

# WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH 2000 NESTING SEASON REPORT

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This year, we had 11 active nest sites which produced a total of 38 young. Once again, all nest sites were urban but recent activity at historical nest cliffs along the Mississippi River is encouraging!

## LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

### Milwaukee: Firststar Center

"Sibella" 20V and "Bill" 74T are here once again. This is Sibella's 12 th year at Firststar and Bill's 10th.

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between April 5 - 13,

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 15 - 17

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between May 14 - 16

**Banded & Bled:** 1 female, 1 male: June 2, 1 female: July 7

### -Milwaukee: Landmark on the Lake

At this apartment building on Prospect Ave., both "Alice" U/K and "Omni" 76T are back. This is their 7th year at this site. So far they have produced a total of 23 young. Alice has also been very aggressive this year and has struck several people.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE "FALCON CAM LIVE" FROM THIS SITE AT: [www.mpm.edu](http://www.mpm.edu)**

**Eggs:** 5 Laid between April 12 - 21

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 19 - 23

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 20 - 23

**Banded & Bled:** 2 females, 2 males: June 10

**NOTE:** Omni was found injured on July 13 and sent to the Raptor Center the next day. We are awaiting a report on his condition.

### -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 3rd year at this site. Raynie remains extremely aggressive and regularly attacks (and even tries to bind onto) the broom held above me when at this site. This year the pair laid eggs in the box on the north tower. For safety reasons, the young were moved to the larger box on the center tower on May 15.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 21 - 27

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 28 - 30

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between April 28 - 30

**Banded & Bled:** 2 males, 2 females: May 23

### -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

**Eggs:** Incubation underway since April 3 - 4

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 7 - 9

**Eggs Hatched:** May 11 - 13

**Banded & Bled:** 4 females: June 3

### -Port Washington: WEPCO Power Plant

Adults: "**Flaps**" 8/\*T who was formerly at the Sheboygan site and paired with "Liberty" is now at this site and mated with "**Whitney**" 6/\*E a '99 MKE Froedtert produced youngster.

**Eggs:** 3 laid by 4/28

**Projected Hatch Dates:** June 1 - 3

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between May 29 - 31

**Banded & Bled:** 1 female, 2 males: June 21

**NOTE:** "Flaps" fathered a total of 7 young this year; 4 at Sheboygan and 3 at Port Washington

### **-Sheboygan: WP&L Edgewater Generating Station**

An adult male “**Flaps**” 8/\*T (left leg), a '98 wpr falcon from Green Bay was paired here with “**Liberty**” E/\*D, a '96 wild-produced falcon from the Bailly Power Plant in Porter, Indiana. I also ID'd last spring at the WEPCO Port Washington Power Plant.

**NOTE:** A new male at this site has displaced “Flaps”. He is banded but we have not been able to identify him yet.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 30 - April 6

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 7 - 9

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 7 - 9

**Banded & Bled:** 3 females, 1 male: May 26

### **-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.

**May 16:** Salvaged 1 infertile egg.

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

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

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 between April 26 - 28

**Banded & Bled:** 1 female, 1 male: May 16

### **-Green Bay: WPS Pulliam Power Plant**

The male is banded & wild-produced. I believe this is the same pair as last season. Female is \*H/2 of Canadian origin.

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between March 12 - 19

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 19 - 21

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between April 22 - 24

**Banded & Bled:** 3 females, 1 male: May 10

### -Pleasant Prairie: WEPCO Power Plant

The ad. female is "**Breezer**" \*R/\*2 a '98 youngster from the U.S. Steel site in Gary, IN; the same female that nested here last year. A new male is at this site. The partially eaten remains of an (unbanded) adult male, believed to be the same male that has nested at this site for the past three years, was found inside the nest box. I couldn't tell if the new male was banded

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 6 - 12

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

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between May 13 - 15

**Banded & Bled:** 1 female, 2 males: May 31

### -Racine: County Courthouse

**April 14:** Wayne Johnson phoned to let me know that 2 falcons are present here.

**April 18:** Observed an adult male at this site with an almost solid black head. Found remains of woodcock and tern kills

**April 25:** Observed 2 imm. falcons here. Both are banded. The male is "**Donny**" M/E, a '99 Manitowoc, WI wpr falcon.

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER SITES

### -Alma: Dairyland Power Coop

Bob Anderson and John Thiel report that the adult female here is the same as last year; "**Alma**" \*5/T, a '96 captive-produced female hatched at Mason City, IA. A new adult male \*T/P a '97 wpr falcon from the NSP Prairie Island site displaced 4/\*G.

**Banded & Bled:** 1 female, 2 males: June 14

### -Genoa: Dairyland Power Plant

Bob Anderson reports that female "**Scooter**" U/W, a '96 wpr falcon from the Green Bay Pulliam site is paired with V/W a captive produced male released at Consumers Power Plant in West Olive, MI in '95.

**Banded & Bled:** 1 female, 3 males: June 7

### **-Pierce County: Maiden Rock**

Bob Anderson reports activity at this cliff site. Two falcons were also reported here by Tordoff et al on 4/14.

**May 2:** Bob Anderson reports falcons observed at this site.

**May 2:** Bud Tordoff also reports falcons at this site. **Male is \*3/\*W**, a '98 wpr falcon from the NSP Prairie Island power plant and the **female is: \*E/\*W**, a '99 wpr falcon from the Cedar Rapids bank site.

### **-Buffalo County: Maason's Bluff**

Bob Anderson and Dave Linderud report a pair of falcons have occupied this historical cliff nest site.

**July 13:** Bob Anderson, Tim Ellestad, John Thiel, Jim Barden, Dave Linderud, Gary Grunweld met at the bluff with spotting scopes in an attempt to get band numbers. The pair here consists of a sub-adult female and an adult male. No band numbers were read.

### **-Nelson**

**April 12-13:** A pair of falcons were observed along the string of cliffs just below the cheese factory also on.

### **-Fountain City**

**April 12-13:** A pair of falcons were observed here 1.5 mi. south of town

### **-Diamond Bluff**

**May 2:** Bob Anderson reports falcons observed at this site.

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