by a pair of adults on April 4<sup>th</sup>. On May 6<sup>th</sup> Brett and Carole Mandernack found no falcons present

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

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

## Grant County: Platte River North Primary

*Nesting data courtesy of Bill Smith*

Bill Smith found this site occupied on May 8<sup>th</sup> but no falcons present on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Bill also noted that a railroad maintenance crew had 3 climbers on the cliff face chipping at loose rocks and suspects the falcons deserted. Stacey Rowe of WDNR contacted the RR and was assured that future such projects would get DNR review.

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 37' 19 N, -90 Degrees 40' 23 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 last year, 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.

This site has been active since 2008 producing a total of 43 young (2.52/year).

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

## Door County: Table Bluff (Gills Rock Bluff)

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn*

This site was surveyed June 11<sup>th</sup> with no sign of peregrine use.

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

## Door County: Deathdoor Bluff

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith & Mark Blackburn*

This site was surveyed on June 11<sup>th</sup> with no sign of peregrine occupancy.

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



## **Superior: Peavey Gaviion 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 (1.00/yr.)

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

## **Columbia County: Gibraltar Rock**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

Bill reports that during 7 visits to this site, he only observed turkey vultures and humans.

**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 visited this site 6 times between February 5<sup>th</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup> and found no signs of peregrine activity. New bridge construction has begun so there is lots of activity in the area.

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

## **Adams County: Witches Gulch**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

This Wisconsin River site was surveyed 4 times between February 19<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> with no signs of peregrine occupancy.

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

## **Sauk County: Ferry Bluff/Cactus Rock**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

No activity observed during 3 visits between March 16<sup>th</sup> - April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Sauk County: Otter Creek**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

No activity observed on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Sauk County: Twin Islands Bluff**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

No activity observed during 3 visits between March 16<sup>th</sup> - April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Pierce County: Eagle Point Bluff**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

Bill Smith found no falcons present here on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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 found no falcons present here on March 14<sup>th</sup> nor during visits in May.

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

## **La Crosse County: Goose Island Bluff**

*Observations courtesy of Amy Ries - Raptor Resource Project*

Amy Ries visited this site on May 15<sup>th</sup> & June 3<sup>rd</sup> with no sign of peregrines during both visits.

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

## **Vernon County: Bad Axe Country Club**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

An inland site reported occupied in 2022 was surveyed once on March 19<sup>th</sup> with no sign of falcons.

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

## **Crawford County: Monehan's Bluff**

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

A recently used cliff in the Lynxville Complex - Bill Smith found no falcons present on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Amy Ries reported no signs of nesting here during May.

**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 on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Amy Ries reports no falcons observed during May.

**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 on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Local observers also reported no signs of falcons this season.

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

## **Grant County: Rattlesnake Point**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

Bill Smith reports no falcons observed on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Grant County: Wyalusing Quarry**

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

Surveyed on March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> with no sign of peregrine activity. 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 Brett Mandernack*

No signs of activity during visits on March 14<sup>h</sup> & May 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Grant County: Fenley Recreation Area**

*Observations courtesy of Bill Smith*

No signs of activity during visits on May 8<sup>th</sup> & May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 34' 46 N, -90 Degrees 39' 41 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 2024.

### 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 4 young survived to fledging. This was their 4<sup>th</sup> year together.

**“Cheers” (b/blu E/66)**, a female produced in 2021 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station site in Port Washington WI. Paired with **“James” (b/blu) 21/E**, a male produced in 2018 at Chicago’s St. Mary’s nest site. The pair nested at Chicago’s Hyde Park site. Unfortunately, gutters (which are inaccessible) are favored nest locations at this site. No confirmation if eggs were laid and no young were observed with the pair.

**“Gunner” (b/blu) 96/E**, a male produced in 2018 at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant nest site in Oak Creek, WI paired with an unnamed female produced in 2019 at the Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis, MO. The pair nested at Chicago’s Foster site using their original balcony location. Three eggs were laid, none of which hatched.

**“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. This is 1<sup>st</sup> year we’ve been able to ID Josephine’s mate so it’s possible Curt has been with her previous to this year. The pair nested at Chicago’s UIC west site. The nest ledge is not completely visible so an egg count was not possible. Two young were seen though with only 1 survived to fledging.

**“Legacy” (b/blu) M/07**, a female produced in 2019 at the Georgia Pacific Mill site in Green Bay, WI paired with **“Big Bad John” (b/blu 17/R)**, a male produced in 2018 at the Malteurop Complex site in Milwaukee, WI. The pair was seen early in the season at Chicago’s North Avenue site where they failed at nesting in 2022. The pair then moved about a mile west and nested on a building on Oak Street in Chicago. Four eggs were laid, all of which hatched and fledged.

**“Lisa” (b/g) R/39**, a female produced in 2009 at the WPS Pulliam Power Plant in Green Bay, WI paired again with **“Ben” (b/r) H/34**, a male produced in 2013 at Chicago’s Wrigleyville site. The pair nested at Chicago’s Wacker site, which is the oldest of the Illinois nest sites (39<sup>th</sup> year). This was Ben’s 9<sup>th</sup> year at the Wacker site and Lisa’s 12<sup>th</sup> year on site. No exact egg count was made. Two eggs hatched and 2 young were banded on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Both were grounded after their first flights and taken to Willowbrook Wildlife Center for care. Both immatures were released in late July.

**“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 8<sup>th</sup> year. Her new mate was **“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 3 young. This was Jeffery’s 7<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**“Xenon” (b/blu) 27/M**, a female produced in 2015 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant site in Milwaukee, WI paired with an unbanded male. The pair nested at the Carmeuse Lime Plant/Dean Mitchell Power Plant site in Gary, IN producing 3 young. This was Xenon’s 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 nested at the ArcelorMittal (Bethlehem, now Cleveland Cliffs) site in East Chicago, IL producing at least 1 young.

## Minnesota

**“Seapro” (b/g) R/97**, a female produced in 2009 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station site in Port Washington, WI paired with an unknown male banded black/blue. The pair nested at the Mayo Building site at the University of MN in Minneapolis, MN. One egg was laid but failed to hatch.

**“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 producing 1 young that was carried away by an intruding female.

**“Brew” (b/blu) M/27**, a female produced in 2020 at the Molson Coors Brewery (formerly Miller Brewery) site in Milwaukee, WI paired with **“Granite” (b/r) 60/P**, a male produced in 2013 at the St. Cloud Correctional Facility site in St. Cloud, 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 3 young.

**“Lisa” (b/blu) 53/W**, a female produced in 2018 at the We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant site in Pleasant Prairie, WI was observed on the Raptor Resource Project nest box webcam at the Great Spirit Bluff site in Houston County, MN but did not stay.

**“Poppy” (b/blu) V/89**, a female produced in 2023 at the US Bank nest site in La Crosse, WI was also identified on the Raptor Resource Project nest box webcam at the Great Spirit Bluff nest site in Houston County, MN but did not stay.

## Iowa

**“Aubrey” (b/blu) H/26**, a female produced in 2021 at the Diamond Bluff site in Pierce County, WI paired with an unbanded male. The pair nested at the Guider’s Bluff site in Alamakee County, IA producing 3 young.

## Michigan

**Corrine (b/r) \*B/\*X**, a female produced in 2014 at the Racine County Courthouse site in Racine, WI paired with “Max” (b/g) D/77, a male produced in 2005 at the Commodore Perry Motor Inn site in Toledo, OH. The pair nested at the Detroit Edison Power Plant, River Raisin site in Monroe, MI producing 1 young.

**“Lillie” (b/blu) A/43**, a female produced in 2018 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station site in Port Washington, WI paired with “Regal” (b/blu) 48/C, a male produced in 2018 at the Campbell-Ewald Building in Warren, MI. The pair nested at the Wayne State University site in Wayne, MI producing 1 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*

*Michigan: Don Avers, Michigan DNR*

## 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 producing 4 young. This was Dana’s 5<sup>th</sup> 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 producing 5 young. This was Julia’s 9<sup>th</sup> season at this site and her 7<sup>th</sup> successful nest.

**“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 producing 1 young. This was Olympia’s 10<sup>th</sup> 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 producing 3 young. This was Brinn’s 11<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**“Kylan” (b/blu) 36/U**, a male produced in 2021 at the Red Wing Grain site in Red Wing, MN paired with an unbanded female. The pair nested at Maiden Rock in Pepin 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 an unidentified male at the Castle Rock site in Trempealeau County, WI producing 3 young.

**“Karen” (b/blu) 44/P**, a female produced in 2016 at the Boswell Energy Center Cohasset site in Itasca, County, MN paired with **“Andy” (b/r) 06/D**, a male produced in 2015 at the Black Dog Power Plant site in Dakota County, MN. The pair nested at the US Bank site in La Crosse, WI producing 3 young.

**“Crush” (b/blu) 73/H**, a female banded in 2018 by Dave Evans at the CRH Concrete Plant in Duluth, MN paired with **“Wisco-Spirit” (b/blu) 07/R**, a male produced in 2018 at the WPS Weston Power Plant in Rothschild, WI. The pair nested at the General Mills S&X site in Superior, WI but it is not known if young were produced.

### **Indiana Peregrines Nesting in Wisconsin**

**“Gawanit” (b/blu) S/15**, a female produced in 2020 at the NIPSCO power plant site in Michigan City, IN paired with an unbanded adult male. The pair nested at the Dolomite Cliffs site on Rock Island in Door County, WI producing 2 young.

### **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 **“Penny” (b/blu) M/31**, a female produced in 2020 at the Briess Malt site in Manitowoc, WI. 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 12, 2024. [Falcon IDs are in Blue.](#)

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

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
<a href="#">Leopold</a>	M	<a href="#">(b/blu) 03/W</a>	<a href="#">1266-00519</a>	<a href="#">5/30/2019</a>

This falcon was found dead by Chris Heike on June 8, 2024. The location was 831 Radisson Street, Green Bay, WI.

### **Ardent Mills, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha Co. WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
<a href="#">Bravo</a>	M	<a href="#">(b/blu) W/49</a>	<a href="#">2447-05971</a>	<a href="#">5/23/2023</a>

This falcon was found dead by Sean and Susannah Turner on July 14, 2023. The location was 6906 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Kenosha, WI, Cause of death is unknown.

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

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
<a href="#">Scout</a>	M	<a href="#">(b/blu) 97/U</a>	<a href="#">1266-25004</a>	<a href="#">5/13/2024</a>

This falcon was found injured on Winchester Road in Neenah, WI on August 1, 2024. It was taken to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary in Green Bay, WI for treatment and care.

### **UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Winnebago County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
<a href="#">Michigan</a>	F	<a href="#">(b/blu) 41/AD</a>	<a href="#">2447-06856</a>	<a href="#">5/20/2024</a>

This falcon was found injured on Hickory Road in Beaver dam, WI on August 19, 2024. It was taken to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary in Green Bay, WI but died en route.

### **Boort Malt, Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
<a href="#">Conrad</a>	M	<a href="#">(b/blu) W/80</a>	<a href="#">2447-06001</a>	<a href="#">6/5/2023</a>

This falcon was found injured on August 23, 2023 after falling down a stack into a boiler room at the US Bank Building at 605 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Sheboygan, WI. It was transferred to Wildlife of Wisconsin for care but died from its injuries.

### **Alliant Energy, Columbia Generating Station, Pardeeville, Columbia Co., WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
<a href="#">Mac</a>	M	<a href="#">(b/blu) 98/U</a>	<a href="#">1266-25010</a>	<a href="#">5/14/2024</a>

This falcon was found dead on the roof of the power plant on August 30, 2024.

### **Valero Renewables, Jefferson, Jefferson, County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
<a href="#">Spider</a>	M	<a href="#">(b/blu) 01/W</a>	<a href="#">1266-00516</a>	<a href="#">5/29/2019</a>

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



## 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 12, 2024.

### **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>
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.

## BANDED PEREGRINES IDENTIFIED BY BIRDERS & BANDERS

The following images showing band numbers were taken by birders and banders in Wisconsin and Illinois from late 2023 to through October 2024. 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!



*“Igggy” (b/blu) S/96, a female produced in 2023 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Jessika Pokropinski at the Highlands Heron Rookery in Lake County, IN on October 10, 2023. Note: the color band was attached upside down in error. It should have been black/blue. This same falcon was also photographed as an adult on September 5, 2024 – see page 64 of this report.*

**Photo credit:** Jessika Pokropinski



*“Iggy” (b/blu) S/96, a female produced in 2023 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant nest site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Michael Topp at the Seidner Dune and Swale (SHLT) in Hammond, IN on September 5, 2024. This falcon was also photographed by Jessika Pokropinski at the Highlands Heron Rookery in Lake County, IN on October 10, 2023. – see previous page 63.*

**Photo credit:** Michael Topp





*'Fred-chick Miller' (b/blu) W/42, a male produced in 2023 at the Molson Coors Brewery site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Jacob Drucker at Park 566 in Chicago, IL on October 28, 2023. "Fred-chick" was also observed earlier that same day at Jackson Park in Chicago so it appeared he was moving in a southerly direction. This same falcon was also photographed by three other photographers – see pages 66, 67 & 68 of this report.*

**Photo credit:** Jacob Drucker





***‘Fred-chick Miller’ (b/blu) W/42, a male produced in 2023 at the Molson Coors Brewery site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Diane Hansen at Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve in Cane County, IL on February 13, 2024.***

***Photo credit: Diane Hansen***



***Fred-chick Miller” (b/blu) W/42***, a male produced in 2023 at the Molson Coors Brewery site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Bill Koch on O’Brien Road in Hampshire, IL on April 2, 2024.

***Photo credit: Bill Koch***





***Fred-chick Miller” (b/blu) W/42***, a male produced in 2023 at the Molson Coors Brewery site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Tamima Itani in Northfield, IL on April 7, 2024.

***Photo credit: Tamima Itani***

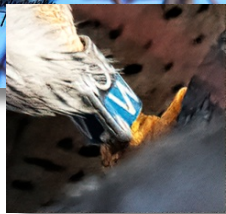


***“Pete” (b/blu) W/54***, a female produced in 2023 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station site in Port Washington, WI was found injured by Missael Sotelo Rizo - 5.6 miles SE from Sebaco Vielo, Matagalpa, Nicaragua on December 9, 2023. “Pete” had been grounded and was being harassed by two Crested Caracaras. Missael rescued and cared for “Pete” for two weeks until she was fit for release. If you look closely at the above image, you’ll note the injured middle toe on her left foot which could be part of the reason she was found grounded. The toe will likely be lost but raptors can often survive and do well after losing a toe so we’re hopeful “Pete” will return north and that we’ll see her again at some point.

*The distance from Port Washington, to Sebaco Vielo is over 2,100 miles so “Pete” has entered the long-distance travelers club!*

**Photo credit:** Missael Sotelo Rizo





**Above: Freier (b/blu) 08/W**, a male produced in 2019 at the Essity Paper Mill site in Menasha, WI was photographed by Tim Harvey near the Canal Wall nest site on the Fox River in Kaukauna, WI on January 5, 2024.

**Photo credit:** Tim Harvey



**Above:** *“Feather” (b/blu) W/62, a female produced at the Racine County Courthouse nest site in 2023, was found injured at the West Pittsburg Power Plant near New Castle, PA on March 13, 2024. She was cared for and rehabbed at Wildbird Recovery and successfully released at the Moraine State Park in Portersville, PA on May 4, 2024.*

**Photo credit:** *Wildbird Recovery*





**Above:** *“Cheers” (b/blu) E/66*, a female produced in 2021 at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station site in Port Washington, WI was photographed by Richard Neer in Hyde Park at the University of Chicago in Chicago, IL on March 27, 2024.

**Photo credit:** Richard Neer



**Above:** *“Post: (b/blu) W/60, a male produced in 2023 at the Racine County Courthouse site in Racine, WI was photographed by Collin Porter at the Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary in Pine Grove, Cook County, IL on May 8, 2024. “Post” was also photographed at the same location on July, 11, 2024 by Mary Walle-Santos.*

**Photo credit:** Collin Porter





**Above:** *“Renegade” (b/blu) E/64, a female produced in 2021 at the Ardent Mills site in Pleasant Prairie, WI was photographed by Randy Exbom at the I-74 Bridge along the Mississippi River near Moline, IL on June 21, 2024.*

**Photo credit:** Randy Exbom



***“Louis” (b/blu) X/13, a male produced in 2024 at the Boortmalt nest site in Sheboygan, WI was photographed by Bonnie Lunde at 1710 Dewitt Road in Oostburg, Sheboygan County, WI on August 25, 2024.***

***Photo credit: Bonnie Lunde***



**Above:** *“Trapper” (b/blu) X/09*, a male produced in 2024 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant site in Milwaukee, WI was photographed by Braden Ribbens at 2856-2872 County Road V in Sheboygan Falls, WI on September 2, 2024.

**Photo credit:** Braden Ribbens





**Above:** Rick Hill reported that **“Superior” (b/blu) X/01**, a male produced in 2024 at the UW-Oshkosh nest site in Oshkosh, WI was trapped and released at the Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station (CGORS) in Cedar Grove, WI on September 23, 2024.

**Note:** Holding the falcon is CGORS Intern, Charlie Gianni.  
**Photo credit:** Bridget Schmidt

## VISITING PEREGRINES CAPTURED ON NEST BOX WEBCAMS

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



**Above: "Pack" (b/blu) C/45**, a male produced in 2020 at the Molson Coors Brewery site in Milwaukee, WI was captured on the nest box webcam at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant site in Oak Creek, WI on January 30, 2024.





***“Charlie” (b/blu) 61/S**, a male produced in 2019 at the Briess Malt site in Manitowoc, WI was captured on the nest box webcam at the WPS Weston Power Plant site in Rothschild, WI on February 19, 2024. Interestingly, “Charlie” was also captured on the webcam at this site on February 11, 2023.*





**Above: “Yeager” (bl) C/31, (bottom falcon) a male produced in 2022 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada battled in the nest box for over an hour on April 10<sup>th</sup> with the unbanded, resident adult male at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant nest site in Oak Creek, WI. Although the eggs being incubated by the resident female (“Essity” (b/blu) 48/Y - top falcon) became scattered, she continued to incubate during the entire battle and gathered up her eggs afterwards. Of the 4 eggs produced at this site, 3 hatched which is average. In the end, the resident adult male prevailed.**

*Essity also survived her own territorial battle on April 4<sup>th</sup> with an adult female - “Techa” (b/blu) M/43, produced in 2019 at the Carmeuse Lime Plant site in Gary, IN. At one point “Techa” brooded over and began incubating the 4 eggs. It’d be interesting to know just how many similar battles take place each year at other nest sites across the country.*

**Photo credits:** We Energies webcam captures.



## WISCONSIN NEST SITE TYPES & PRODUCTION 2024



Site Type	N	%Total	Site Type	Young	%Total
Power Plants	10	24%	Power Plants	24	22%
Buildings	14	34%	Buildings	45	42%
Elevators/Silos	4	10%	Elevators/Silos	16	15%
Paper Mills	2	5%	Paper Mills	5	5%
Courthouses	1	2%	Courthouses	3	3%
Breweries	1	2%	Breweries	2	2%
Universities	1	2%	Universities	5	5%
Hospitals	2	5%	Hospitals	5	5%
Office Towers/Banks	1	2%	Office Towers/Banks	3	3%
Sewage Treatment	1	2%	Sewage Treatment	4	4%
Churches	1	2%	Churches	2	2%
Natural Cliffs	14	32%	Natural Cliffs	31	28%
Quarries	2	5%	Quarries	4	4%
Bridges	0	0%	Bridges	0	0%
Canal Walls	1	2%	Canal Walls	3	3%
Ore Docks	1	2%	Ore Docks	2	2%
<b>Total Nest Sites</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total Young</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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://uwosh.edu/sirt/peregrine-falcons/>

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>

Nest Box Web Cam & Blog



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Pine View Wildlife Rehab Center  
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General Mills - Superior  
Thilmany Mill - Kaukauna  
Essity Mill - Menasha  
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Special Olympics Wisconsin  
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