

WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH 1999 NESTING SEASON REPORT

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LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

Milwaukee: Firststar Center

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

This is Sibella's 11th year at Firststar and Bill's 9th.

Sibella has produced a total of 34 offspring since 1989.

Note: There is a high amount of disturbance (workers, helicopters, equipment, etc.) near the nest box this year. A new roof, window washing track system & neon signs are being installed above & near the nest box. The remaining infertile egg was salvaged on May 20.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 25 - 31

Projected Hatch Dates: May 1 - 3

Eggs Hatched: 3 Between May 3 -5 (only one survives)

Banded & Bled: 1 Female, May 28

-Milwaukee: Landmark on the Lake

At this apartment building on Prospect Ave., both "Alice" U/K and "Omni" 76T are back. This is their 6th year at this site.

So far they have produced a total of 19 young.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 12 - 18

Projected Hatch Dates: May 19 - 21

Eggs Hatched: 2 on May 20

Banding Scheduled: 2 Females on June 14

-Sheboygan: WP&L Edgewater Generating Station

An adult male is paired here with a female we believe is "Liberty" E/*D, a '96 wild-produced falcon from the Bailly Power Plant in Porter, Indiana. We're still 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 8 - 15

Projected Hatch Dates: May 15 - 17

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 15 - 17

Banded & Bled: 1 Female?, 3 Males, June 7

-Milwaukee: Froedtert Malt Complex

A adult male believed to be "**Leopold**" C/D, a captive-produced peregrine released at Pleasant Prairie, WI in '92, and present at this site since '94, is once again paired with female "**Raynie**" A/*H, a '95 wild-produced female from Chicago. This is Raynie's second year at this site. Leopold and Raynie produced four young here last year.

-Raynie is extremely aggressive and regularly attacks (and even tries to bind onto) the broom held above me when at this site.

Eggs Laid: 4 Laid between April 4 -10

Projected Hatch Dates: May 11 - 13

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 12 - 14

Banded & Bled: 2 Males, 2 Females, June 3

-Milwaukee: WEPCO Oak Creek Power Plant

An adult male believed to be "**Griffin**" 5/*D, a wild-produced falcon born atop Milwaukee's Landmark on the Lake apartment building in '94 is paired with **Atlanta** L/*C who I was able to identify while banding this week.

Atlanta is a wild-produced peregrine banded as a chick at the Green Bay, WI site in '96. That fall, she was found shot in Indiana. She was spent the next 6 mos. at the Raptor Center in MN for surgery and rehab. In May of '97, she was ready to be released and I planned on playing matchmaker by releasing her near a lone male at the Racine, WI Courthouse site.

But things didn't work out. It was a hot day and the airlines lost her en route to Milwaukee..... Finally at 7:30 that evening she arrived at Milwaukee's Mitchell Airport and I picked her up. By now however we had severe thunderstorm warnings so I couldn't release her and instead took her home, fed her and let her spend the night perched on the back of the chair in my library. The next morning I drove her to Racine and released her from atop the Courthouse and figured that was that.....

In January of '98 she was spotted at a nest site in Michigan City, IN and that spring she nested at the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in SE WI where she laid 4 eggs, hatched 2 and fledged one that died a few days later. In February of this year, she arrived at the Oak Creek

Power Plant (OCP) and battled with the resident female "Sheri" X/*U inflicting what were to be fatal injuries. Now, she's at the OCP and caring for 4 youngsters which I banded on June 8. Talk about a tough bird!!

Eggs: 4 Between April 10 -16

Projected Hatch Dates: May 17 - 19

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 17 - 20

Banded & Bled: 1 Female, 3 Males, June 8

-Manitowoc: Busch Agricultural Resources

The pair consists of **Nerissa *5/R**, Sibella's grand- daughter and an unbanded adult male believed to be the same male here last year. Nerissa arrived here as a youngster in '97 but did not nest. Last season she laid 4 eggs and produced 3 young.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 1 - 7

Projected Hatch Dates: May 8 - 10

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 8 - 10

Banded & Bled: 2 Females, 2 Males, June 1

-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 4th year this site has been an active nest site. I ID'd the new female at this site while banding. She is *H/2 : solid black band, left leg; silver USFWS band on right leg. This female has an interesting background. She was part of a clutch of eggs that were removed from a precarious ledge in Montreal in '97 and hatched in captivity. She was then sent along with her 2 siblings to Aurora, Ontario where they were hatched.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 29 - April 4

Projected Hatch Dates: May 5 - 8

Eggs Hatched: 2 Hatched Between May 8 - 9

Banded & Bled: 1 Female, 1 Male, June 1

-Pleasant Prairie: WEPCO Power Plant

March 24: three falcons were seen at this site and a battle ensued between the two females.

March 31: I found an immature female at this site but could not tell if it was banded. The unbanded adult male is believed to be the same male that nested here last year. A large scrape was present in the nest box.

April 15: Found 2 eggs here today and got the band # on the bedraggled imm. female. She is “**Breezer**” *R/*2 a ‘98 youngster from the U.S. Steel site in Gary, IN.

Eggs: 2 Laid by April 15

Projected Hatch Dates: Best guess: May 10 -20

Eggs Hatched: 2 Between May 14 - 16

Banded & Bled: 1 Female & 1 Male, June 3

-Port Washington: WEPCO Power Plant

March 31: One and sometimes two falcons have been seen at this throughout the spring but only a lone immature male falcon was seen here today. I was able to get a band number as it landed on the catwalk railing. The falcon is “**Flaps**” 8/*T, a ‘98 Green Bay, WI produced youngster.

April 15: Two falcons have still been seen here from time to time but for the most part it appears that Flaps is on his own.

April 21: Two falcons were seen here again.

April 26: Two falcons were seen going in and out of the nest box by Dawn Lemke and Steve Jagow. No scrape or eggs in box.

May 20: A peregrine at this site was found caught in an on-site pigeon trap and released unharmed.

-Racine: County Courthouse

April 5: A pair was seen at the nest box at this site today.

April 9: I visited the site today and found an ad. male (b/r band on rt. leg & purple USFWS band on left leg) courting an unbanded imm. female. The two flew together in some spectacular courtship flights and the male flew after & hit a crow. The ad. male may be "Joshua" (O/A), a 1993 Sheboygan augmented male.

April 15: No falcons present. I found an active crow nest on the communications tower across the street from the courthouse.

April 22: Only one falcon has been seen at this site this week.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SITES

-Alma: Dairyland Power Coop

The pair here is the same as last year; *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. John Thiel found all 5 eggs hatched on May 20. He estimates they were 5 - 7 days old.
-Banded on June 4 by Bob Anderson.

Eggs: 5 Laid by April 28

Projected Hatch Dates: ?

Eggs Hatched: 5 Between May 13 - 15

Banded & Bled: 1 Females & 4 Males, June 4

-Genoa: Power Plant

Bob Anderson reports that the pair at this site are incubating 4 eggs. He trapped the adult female and she is "**Scooter**" U/W, a '96 HY falcon from the Green Bay Pulliam site.

-Banded on June 4 by Bob Anderson.

-John Thiel identified the adult male at this site as: V/W. He is a captive-produced falcon from the Raptor Resource Project that was hacked from the Comsumer's Power Generating facility in West Olive, Michigan in 1995.

Eggs: 4 by April 22

Projected Hatch Dates: Late May

Eggs Hatched:

Banded & Bled: 2 Females & 2 Males, June 4

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