

WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH 1998 NESTING SEASON REPORT

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LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

Milwaukee: Firstar Center

"Sibella" 20V and "Bill" 74T are here once again.

This is Sibella's 10th year at Firstar and Bill's 8th.

Sibella has produced a total of 31 offspring since 1989 making her the most productive female Peregrine in the entire Midwest!

With the hatching of 3 young in Manitowoc this spring, Sibella is now a Great-great Grandmother!

Eggs: 4 Laid Between March 25 - April 1

Projected Hatch Dates: May 1 - 3

Eggs Hatched: 3 Hatched Between April 28 - May 1

Banded & Bled: May 18

Sexes: 3 Females

Projected Fledge Dates: June 4- 11

Actual Fledge Dates: June 8 - 10

Note: "Windy" E/*V was found grounded on 6/15 and was captured and returned to the nest ledge.

-Milwaukee: Landmark on the Lake

At this apartment building on Prospect Ave., both "Alice" U/K and "Omni" 76T are back. This is their 5th year at this site. So far they have produced a total of 17 young.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 15 - 21

Projected Hatch Dates: May 22 -25

Eggs Hatched: 3 Hatched Between May 24 - 25

Banding & Bled: June 15

Sexes: 1 Female & 2 Males

Projected Fledge Dates: June 29 - July 6

-Milwaukee: Froedtert Malt Complex

"**Leopold**" C/D, a 1992 captive-produced peregrine released at Kenosha, has been at this site since '94 and is now paired with "**Raynie**" A/H, a '95 wild-produced female from Chicago. Raynie nested last year at the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Kenosha where she laid 4 eggs and produced 2 young. She spent the previous nesting season (1996) at the Oak Creek Power Plant but did not lay eggs. Raynie is even more defensive here at Froedtert than she was last summer at the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant. On 5/18, she regularly hit the broom I held above me when I checked the nest.

Eggs Laid: 4 Between April 6 - 12

Projected Hatch Dates: May 13 - 15

Eggs Hatched: 4 Hatched Between May 15 - 17

Banded & Bled: June 3

Sexes: 3 Females & 1 Male

Projected Fledge Dates: June 18 - 25

-Milwaukee: WEPCO Oak Creek Power Plant

An adult male we believe to be "**Griffin**" 5/D, a wild-produced falcon born atop Milwaukee's Landmark on the Lake apartment building in '94 is paired with "**Sheri**" X/U, a '96 wild-produced female from the NSP Black Dog Plant at Eagan MN. The pair is nesting in the smoke stack nest box.

Eggs: 4 Laid Between April 6 - 13

Projected Hatch Dates: May 14 - 16

Eggs Hatched: 4 Hatched Between May 13 - 15

Banded & Bled: June 3

Sexes: 1 Female & 3 Males

Projected Fledge Dates: June 16 - 23

Note: "Jonah" *G/E was found grounded at 9 p.m. on 6/20/98. He was captured, examined for injuries and returned to the lower SE corner roof-top nest box..

-Sheboygan: WP&L Edgewater Generating Station

An adult male is paired here with “Liberty” E/*D, a '96 wild-produced falcon from the Bailly Power Plant in Porter, Indiana. We're trying to determine if the male here is “Grant” B/N who has nested here for the past two years.

Eggs: 4 Laid Between April 10 - 16

Projected Hatch Dates: May 17 - 19

Eggs Hatched: 4 Hatched Between May 17 - 19

Banded & Bled: June 4

Sexes: 1 Female & 3 Males

Projected Fledge Dates: June 20 - 27

-Manitowoc: Busch Agricultural Resources

A pair of Peregrines has finally moved into the nest box which was installed at this site in 1990. The pair consists of *5/R, Sibella's granddaughter!! *5/R was here last season as well but did not nest. On April 16 I checked this site and found four eggs! I also got a close look at the adult male and he is unbanded so he is not the same male that was here earlier this year. On May 15, I checked this site again and found one egg missing. *5/R was incubating the 3 remaining eggs.

Eggs: 4 Laid Between April 10 - 16

Projected Hatch Dates: May 17 - 19

Eggs Hatched: 3 Hatched Between May 17 - 19

Banded & Bled: June 4

Sexes: 1 Female & 2 Males

Projected Fledge Dates: June 20 - 27

-Green Bay: WPS Pulliam Power Plant

The adult female at this site is unbanded but the male is banded & wild-produced. I believe this is the same pair as last season. This will be the third year this site has been an active nest site. “Atlanta”, a '96 falcon produced at this site is now incubating four eggs of her own at the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Kenosha.

Eggs: 4 Laid Between April 7 - 14

Projected Hatch Dates: May 13 -15

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 16 - 18

Banded & Bled: June 6

Sexes: 2 Females & 2 Males

Projected Fledge Dates: June 19 - 26

-Pleasant Prairie: WEPCO Power Plant

On April 16, an adult pair was first spotted at this site! The adult male is unbanded and the adult female is “Atlanta” L/*C, a ‘96 wild-produced falcon from the Green Bay WPS Pulliam Power Plant site.

Eggs: 4 Laid Between April 21 - 27

Projected Hatch Dates: May 28 - 31

Eggs Hatched: 3 by June 1

Banded & Bled: June 19

Sexes: 1 Female & 2 Males

Projected Hatch Dates: July 4 - 11

-Port Washington: WEPCO Power Plant

As many as three falcons were seen at this site on and off since late February. A pair was present until April 2 but a visit to the site on April 7 yielded only a sub-adult female which was inside the nest box. This sub-adult female is still seen regularly at this site.

Note: On May 27, a male falcon arrived at this site. On May 28, the pair was seen going in and out of the nest box and a scrape was found. Last year a pair of immature peregrines showed up here in early June. On June 23, I was able to get within 15 feet of the sub-adult female who was perched on the catwalk near the nest box. I was able to read a portion of her band number which indicates that she is a ‘97 wild-produced Canadian female.

-Racine: County Courthouse

Fresh mutes and a recent kill were found at this site on April 3 indicating activity but no falcons were seen. A lone male presumed to be "Joshua" is seen here occasionally. I checked this site again on April 16 but saw no activity. Two visits to this site in May yielded no results.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEST SITES

-Alma: Dairyland Power Coop

A pair of adult peregrines nested again at this site where three young were produced last spring. Bob Anderson reports that the pair produced 5 eggs. He also believes the pair here is the same as last year.

Adults identified: as *5/T a '96 captive-produced female hacked at Mason City, IA and 4/*G, a '95 wild-produced male from the NSP Sherco power plant in Becker, MN.

Eggs: 5 Laid Between April 12 - 20 *

Hatch Dates: May 20 - 25 *

Banded & Bled: June 12

Sexes: 3 Females & 1 Male

Projected Fledge Dates: June 29 - July 5 *

* = Approximate Dates

-Genoa: Power Plant

Last year a pair was present at this site but did not nest. After a territorial dispute on April 14 where the resident immature male was replaced by an adult male, things moved right ahead and the first successful nesting occurred. Bob Anderson reports that both adults are banded.

Eggs: 4 Laid in Mid-Late April *

Hatch Dates: Late May *

Banded & Bled: June 18

Sexes: 1 Female & 1 Male

Projected Fledge Dates: Early July *

* = Approximate Dates

Note: Bob Anderson reports a '98 wpr youngster from this site (3/*V) was killed by lightning on 6/20/98.

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