

# WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH 2009 NESTING SEASON REPORT

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*“Nora” (b/g) P/76 above, hatched in 2005 at the Graysolon Plaza in Duluth, MN has nested at the Thilmany Mill in Kaukauna, WI since 2007 producing a total of 11 young.*

This year In Wisconsin there was a known total of 82 young produced at 30 successful (young produced) peregrine falcon nest sites. Twelve nests were located along the Lake Michigan shoreline, 5 along the Fox River, 2 along the Wisconsin River, 2 on the shores of Lake Superior, 7 along the Mississippi River (4 on cliffs) (*source RRP web site*), and 2 inland at Madison and Jefferson. The following pages provide an overview of the 2009 nesting season.

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## LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

### Pleasant Prairie: We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant



**Nesting Details**



**Above left: Thilmany**  
**Center: Chance**  
**Above right: Dave**

**Adult Female: “Thilmany” (b/g) N/44**

produced in 2007 at the Thilmany Mill site in Kaukauna, WI. This was her first year at Pleasant Prairie.

**Adult Male: “Dave” (b/g) P/36** a 2006 falcon produced at the We Energies Port Washington Generating Station, also his first year here.

**Note:** There was a complete turnover of adults at this site with eggs laid by two different females.

**Eggs:** 2 - 1 Laid on April 13 by a b/g ad. female, 1 laid by Thilmany (b/g) P/36 on April 26

**Projected Hatch Dates:** First egg April 16, Second egg May 29

**Eggs Hatched:** First egg on May 30 (47 days after it was laid)

**Banded:** 1 Female on May 30

This site has been active since 1997 producing a total of 38 yng. (2.92/year).

**Banding Data**

Name	Sex	Color Band	USFWS Band
Chance	Female	(b/r) 49/E	1687-300362

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 32' 16 N, 87 Degrees 54' 13 W



## Racine: Racine County Courthouse



*Left: R/13 at her nest box  
Above: Baylee after banding*



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: (b/g) R/13** produced in 2007 at the Tower Bldg. in South Bend, IN, here for her first year.

**Adult Male: "Beaster" (b/g) 67/M** produced in 2005 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant, back for his second year.

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between April 3 – April 10

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 11 – 13

**Eggs Hatched:** 1 on May 14

**Banded:** 1 Male on June 1

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 18 young (2.25/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Color Band	USFWS Band
Baylee	Male	(b/r) 09/B	1126-06522

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 43' 30 N, 87 Degrees 47' 03 W

## Oak Creek: We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Atlanta” (b/r) L/\*C** produced in 1996 at the WPS Pulliam Power Plant site in Green Bay, WI. This is Atlanta’s 11th year here.

**Adult Male: “Scott” (b/g) M/Y** here for his 4th year was produced in 2000 at the Malteurop complex (formerly Froedtert Malt complex) in West Milwaukee, WI.



**Above:** Atlanta in front of her new nest box.

**Below:** Rose & Lumpy

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between April 7 – 16

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

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 Between May 15 – 17

**Banded:** 1 Female and 1 male on June 5

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 40 young (3.3/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Rose	Female	(b/r) 34/E	1687-30297
Lumpy	Male	(b/r) 11/B	1126-06578

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 50' 48 N, 87 Degrees 49' 46 W



**Milwaukee: US Bank** (formerly Firststar Center)



**Nesting Details**

**Adult Female: “Maya” (b/g) M/12** produced in 2006 at the WPS Weston Power Plant in Rothschild, WI. This is her 2nd year at this site.

**Adult Male:** Unidentified but banded b/g.

**Eggs:** 2 Laid between March 27 – April 2

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 2 – 3

**Eggs Hatched:** 1 on May 6

**Banded:** 1 Male on May 29

This site has been active since 1988 producing a total of 49 young (2.2/year).



**Above:** Maya and her lone chick Jonathan  
**Left:** Jonathan on banding day



**Banding Data**

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Jonathan	Male	(b/r) 05/B	1126-06528

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 02' 18 N, 87 Degrees 54' 10 W

## Milwaukee: We Energies Valley Power Plant



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Jean” (b/g) 19/C**  
produced in 2005 at the Evanston Library site in Evanston, IL back for her 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**Adult Male: “Swede” (b/g) P/Z**  
produced at the Green Bay Puliam site in 1999 likely here for his 4<sup>th</sup> year.

**Note:** I banded my 500<sup>th</sup> wild-produced WI peregrine here this year. A very special thanks goes to Noel Cutright, Mike Grisar and Kris McKinney of We Energies for their much appreciated recognition and support.

**Eggs:** 5 Laid between March 28 – April 8

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 5 – 9

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 on May 15

**Banded:** 1 Female & 1 male on May 29

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 19 young (2.4/year).



**Left: Lilly & Butch**  
**Above right: Jean**  
**Below right: Swede**

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Lilly	Female	(b/g) R/45	1687-01876
Butch	Male	(b/r) 06/B	1126-06520

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 02' 28 N, 87 Degrees 57' 49 W



**Milwaukee: Miller Brewery**



**Nesting Details**

**Adult Female:** Unbanded but believed to be the same as in past years.

**Adult Male: "Herbert" (b/g) 80/N**  
produced in 2004 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee - back for his 4th year.

**Left: Herbert**  
**Above: The adult female**  
**Below: Their 4 young**

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between March 25 – April 2

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 3 – 5

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 Between May 3 – 5

**Banded:** 2 Females & 2 males on May 30

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 24 young (3.0/year).

**Banding Data**

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Deb	Female	(b/r) 30/E	1687-01832
Sally	Female	(b/r) 31/E	1687-01875
PBR	Male	(b/r) 07/B	1126-06518
Highlife	Male	(b/r) 08/B	1126-06521

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 02' 28 N, 87 Degrees 57' 49 W

**West Milwaukee: Malteurop** (formerly Froedtert Malt Complex - ADM)



**Nesting Details**

**Adult Female: "Raynie" (b/r) A/\*H** a 1995 produced falcon from Chicago. This is Raynie's 11th year at this site.

**Adult Male: "JJ" (b/g) 96/N** produced in 2005 at the Renew Energy site at Jefferson, WI - the old Ladish/Cargill site.

**Note:** When I arrived here to band the lone chick on June 8 I found it gone – it had been present on May 27. When I checked the nest box again on July 17, I found Raynie with a new clutch of 4 eggs. This late second clutch was determined to be infertile on August 10 and salvaged on August 19.

**Eggs:** 4 Between April 6 – 12

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

**Eggs Hatched:** 1 on May 16

**Chick Died:** Between May 27 – June 8



**Above:** Raynie perched alone in the rain on June 8

**Below L to R:** The first clutch, the ill-fated lone chick photographed on May 27, and the second infertile clutch

This site has been active since 1995 producing a total of 41 young (2.7/year).

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 59' 58 N, 87 Degrees 58' 02 W

Milwaukee: UW – Milwaukee, EMS Building **NEW SITE**



**Nesting Details**

**Adult Female:** Unbanded  
**Adult Male:** "Samson" (b/g) E/43  
produced in 2007 at Milwaukee's US  
Bank site.

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between April 8 –16  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 15 – 17  
**Eggs Hatched:** 4 Between May 16 – 18  
**Banded:** 3 Females & 1 male on June 8



*Above: Banding day portrait  
Below: A web cam image of the  
unbanded adult female feeding her  
freshly hatched young*

**Banding Data**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Project Band</b>	<b>USFWS Band</b>
Rosalind	Female	(b/r) 40/E	1687-30353
Jane	Female	(b/r) 41/E	1687-30354
Rachel	Female	(b/r) 43/E	1687-30298
Mendel	Male	(b/r) 13/B	1126-06581

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 01' 25 N, 87 Degrees 53' 54 W



## Port Washington: We Energies Port Washington Generating Station



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: "Icon" (b/g) 50/D**  
produced in 2004 at the LTV Steel site in Cleveland, OH. This is her 4th year at this site.

**Adult Male:** Unidentified but banded b/g 7/?

**Eggs:** 4 Between April 1 – 9

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 10 – 12

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 Between May 13 – 16

**Banded:** 2 Females & 1 male on June 2

This site has been active since 2000 producing a total of 34 young (3.4/year).



**Above:** Icon above her nest box

**Above left:** Icon's three chicks safely back in their nest box after banding

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Seapro	Female	(b/g) R/97	1687-30293
Arro	Female	(b/g) R/43	1687-30294
Herzig	Male	(b/r) 10/B	1126-06577

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 23' 01 N, 87 Degrees 52' 13 W

## Sheboygan: Edgewater Generating Station



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: (b/g) P/63** produced in 2005 at Grand Haven L. and P., Sims Plant, Grand Haven, Ottawa County, MI. This is her second year at this site.

**Adult Male:** Unidentified but banded b/g.

**Eggs:** 4 Between April 6 – 13

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 14 – 16

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 Between on May 14 – 16

**Banded:** 2 Females & 1 male on June 5



**Above left:** P/63

**Below right:** Hayden, Hunter and Hudson

This site has been active since 1992 producing a total of 55 young (3.05/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Hayden	Female	(b/r) 35/E	1687-30299
Hunter	Female	(b/r) 36/E	1687-30300
Hudson	Male	(b/r) 12/B	1126-06576

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 42' 58 N, 87 Degrees 42' 22 W

**Manitowoc: Busch Agricultural Resources**



**Nesting Details**

**Adult Female:** (b/g) 7/\*U produced in 2001 at the New Center in Detroit, MI. This is her 6th year at this site.

**Adult Male:** Unbanded believed to be the same male as past years.

**Eggs:** 5 Between April 8 – 15

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 16 – 18

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 Between May 16 – 18

**Banded:** 3 Males on June 12

*Above left: 7/\*U*

*Above right: The large unbanded adult male*

*Below: Banding day*

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 43 young (3.58/year).

**Banding Data**

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Troy	Male	(b/r) 84/A	2206-84660
Jim	Male	(b/r) 85/A	1126-06585
Peyton	Male	(b/r) 86/A	1126-06588

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 05' 19 N, 87 Degrees 39' 16 W



## Kewaunee: Dominion Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant

Peregrines were first seen here in early February by Craig Long. On June 16 he reported three young fledged one of which was found dead the next day. Plans are still being considered to move the nest box from atop the containment dome to a more manageable and safer location on the corner of the plant roof. Once this is completed, it is hoped banding can resume at this site. No falcons have been banded here since 2005.

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of 20 young (2.22/year)  
**GPS:** 44 Degrees 20' 31 N, 87 Degrees 32' 10 W

## FOX RIVER NEST SITES

### Green Bay: WPS Pulliam Power Plant



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: "Beth" (b/g) 25/B**  
 produced in 2003 at the Midwest Generation Power Plant in Waukegan, IL., back for at least her 4<sup>th</sup> year.

**Adult Male: (b/g) 45/H** produced in 2001 at the Grand Haven L., Sims Plant site in Grand Haven, MI back for at least his 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between March 24 – 31  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 30 – May 2  
**Eggs Hatched:** 4 By May 2  
**Banded:** 2 Females & 2 males on May 21

This site has been active since 1996 producing a total of 44 young (3.14/year).



#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Lisa	Female	(b/g) R/39	1687-01690
Cazadora	Female	(b/g) R/42	1687-01689
Madison	Male	(b/r) 03/B	1126-06526
Thunder	Male	(b/r) 04/B	1126-06609

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 32' 22 N, 88 Degrees 00' 32 W

**Above:** Beth incubating - captured on the web cam  
**Below:** The 4 chicks on banding day

## Green Bay: Georgia Pacific Mill



### Nesting Details

**Adult Male: "Elmo" (b/g) E/08**  
produced in 2006 at the Busch  
Agricultural Complex in Manitowoc, WI  
likely back for his second year.

**Adult Female:** Unbanded

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between April 3 – 12

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

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 Between May 13 – 15

**Banded:** 2 Females & 1 male on June 9

**Note:** Last year peregrines at this site  
nested atop an old silo in the midst of a  
demolition project. This year the falcons  
nested in the new nest box built for them  
last fall.



**Left:** The 2009 youngsters

**Above:** The unbanded adult female

This site has been active since 2008 producing a total of 4 young (2.0/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Rose	Female	(b/r) 42/E	1687-30357
Freedom	Female	(b/r) 44/E	1687-30356
Fawkes	Male	(b/r) 80/A	1126-06580

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 29' 33 N, 88 Degrees 01' 50 W

## Kaukauna: Thilmany Mill



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Nora” (b/g) P/76** produced in 2005 at the Graysolon Plaza in Duluth, MN – here for her 4<sup>th</sup> year.

**Adult Male:** No positive ID but believed to once again be “Ian” (b/g) 71/N a falcon produced at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in 2004 – his 4<sup>th</sup> year here.



**Left:** Nora’s four young on banding day  
**Above:** Nora holding her ground atop her nest box

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between April 8 – 15

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

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 Between May 13 – 15

**Banded:** 1 Female & 3 males on June 6

This site has been active since 2007 producing a total of 11 young (3.7/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Emilee	Female	(b/r) 37/E	1687-30351
Donna Mae	Female?	(b/r) 38/E	1687-30352
McKenzie	Female?	(b/r) 39/E	1687-01830
Meenie	Male	(b/r) 13/B	1126-06574

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 16’ 57 N, 88 Degrees 15’ 11 W



**Kimberly: New Page Kimberly Mill** (formerly StoraEnso Kimberly Mill)



**Nesting Details**

**Adult Female: “Rose” (b/g) M/51**  
produced in 2006 at the Cargill Elevator site in Lake City, MN - her 2<sup>nd</sup> year here.

**Adult Male:** Unidentified

**Note:** The falcons at this site were present in their nest box beginning in late February but disappeared in mid-March. On April 30 Mark Nessmann found the pair had laid 3 eggs atop a silo on the backside of the elevator.



**Left:** The lone chick after banding

**Center:** The nest site in gravel and broken glass

**Above:** Rose – watching as I place her chick back in the nest

**Eggs:** 3 Laid between April 5 – 9

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 11

**Eggs Hatched:** 1 on May 11

**Banded:** 1 Female on May 29

**Note:** Egg laying and projected hatch dates are estimates.

This site has been active since 2005 producing a total of 15 young (3.0/year).

**Banding Data**

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Jody	Female?	R/95	1687-21304

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 16' 34 N, 88 Degrees 19' 51 W

## Menasha: Roland Kampo Bridge **NEW SITE**

On June 6, wildlife rehabilitator Randie Seagal received an immature male peregrine that was netted by a fisherman named Don Keiper from the waters of the Fox River under the Roland Kampo Bridge near Menasha. Don Keiper said there was an adult pair of peregrines at the site as well as what appeared to be another young falcon.



The falcon was wet but unharmed and cared for until June 12 when I met Randie and her husband at the Thermagen (formerly Minergy) nest site in nearby Neenah. This site is only about 2 miles from the bridge and has a large flat roof with parapet walls where the youngster could safely spend some time getting oriented.

*Left: The adult male circling above the Thermagen site*

*Above: Neptune just after release*

After banding/bleeding the falcon he was released on the roof and immediately an adult male peregrine showed up and began calling. It's hard to now for sure but I believe we may have reunited Neptune with his father. Unfortunately, there seems to be no safe access to the under structure of the Roland Kampo Bridge from above so we may never be able to band here.

### **Banding Data**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Project Band</b>	<b>USFWS Band</b>
Neptune	Male	(b/r) 83/A	2206-84655

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 13' 08 N, 88 Degrees 27' 93 W

## WISCONSIN RIVER NEST SITES

### Rothschild: WPS Weston Power Plant



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male:** Unbanded

**Eggs:** 4 Laid by April 10

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 10 – 12

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 on May 13

**Banded:** 2 Females on June 3

*Above left: The unbanded adult female*

*Above right: Her chicks*

*Below right: The unbanded adult male*

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 10 young (2.5/year).

#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Glider	Female	(b/r) 32/E	1687-30295
Charlene	Female	(b/r) 33/E	1687-30296

**GPS:** 44 degrees 51' 34 N, 89 degrees 38' 57 W



**Pardeeville: Alliant Columbia Generating Station**



**Nesting Details**

*Left: Hippie perched beneath the stack catwalk  
Above: A Wisconsin record clutch of 8 eggs  
Below: The 3 male chicks on banding day*

**Adult Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male: "Hippie" (b/g) 02/N** produced in 2003 at the Monticello Power Plant, Monticello, MN – likely the same male here since 2006.

**Eggs:** 8 Laid between April 16 – 30

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 19 – 30

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 Between June 4 – 8

**Banded:** 3 Males on June 26

*Note: Above laying and hatch dates are estimates*

This site has been active since 2006 producing a known total of at least 16 young (4.0/year).

**Banding Data**

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Larry	Male	(b/r) 88/A	1126-06582
Moe	Male	(b/r) 89/A	1126-06584
Curly	Male	(b/r) 40/D	1126-06590

**GPS:** 43 degrees 29' 17 N, 89 degrees 25' 15 W

## INLAND NEST SITES

### Jefferson: Renew Energy LLC Complex (formerly Cargill Malt Complex)



**Nesting Details**



**Adult Female:** “Smokey” (b/g) 82/A produced in 2003 at the Edgewater site in Sheboygan, WI. This is her 6th year here.

**Adult Male:** Unidentified but banded b/g replaces “Ceptyn” (b/g) N/Y who had nested here since at least 2006 was found dead this spring.

**Eggs:** 4 Laid between April 10 – 16

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 17 – 19

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 Between May 22 – 24

**Banded:** 3 Females & 1 male on June 12

**Above left:** The 4 variable colored eggs

**Below left:** The 4 chicks

**Above right:** Smokey on her perch next to the nest box

This site has been active since 2004 producing a total of 24 young (4.0/year).

#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Cirrus	Female?	(b/r) 45/E	1687-30357
Clipper	Female?	(b/r) 46/E	1687-30358
Vortex	Female?	(b/r) 47/E	1687-30359
Aspen	Male	(b/r) 48/E	1687-30360

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 02' 13 N, 88 Degrees 47' 38 W

## Madison: Madison Gas & Electric Company **NEW SITE**

Ten years after it was installed, the nest box at this site was occupied for the first time and produced 3 young. On April 17, Tim Ellestad was able to ID the adult male as "Verne" (b/g) E/42 who was produced at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in 2007. Plant manager Steve Schultz and his daughter Kara were able to confirm Tim Ellestad's tentative ID of the adult female as "Frightful" (b/g) P/15, produced in 2007 at the King Plant in Bayport, MN.



**Above:** Genny, Cole and Steve on banding day



### **Nesting Details**

**Adult Female:** "Frightful" (b/g) P/15 produced in 2007 at the King Plant in Bayport, MN.

**Adult Male:** "Verne" (b/g) E/42 produced in 2007 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI.

**Eggs:** 3 Laid between April 12 – 16

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 20 – 21

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 Between May 21 – 22

**Banded:** 1 Female & 2 males on June 12

**Note:** Egg laying and projected hatch dates are estimates.

### **Banding Data**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Project Band</b>	<b>USFWS Band</b>
Genny	Female	(b/r) 50/E	1698-30361
Cole	Male	(b/r) 81/A	2206-84657
Steve	Male	(b/r) 82/A	2206-84658

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 04' 46 N, 89 Degrees 22' 28 W



## LAKE SUPERIOR SITES

### Superior: General Mills **NEW SITE**

Dave Evans first observed a pair of adult peregrines here on April 8. This pair had nested on the nearby Blatnik Bridge in prior years. The nest location atop an elevator would make banding here difficult but not impossible. Dave observed two young on the edge of the silo on June 29 and found the partial remains of another young falcon so it appears this pair produced three young.



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: (black) \*B/8** produced in 2004 at Mt. McRae, Ontario, Canada.  
**Adult Male:** Unbanded but believed to be the same older male observed on the Blatnik Bridge in past years.

### Ashland: Ore Dock **NEW SITE**

Ryan Brady reported a pair of peregrines likely nesting at this site on June 1. Subsequent observations by Ryan, Sumner Matteson and Todd Nass confirmed the nest. This ore dock was scheduled for demolition but was spared to allow the peregrines time to nest and their young to fledge. On July 19, one of the young ended up grounded but was rescued and returned to the ore dock with the help of the local Fire Department and their 100-foot bucket ladder. The remaining two young fledged successfully.



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unbanded  
**Adult Male: "Napoleon" (b/g) W/47** produced in 2006 at the North Shore Mining nest site in Silver Bay, MN.

**Eggs:** At least 3

**Eggs Hatched:** Approx. June 10

**Fledged:** 3 the week of July 19

**GPS:** 46 Degrees 59' 83 N, 90 Degrees 87' 79 W



**Above:** The young falcon that ended up grounded and rescued on its' maiden flight  
**Photo credit:** Ryan Brady

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEST SITES

**Pepin County: Maiden Rock** - 2 young produced

**Pepin County: West Bluff** - 4 young produced

**Crawford County: Lynxville Cliff** - 1 young produced

**Alma: 12-Mile Bluff** - 4 young produced

**Genoa: Dairyland Power Cooperative** - 4 young produced & lost

**Cassville: Nelson Dewey Alliant Power Plant** - 2 young produced

**La Crosse: US Bank** - 2 young produced

*For complete information on the Mississippi River nest sites visit the **Raptor Resource Project (RRP)** web site at: [www.raptorresource.org/](http://www.raptorresource.org/)*

## FAILED NEST SITES

### **Milwaukee: Mayfair Mall NEW SITE**

After numerous observations of peregrines at this site last spring, a nest box was installed atop the SE corner of the north mall tower.

A peregrine was first observed here this spring by Bob Meidl on March 8 and on March 10 I observed an adult male. On March 27, I found a banded b/g immature female peregrine at the nest box and subsequent visits were rewarded with observations

of a territorial pair consisting of an adult male and an immature female along with a scrape in the nest box. On May 5 I found two cold intact eggs, one badly broken egg and no peregrines at this site. During this same week there was a window-washing project underway and I believe this disturbance may have caused the site to be deserted.

On May 16, I observed a new adult female here with a full crop. The adult male was also present and chased off an intruder. This new adult female could be the same female ID'd as (b/g) K/52 at the We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant during the same time frame. We're hopeful that next spring, window washing at this site can be scheduled around the nesting season and that we'll see a successful nesting here.



**Above:** *The two intact and one broken eggs along with a primary flight feather likely molted by the immature female.*

## ACTIVE/NON-PRODUCTIVE SITES

### Milwaukee: We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant

A nest box was installed here in 2007 and a web cam activated afterwards. This spring peregrines were observed on several occasions during May and an adult female was ID'd in the nest box via the web cam by Bob Meidl on May 20.

This female was ID'd as "**Dixie**" (b/g) K/52 produced in 2007 at the US Bank site in La Crosse, WI. Although activity dropped off here in June, it is hoped this site will be successful next year.



*Above: Dixie captured on the web cam inside the nest box at We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant*

### Two Rivers: Fisher Hamilton Complex

After the failed nesting attempt here in 2007 a nest box was installed on the roof of the main office building and peregrines have been seen each spring since. However, no nesting attempts have been made.

### Neenah: Thermagen Power (formerly Minergy Glass Aggregate Plant)

Once again, a number of peregrines were observed here this spring according to Jan Schmidt. There was no tracking cam at the nest box this year so none of the visiting falcons were identified and unfortunately, none nested. It is believed that the peregrines that nested on the nearby Roland Kampo Bridge this spring may be the same falcons visiting this site.



## Kenosha: United Hospital System, Kenosha Medical Center

After the loss the adult female (“Blessing” (b/g) W/17) here last summer It was hoped that her mate “Aaron” (b/g) 80/H would attract a new mate. However, on March 6, “Aaron” was found injured with a dislocated elbow near Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport and sent to Willowbrook Wildlife Haven for rehab. From there he went to SOAR where George Richter flight conditioned him before being returned to the Hospital where he was released on July 2. Bob Springer reports the very next day “Aaron” was joined by a new female.



*Above: George Richter of SOAR readies Aaron for release on the hospital roof after 4 months of rehab*

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 7 young (1.75/year).

## Milwaukee: Hoan Bridge Territory/MMSD

The Hoan Bridge Territory consists of the Hoan Bridge and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) complex and peregrines have nested at both locations. The nearby Nidera elevator complex although not used for nesting thus far can be considered part of the same territory.

Known successful nesting attempts occurred at the Hoan Bridge in 1999 and at MMSD in 2008. Because of the large number of prospective nest locations especially under the bridge it is possible that peregrines have nested here undetected in past years. However, given the amount of human activity throughout this territory, it’s hard to imagine that nesting peregrines would go unnoticed. During the 2009 nesting season, I visited this territory on 12 occasions and spent considerable effort trying to locate a nest but found none.

**Adult Female:** (b/g) ?/C likely (b/g) 19/C who nested at the nearby Valley Power Plant.

**Adult Male:** “Hoffmann” (b/g) 54/M produced in 2003 at the Edgewater Generating Station site in Sheboygan, WI back for his second year.

## WISCONSIN PRODUCED PEREGRINES NESTING IN OTHER STATES



Over the past 20+ years we've had numerous Wisconsin-produced peregrines survive and nest in other states. In 2009 Wisconsin peregrines were identified in the following states: IL (M. Hennen), IN (J. Castrale), OH (OH DNR web site) and PA (W. PA Conservancy web site). Although there are likely others that have yet to be identified, following is known information on Wisconsin-produced peregrines that nested or were identified in other states for 2009:

### ILLINOIS

**“Auntie Em” (b/g) 5/\*P**, a female produced at Milwaukee’s Landmark on the Lake site in 1999 paired with male believed to be Tracy (b/g) \*P/M who was produced at the Broadway site in 1997. The pair nested at 5821 N. Broadway, in Chicago producing 5 young.

**“Rosie” (b/r) \*6/D**, a female produced at Milwaukee’s Landmark on the Lake site in 1997 paired with an unbanded male at the University of IL Chicago site and produced 2 young.

**“Fran” (b/g) 5/\*X**, a female produced at Milwaukee’s Hoan Bridge site in 1999 paired with an unidentified male at the Waukegan site producing 4 young.

**“Amazon” (b/g) R/38**, a female produced at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant was identified along with a male banded (b/g) L/N at the Pilsen Park site but the nest box was not occupied.

**“Squawker” (b/g) 48/M**, a male produced at the We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in 2003 paired with a female banded (b/g) 64/D produced at Cedar Rapids, IA in 2004. They nested at the Evanston Library site and produced 4 young.

**“Rahn” (b/g) 01/A**, a female produced at the Edgewater site in Sheboygan, WI in 2001 paired with male **“Joe” (b/g) 59/H** who was produced at West Milwaukee’s Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) in 2001. The pair nested at the Wacker Drive site in Chicago and produced 4 young.

**“Helen” (b/g) 73/D**, a female produced at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI in 2004 paired with an unbanded male and nested at the South Loop/Michigan Ave, site producing 3 young.

**“Magnolia” (blk) 22/R**, a female hatched at La Crosse, WI in 1991 paired with (b/g) S/T who was produced in 2000 at Chicago’s Hyde Park site. They were observed in the nest box but no nesting occurred. Interestingly (b/g) S/T is Magnolia’s son.

**“Nitz” (b/g) 2/\*Y**, a female produced at Milwaukee’s Malteurop (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) site in 2001 nested with a male named “Dave” (b/g) 14/K. The pair produced 3 young at Chicago’s Lawndale site.

**“Emily” (b/g) 5/\*E**, a large male banded as a female who was produced at the We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek in 2000 paired with “Hercules” (b/r) \*D/W produced in Minneapolis, MN in 1997. The pair was present at the Metropolitan Correctional Center site in Chicago but failed to nest.

**“Malty” (b/g) 5/\*1**, a male produced in 2008 at Milwaukee’s Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) was observed with an unidentified female at the Calumet – Torrence Ave. site. They are believed to have attempted nesting but there was no indication that chicks were produced.

## INDIANA

**“Chantal” (b/r) \*B/\*C**, a female produced at West Milwaukee’s Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) in 1998 paired with male Kinney (b/r) 7/\*3 hatched at Lexington, KY in 1993. The pair nested at the Market Tower nest site in Indianapolis producing 4 young.

**“Latesha” (b/g) Z/K**, a female produced in Genoa, WI in 1999 is believed to be paired again with paired with male Rollin (b/r) K/\*8 produced in 1996 in Gary, IN. They nested at the NIPSCO Schahfer Plant in Wheatfield and produced at least 3 young.

**“Cloud Dancer” (b/r) \*B/\*G**, a female produced the WPS Pulliam site in Green Bay, WI in 1998 paired with (b/g) W/55 who was produced in 2007 at South Bend, IN. They produced 2 chicks at the NIPSCO Plant in Michigan City.

**“Shirley” (b/g) N/36**, produced at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in 2007 paired with a male possibly banded (b/g) 58/N. They nested at the East Chicago, Inland Steel lime plant (Mittal Steel, Indiana harbor East) producing one young.



## PENNSYLVANIA

**“Dorothy” (b/g) 5/\*A**, who was produced at Milwaukee’s US Bank site in 1999 paired with a male banded E2. They nested at the Cathedral of Learning site at the University of Pittsburgh producing 4 young.

## OHIO

**“Newton” (b/g) 18/A**, a female produced at the Kewaunee Nuclear Plant in Kewaunee, WI in 2001 paired with male Bolt (b/g) 18/P produced at the Bohn Building site in Cleveland, OH in 2003. The pair nested at the I-90 Bridge site in Cleveland producing 2 young.

**“Princess” (b/r) \*B/\*S**, a female produced at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI in 1998 paired with male Powerhouse (b/g) 31/K produced at the Miami Ft. Stn. Cinergy site in Cleves, OH in 2002. This pair nested at the PNC Bank site in Cincinnati and produced 4 young.

**“Jesse” (b/g) 97/A**, a female produced in 2005 at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in Port Washington, paired with a male named “Pinkie” (b/g) 73/E who was produced in 2003 at the IPL Stout Plant in Indianapolis, IN. The pair nested at the J. M. Stuart Power Plant in Aberdeen, OH and produced 4 young.



## WI PEREGRINE FALCONS FOUND INJURED/DEAD IN WI 2009

The following provides information re. Peregrine Falcons that (to the best of my knowledge) were identified and reported injured or dead in Wisconsin as of December 31, 2009. Falcon IDs are in [Blue](#).

### **We-Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha Co.**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Date Banded
<a href="#">Bob</a>	<a href="#">M</a>	<a href="#">(b/g) E/54</a>	<a href="#">2206-84681</a>	<a href="#">5/16/08</a>

The remains of E/54 were reported found on March 26 in Oconto County, WI. A necropsy indicated that a wire collision was the likely cause of death.

### **WE-Energies Port Washington Power Plant, Ozaukee County, WI:**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Date Banded
<a href="#">Ceptyn</a>	<a href="#">M</a>	<a href="#">(b/g) N/Y</a>	<a href="#">2206-28950</a>	<a href="#">5/30/02</a>

The desiccated remains of (b/g) N/Y were found in a farm field near the Renew Energy site in Jefferson, WI on May 8. N/Y was identified nesting at this site in 2007 and 2008 and likely had nested there for several years.

### **WP&L Egdewater Power Plant, Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Date Banded
<a href="#">Powder</a>	<a href="#">M</a>	<a href="#">(b/g) 53/M</a>	<a href="#">2206-49425</a>	<a href="#">6/6/03</a>

The desiccated remains of 53/M were found on the roof of the Busch Agricultural site in Manitowoc, WI on May 14. Workers reported seeing two males at this site a few months earlier and only one afterwards. It is possible Powder was killed by the resident male in a territorial battle.

### **Miller Brewery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band (L)	USFWS Band (R)	Date Banded
<a href="#">PBR</a>	<a href="#">M</a>	<a href="#">(b/r) 07/B</a>	<a href="#">1126-06518</a>	<a href="#">5/30/09</a>

On July 3, 07/B was found inside Milwaukee's Miller Park and couldn't get out. It was subsequently captured and taken to the Wisconsin Humane Society where it was examined, test flown, found in good condition and released.

### **WPS Pulliam Power Plant, Green Bay, Brown County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Date Banded
<a href="#">Cazadora</a>	<a href="#">F</a>	<a href="#">(b/g) R/42</a>	<a href="#">1687-01689</a>	<a href="#">5/21/09</a>

R/42 was hit by a Midwest Airlines Boeing 717 on landing at Milwaukee's Mitchell Airport on July 24 at 10:30 a.m. The carcass was found wedged between the left main landing gear wheels on the strut.

**MG&E, Madison, Dane County, WI**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>
Steve	M	(b/r) 82/A	2206-84658	6/12/09

82/A was found dead by Sarah White at the Graver property behind Olbrich Gardens in Madison, WI on July 31. A subsequent necropsy indicated electrocution as the cause of death.

**Alliant Energy, Columbia Generating Station, Portage, Columbia Co., WI**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>
Larry	M	(b/r) 88/A	1126-06582	6/26/09

88/A was found injured on the roof of the Columbia Generating Station site on August 28. He was transferred to the Raptor Education Group in Antigo, WI for rehab and because of his wing injuries is unreleasable.

**MG&E, Madison, Dane County, WI**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>
Genny	F	(b/r) 50/E	1698-30361	6/12/09

The remains of (b/r) 50/E were found inside the chimney at the MG&E site on September 23. She had been dead for some time.

**WI PEREGRINE FALCONS FOUND INJURED/DEAD IN IL 2009**

**Froedtert Malt Complex, West Allis, Milwaukee County, WI:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>
Aaron	M	80/H	2206-62783	6/03/02

80/H was found injured with a dislocated elbow on March 6 near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and sent to Willowbrook Wildlife Haven for rehab. From there 80/H went to SOAR where George Richter flight conditioned him before releasing him back at the Kenosha Medical Center on July 2. A full account is provided on page 27 of this report.



**Receipt of 2009 Salvaged WI Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) Eggs**

The following salvaged addled/infertile Peregrine falcon eggs were received:

**By:** Milwaukee Public Museum, Inc. on Dec. 3, 2009  
800 W. Wells St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

**From:** Greg Septon  
11100 West Ryan Road -USFWS Scientific Collecting Permit # MB101123-1  
Franklin, WI 53132 -WI Threatened & Endangered Species Permit # 270

**2 - Salvaged addled/infertile Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) eggs**

**NEST SITE:** WPS Weston Power Plant  
Rothschild, Marathon County, WI

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 51' 34 N  
89 Degrees 38' 57 W

**DATE SALVAGED:** 03 June 2009  
**SALVAGED BY:** Greg Septon

**1 - Salvaged addled/infertile Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) egg**

**NEST SITE:** Malteurop Complex (formerly Froedtert Malt)  
West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 59' 58 N  
87 Degrees 58' 02 W

**DATE SALVAGED:** 08 June 2009  
**SALVAGED BY:** Greg Septon

**1 - Salvaged addled/infertile Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) egg**

**NEST SITE:** Georgia Pacific Paper Mill  
Green Bay, Brown County, WI

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 29' 33 N  
88 Degrees 22' 28 W

**DATE SALVAGED:** 09 June 2009  
**SALVAGED BY:** Greg Septon

**2 - Salvaged addled/infertile Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) eggs**

**NEST SITE:** Alliant Columbia Generating Station  
Pardeeville, Columbia County, WI

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 29' 07 N  
87 Degrees 58' 02 W

**DATE SALVAGED:** 26 June 2009  
**SALVAGED BY:** Greg Septon

**2 - Salvaged addled/infertile Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) eggs**

**NEST SITE:** Mayfair Mall North Tower  
Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 04' 00 N  
88 Degrees 02' 48 W

**DATE SALVAGED:** 08 July 2009  
**SALVAGED BY:** Greg Septon

**4 - Salvaged addled/infertile Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) eggs**

**NEST SITE:** Malteurop Complex (formerly Froedtert Malt)  
West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 59' 58 N  
87 Degrees 58' 02 W

**DATE SALVAGED:** 19 August 2009  
**SALVAGED BY:** Greg Septon (NOTE: Infertile clutch from 2<sup>nd</sup> nesting attempt)

Received by: Wendy Christian Date: 12-3-09

## WISCONSIN NEST SITE TYPES & PRODUCTION 2009

Site Type	N	%Total	Site Type	Young	% Total
Power Plants	12	40%	Power Plants	34	43%
Buildings	12	40%	Buildings	32	39%
<i>Elevators/Silos</i>	4	13%	<i>Elevators/Silos</i>	12	15%
<i>Paper Mills</i>	3	10%	<i>Paper Mills</i>	8	10%
<i>Banks</i>	2	7%	<i>Banks</i>	3	4%
<i>Courthouses</i>	1	3%	<i>Courthouses</i>	1	1%
<i>Breweries</i>	1	3%	<i>Breweries</i>	4	5%
<i>Universities</i>	1	3%	<i>Universities</i>	4	5%
<i>Hospitals</i>	0	0%	<i>Hospitals</i>	0	0%
<i>Sewage Treatment</i>	0	0%	<i>Sewage Treatment</i>	0	0%
Natural Cliffs	4	13%	Natural Cliffs	11	13%
Bridges	1	3%	Bridges	2	2%
Ore Docks	1	3%	Ore Docks	3	4%
<b>Total Nest Sites</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>Total Young Produced</b>	<b>82</b>	

Note: Numbers of young represent known production. Percentages are rounded.

## WEB CAM LINKS

### We Energies Nest Sites

[http://www.we-energies.com/environmental/peregrine\\_falcons.htm](http://www.we-energies.com/environmental/peregrine_falcons.htm)

Also available are We Energies Nesting Season Updates and Annual Reports

### Wisconsin Public Service Nest Site

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

### U.W. – Milwaukee EMS Site

<http://bird.biosci.uwm.edu/webcam/birdcam/>

### New Page Kimberly Mill Nest Site

<http://www.tushaus.com/newpagefalcons/>

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