

WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH 1996 NESTING SEASON REPORT

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What a Year!
19 Eggs Laid, 19 Young Produced, 19 Fledged!

Milwaukee, Firstar Center

"Sibella" 20V and "Bill" 74T are here once again. This is Sibella's 8th year at Firstar and Bill's 6th. Sibella has produced 24 offspring since 1989.

Eggs: 3 laid between March 25 - 31

Projected Hatch Dates: April 30 - May 3

Eggs Hatched: 3 Hatched between May 2 - 3

Banded & Bled: May 22

Sexes: 1 Female, 2 Males

Projected Fledge Dates: June 8 - 12

Actual Fledge Dates: June 11 - 14

Milwaukee, Landmark on the Lake

At this apartment building on Prospect Ave., both "Alice" and "Omni" are protecting their 4 new youngsters.

Eggs: 4 laid between April 11 - 17

Projected Hatch Dates: May 18 - 20

Eggs Hatched: 4 Hatched between May 18 - 20

Banded & Bled: June 12

Sexes: 2 Females, 2 Males

Projected Fledge Dates: June 27 - July 1

Actual Fledge Dates: June 30 - July 1

Milwaukee, Froedtert Malt Complex

"Leopold" C/D and "Vera" U/X produced 4 youngsters at this site and they're doing fine. I installed a safety deck in front of the nest box to keep the chicks from wandering too close to the 10 story ledge. I was also able to capture and band "Vera" who will hereinafter be ID'd as U/X. On June 30, I rescued *D/4 from the ground beneath the nest site and returned her to the nest ledge. I checked her the next morning and she was doing fine.

Eggs: 4 laid between April 13 - 19

Projected Hatch Dates: May 20 - 22

Eggs Hatched: 4 Hatched by May 23

Banded & Bled: June 13
Sexes: 2 Females, 2 Males
Projected Fledge Dates: June 29 - July 2
Actual Fledge Dates: June 30 - July 3

Sheboygan, Edgewater Generating Station

"Silverstreak" 42V and her New York beau "Grant" B/N are here again this year. Last month an unidentified young male was at this site...but Grant has displaced him. This is Silverstreak's 5th year at this site and Grant's 2nd.

Eggs: 4 laid between April 17 - 24
Projected Hatch Dates: May 24 - 26
Eggs Hatched: 4 Hatched by May 26
Banded & Bled: June 14
Sexes: 4 Females
Projected Fledge Dates: July 1 - 5
Actual Fledge Dates: July 3 - 5

Green Bay, Pulliam Power Plant

The female at this site is unbanded but the male has a black/red band on his left leg and a purple Federal Fish & Wildlife band on his right leg indicating he is wild-produced, less than 2 years old and from the Midwest. We're hoping that he's one of our Lakefront produced offspring.

Eggs: 4 eggs laid between April 22 - 28
Projected Hatch Dates: May 29 - 31
Eggs Hatched: 4 Hatched by May 30
Banded & Bled: June 19
Sexes: 4 Females
Projected Fledge Dates: July 5 - 9
Actual Fledge Dates: Fledging as of today!

Oak Creek, WEPCO Oak Creek Power Plant

A pair of peregrines has taken up residence in the nest box on the smoke stack at this site. The female appears to be "Raynie" A/*I who was wild-produced in Irving Park, Chicago, IL in '95. Raynie is one of "Tasha's" daughters. Tasha is a captive-produced falcon which we augmented at the Edgewater Generating Station nest site in Sheboygan, WI in '93. The male at this site is an unbanded adult. We've observed the pair going in and out of the nest box over the past two months and saw the male making a scrape in the box. I climbed the stack and inspected the nest box on June 11 just to make sure no eggs had been laid in areas out of view of the camera.

Peregrines Elsewhere in Wisconsin

Duluth, MN, Blatnik Bridge: Dave Evans reports that an unbanded pair of peregrines is nesting again at this site. This site failed and the adults have re-nested. Hopefully, we can lure the pair to a nearby concrete factory next year by installing a nest box there in much the same way we lured the Green Bay bridge birds to the nearby Pulliam Power Plant.

Madison: At the State Capitol, Tim Ellestad reports that "Calvin" has been seen alone near the Capitol. In spite of the fact that two females have been observed at this site neither stayed.

Racine: At the Racine County Courthouse, "Joshua" a 1993 Sheboygan-produced male is still occasionally on territory here but no female was attracted to this site.

Port Washington: Although there were several sightings of a peregrine near this site during the winter and early spring, there have been no sightings as of late. We inspected the nest box on the smoke stack and once again found nesting pigeons....at least there will be a meal waiting when peregrines do finally nest here!

News About Wisconsin Peregrines From Nearby States

Toledo OH: One of Sibella's 1993 male offspring (C/U) is paired with his sister "Carmen" (D/N) who was hatched in 1994. They produced at least 2 young by May 8.

East Chicago, IN: Inland Steel Site; "Courtney" (25W) in Racine in '92 paired with what is believed to be an male from South Bend, IN and fledged one female.

East Chicago IN: Cline Ave. Site; "Egore" a female released in Madison in 1990 nested here for her 4th season last year. Egore and her mate "Marty" hatched 3 eggs on April 27th. All three were banded on May 21 & all fledged.

Gary, IN: U.S. Steel Plant; "Vulcan", another 1990 Madison released male is nesting at this site with his mate "Suzy Q". All three eggs hatched. They were banded on May 31 & all 3 fledged.

Indianapolis, IN: "Scout" 1992 Kenosha released female named has paired with a Kentucky released male and hatched 4 eggs on April 14 - 16. The 2 males & 2 females fledged.

Burns Harbor Town of Porter, IN: "Isabella", another 1993 Sheboygan offspring is paired with (band # 4/9) and nesting in a nest box that was installed on a smoke stack. They produced 3 eggs and hatched 2. The 2 young females were banded on May 20 & both fledged.

Michigan City, IN: "Uncle Billy", a 1995 Milwaukee, Landmark on the Lake offspring is paired here with an adult female named Diana D/U. Currently incubating 3 eggs. The female was hacked in '94 south of St. Louis, MO at the Union Electric Power Plant at Festus, MO. None of the eggs hatched.

Irving Park, IL: "Tasha" (now called Eleanor) a 1993 Sheboygan augmented offspring is believed to be paired here with a male named "Franklin". They hatched 4 chicks but three of the four have fallen off the precarious ledge and were killed.

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