

WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH 2004 NESTING SEASON REPORT

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This year there were 20 active (eggs laid) Peregrine nest sites in Wisconsin with 18 of these producing a total of 55 young or an average of 3.05/young per nest.

LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

-Pleasant Prairie: We Energies Power Plant

The ad. female here is “**Breezer**” (b/r) *R/*2 produced in ‘98 at the U.S. Steel site in Gary, IN. No ID yet on the ad. male.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 8 – 14

Projected Hatch Dates: April 14 - 16

Eggs Hatched: 2 Between April 23 – 25

Banded: 1 Male & 1 female on May 15

-Port Washington: We Energies Power Plant

The male here is “**Flaps**” (b/r) 8/*T, a ‘98 Green Bay wpr falcon. The female here is “**Whitney**” (b/g) 6/*E, a ‘99 MKE Froedtert-produced youngster. This is the 5th year at this site for both.

Eggs: 5 Laid between March 24 – April 4

Projected Hatch Dates: May 2 – 5

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 4 - 6

Banded: 4 Males on May 26

-Racine: County Courthouse

The adult male here is “**Scott**” (b/g) M/Y, a wpr falcon produced in 2000 at the Froedtert Malt Complex in West Allis, WI. The female is “**Lily**” (b/g) 56/A, the same falcon nesting here now for 3 years.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 28 – April 3

Projected Hatch Dates: May 4 – 6

Eggs Hatched: 2 on May 7

Banded: 1 Female & 1 male on May 28

-Green Bay: WPS Pulliam Power Plant

The adult female at this site (bl) *H/2 who has nested here since 1999. No ID yet on the adult male.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 28 – April 9

Projected Hatch Dates: May 4 – 12

Eggs Hatched: 2 Between May 7 – 9

Banded: 1 Female & 1 male on May 29

-Manitowoc: Busch Agricultural Resources

The new female here is (b/g) 7/*U a '01 wpr falcon from the New Center in Detroit, MI. The adult male is not banded.

Eggs: 5 Laid between April 6 – 14

Projected Hatch Dates: May 12 - 14

Eggs Hatched: 5 Between May 10 – 14

Banded: 3 Females & 2 males on May 31

-Sheboygan: Edgewater Generating Station

The adult female at this site again appears to be “Liberty” (b/r) E/*D. This is her 5th year at this site. The ad. male has not been ID'd.

Eggs: 5 Laid between April 1- 9

Projected Hatch Dates: May 8 – 12

Eggs Hatched: May 10 - 12

Banded: 1 Female & 2 males on May 31

-Milwaukee: We Energies Valley Power Plant

Bob Meidl reports the new female here is “Liberty” (b/g) 0/*T. Liberty was hatched in '02 at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI. No ID yet on the adult male.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 2 - 9

Projected Hatch Dates: May 10 - 12

Eggs Hatched: 3 on May 10

Banded: 3 Males on June 1

-Oak Creek: We Energies Power Plant

I believe adults at this site are once again: "**Griffin**" 5/*D, a '94 wpr tiercel born atop Milwaukee's Landmark on the Lake apartment building site; and "**Atlanta**" L/*C a '96 wpr falcon from the Green Bay WPS Pulliam site.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 2 - 9

Projected Hatch Dates: May 10 – 12

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 10 - 12

Banded: 2 Females & 2 males on June 2

-Kewaunee: Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant

Adult female is "**Sheila**" (b/g) 6/*H. Ad. male is banded but not ID'd.

Banded: 1 Female & 2 males on June 4

-Milwaukee: Froedtert Malt Complex

I believe "**Leopold**" (b/r) 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**" (b/r) A/*H, a '95 wild-produced female from Chicago. This is Raynie's 8th year at this site.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 9 - 15

Projected Hatch Dates: May 16 – 18

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 16 – 18

Banded: 1 Female & 3 males on June 7

-Milwaukee: Miller Brewery

The adult female is "**Traveler**" (b/g) 8/*C, a 2000 wpr falcon from the Green Bay, Pulliam site. The new male here is an immature.

Eggs: 2 Laid By April 23

Projected Hatch Dates: May 27

Eggs Hatched: 2 on May 27

Banded: 1 Female & 1 male on June 17

-Jefferson: Cargill Malt Complex

At long last we have a successful nest at this site. I inspected the nest box again on May 14 and found 4 eggs being incubated by the ad. male. I also have a partial band # of (b/g) N/?. The imm. female is “**Smokey**” (b/g) **82/A**, a youngster produced last year at the Edgewater Generating Station in Sheboygan.

Eggs: 4 by May 14

Hatch Dates: June 10 - 11

Banded: 2 Females & 1 male on July 3

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SITES

The following accounts were excerpted from reports compiled by Bob Anderson, Director of the Raptor Resource Project.

Dairyland Power Cooperative, Genoa, WI

Adult Data: Adult female: **U/W** Adult male: **21/H**

Eyass Data: Banded 1 Female & 3 males on May 21

Castle Rock Cliff across River from Winona, MN

Adult Data: No ID's

Eyass Data: Banded 2 Females & 2 males on June 17

Maiden Rock Cliff, Buffalo County, WI

Adult Data: No ID's

Eyass Data: Banded 2 Females on June 18

Maassen's Bluff, South of Nelson, WI

Adult Data: A b/g band could be seen on the adult female. No look at the adult male.

Eyass Data: Banded 1 Male on June 18

Dairyland Alma Power Plant Alma, WI

Adult Data: Adult Female: **R/A**, Adult Male: **23/M**

Eyass Data: Banded 1 Female & 3 males on June 18

Lynxville Cliff, Crawford County, WI

Eyass Data: 3 young banded

FAILED NESTS

Bong Bridge, Superior, WI

Dave Evans, Dan Harrington, WI DOT, and Bud Tordoff visited the site on June 4 and found four deserted eggs. No adults were seen.

Nelson Dewey Power Plant, Cassville, WI

Male **G/V** was here for his fourth year at this site. Female **13/B**, a two-year-old from Woodmen Tower, Omaha, Nebraska, was found dead near the stack on April 18, most likely victim of a territorial fight. On May 12, Anderson found a new adult female, **Z/Y or Z/V**, incubating four eggs. On June 16, only a single ripe egg was present in the nest.

NEW TERRITORIAL PAIRS (NO EGGS)

Kenosha Memorial Hospital, Kenosha, WI

On April 23, I identified the new ad. male here as (b/g) 30/H “Macro” who was wpr at the LTV Steel site in Cleveland OH in 2001. The imm. female is banded but no ID yet. The pair has been present all summer according to Bob Cook.

Weston Power Plant, Rothschild, WI

On April 29, I visited this site after reports of two falcons being seen near the nest box. I observed the ad. male but did not see the female. Sporadic observations of two falcons continued through the summer.

For live web cam images of nest sites, check out the following links:

We Energies Nest Sites

http://www.we-energies.com/environment/peregrine_falcon.htm

WI Public Service Nest Site

<http://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/news/falcons.asp>

For information on Mississippi River nest sites check out the

Raptor Resource Project

<http://www.raptorresource.org/>

For additional information on the Peregrine Falcon Recovery

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