

# WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH 2015 NESTING SEASON REPORT

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**Above:** *“Adah” (b/r) 01/S, a female peregrine produced in 2010 at Queen’s Bluff, Winona, MN. “Adah” has been present at Milwaukee’s US Bank site since 2013. She nested successfully for her first time this year producing three young.*

The 2015 edition of Wisconsin Falconwatch is dedicated to the memory of Bob Anderson who passed away July 27, 2015. For nearly three decades Bob worked tirelessly to bring peregrines back to the cliffs above the Mississippi River and elsewhere in the Midwest.

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# WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH

## 2015 Nesting Season Overview

This year there was a known total of 97 young produced at 33 successful nest sites. Fourteen nests were located along the Lake Michigan shoreline, 5 along the Fox River, 2 along the Wisconsin River system (1 on a cliff), 3 on the shore of Lake Superior, 8 along the Mississippi River (4 on cliffs) (*source RRP*), and 1 inland at Madison.

Overall, we saw a nearly 6.5% increase in the number of successful nests from 31 in 2014, to 33 in 2015. Total production was the same as last year at 97 young, however average production was down a bit with 2.94 young/successful nest versus 3.13 young/successful nest in 2014.

These numbers once again reflect known production but the actual number may be higher. It is likely there are at least a few nests that we don't know about and others where outcomes are unknown such as the bridge nest at De Pere and the West Bluff site in Pepin County.

There were also 3 nests that were known to have failed this year due to various reasons. And once again there are those sites where we may never know outcomes because of limited access and/or viewing limitations such as the Racine quarry and the Roland Kampo bridge.

The table below explains nesting terminology used in this report. All nesting information is extracted from known, verifiable data.

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Successful =	Young produced
Failed =	Eggs Laid – no young produced
Active/Non-productive =	Falcons observed – no eggs produced
Outcome Unknown =	No confirmed outcomes
Color band: (b/r) =	Black/Red
Color band: (b/g) =	Black/Green
Color band: (b/blu) =	Black/Blue
Color band: (bl) =	Black

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Once again I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the many corporations, organizations and individuals (see Acknowledgements on pg. 49 in this report) that helped to make 2015 another successful year for Wisconsin's Peregrines.

The following pages provide an overview of the 2015 nesting season.



## LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

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



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Olivia” (b/r) 00/Y**, produced in 2010 at the Chase Bank, in Allen Co., OH. Olivia nested at the Kenosha Hospital site from 2011-2014. This was her first year at PPPP. She replaces “Thilmany” (b/g) 44/N who nested here from 2009-2014.

**Adult Male: “PBR” (b/r) 07/B**, was produced at Milwaukee’s Miller Brewery nest site in 2009. This is PBR’s 4<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 26 – April 1

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 2 – 4

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 on May 5

**Banded:** 1 female & 1 male on May 28

**Site Visits:** May 28



*Above: PBR*

*Below: Thunder & Sharkie*

This site has been active since 1997 producing a total of 58 young (3.05/year).

#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Thunder	Female	(b/blu) 11/H	1947-27375
Sharkie	Male	(b/r) P/57	1156-21987

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



## Kenosha: United Hospital System, Kenosha Medical Center



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Olympia” (b/r) 31/W**, produced in 2012 at the south loop site on Michigan Ave. in Chicago, IL. This is her first year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Livingston” (b/r) 55/D**, produced in 2010 at the MG&E site in Madison, WI, back for his 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

**Eggs:** 2 laid between April 26 – May 7  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** June 10 – 12  
**Eggs Hatched:** 1 on June 7  
**Banded:** 1 male on June 26  
**Site Visits:** March 13, April 16, June 26

**Note: “Olivia” (b/r) 00/Y**, who nested at this site from 2011-2014 moved to the We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant (see pg. 6 of this report)



*Above: Olympia*  
*Below: Her lone youngster*

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 19 young (1.9/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Color Band	USFWS Band
Hunter	Male	b/blu 52/A	1156-22837

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 34' 39 N, 87 Degrees 49' 11 W



## Racine: Racine County Courthouse



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: (b/g) R/13**, produced in 2007 at the Tower Building in South Bend, IN, back for her 7<sup>th</sup> year.

**Adult Male: “Beaster” (b/g) 67/M**, produced in 2005 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant, back for his 8<sup>th</sup> year.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 28 – April 3

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 4 – 6

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 5 – 6

**Banded:** 3 males on May 28

**Site Visits:** April 16, May 28



**Top:** R/13  
**Left:** Banding day

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 40 young (2.85/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Michael	Male	(b/r) P/58	1156-21988
Arthur	Male	(b/r) P/59	1156-21989
Ernie	Male	(b/r) P/60	1156-21990

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



## Milwaukee: US Bank



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Adah” (b/r) 01/S**, a female produced in 2010 at Queen’s Bluff, Winona, MN. Adah has been present at this site since 2013 but this was her first successful nest.

**Adult Male:** Not ID’d but banded

**Eggs:** 3 laid between March 30 – April 4

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 5 – 7

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 by May 11

**Banded:** 1 female & 2 males on May 29

**Site Visits:** March 12, 30, April 6, 27, May 11, 21, 29

**Note:** 20/M was found dead on May 17.

**Note:** 01/A was found on ground near Federal Courthouse in MKE on June 18. Examined by WHS - fractured coracoid.

After an absence three years, peregrines are once again successfully nesting at the US Bank site – where peregrine recovery efforts began in WI in 1987.

This site has been active since 1988 producing a total of 54 young (1.93/yr.).



### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Sophia	Female	(b/blu) 20/M	1947-27376
Joey	Male	(b/blu) 00/A	1156-22816
Leo	Male	(b/blu) 01/A	1156-22817

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

**Above:** “Adah”, photographed at the US Bank site on April 6, 2015

**Below:** Her 3 young on banding day

## Milwaukee: Hoan Bridge/MMSD Territory (Veolia Water)



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unbanded, likely the same female present since 2011.

**Adult Male: “Rounder” (b/g) B/38,** produced in 2007 at Milwaukee’s Miller Brewery site, back for his 4<sup>th</sup> year.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 2 – 9

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 9 – 11

**Eggs Hatched:** 1 on May 12

**Banded:** 1 male on June 4

**Site Visits:** March 11, 12, 30, June 4



**Above:** The unbanded female

**Left:** “Star”

This site has been active since 2000 producing a total of 12 young (0.80/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Star	Male	(b/blu) 33/M	1807-71384

**NOTE:** 33/M could be a large male – banded with female bands – male bands too tight.

**GPS:** 43 Degrees, 01’ 16 N, 87 Degrees, 54’ 04 W



## Milwaukee: We Energies Valley Power Plant



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male: “Hercules” (b/r) 60/H,** produced in 2011 at the St. Joe’s Hospital site in Milwaukee – back for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 27 – April 3

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 4 – 6

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 6 – 7

**Banded:** 3 females & 1 male on June 1

**Site Visits:** January 16, March 12, June 1



**Above:** Hercules at his new nest box

**Left:** Back home – after banding

This site has been active since 2002 producing a total of 31 young (2.21/yr.).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Argon	Female	(b/blu) 25/M	1807-71376
Radon	Female	(b/blu) 26/M	1807-71377
Xenon	Female	(b/blu) 27/M	1807-71378
Krypton	Male	(b/blu) 05/A	1156-22821

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

## Milwaukee: UW Milwaukee, EMS Building



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unbanded, likely her 5<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Adult Male:** “Lightning” (b/r) 84/R, produced in 2012 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI. Last year, Lightning nested at We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant in Wauwatosa, WI. This was Lightning’s 1<sup>st</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 1 - 7

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 8 – 10

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between May 9 – 11

**Banded:** 1 female & 2 males on June 2

**Site Visits:** June 2



**Above:** The unbanded female  
**Left:** Her 3 youngsters on banding day

This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 27 young (3.85/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Nightingale	Female	(b/blu) 28/M	1807-71379
Aristotle	Male	(b/blu) 38/A	1156-22822
Lee	Male	(b/blu) 39/A	1156-22823

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



## Milwaukee: St. Joseph's Hospital



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: "DJ" (b/r) 54/E**, produced in 2010 at the Edgewater Generating Station in Sheboygan, WI. This is her 4th year at St. Joes.

**Adult Male "Herbert" (b/g) 80/N**, produced in 2004 at We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee. This was his 5<sup>th</sup> year at St. Joes.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 27 - April 2  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 3– 5  
**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 5 – 6  
**Banded:** 2 males on May 29  
**Site Visits:** March 30, May 14, 22, 29

**Note:** "Herbert" was found injured/shot on May 13. He was transferred to the WI Humane Society's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for treatment. Because the young at this site were only 7-8 days of age and without a male present to provide food, 2 of the young were transferred to the Oak Creek Power Plant nest site and fostered into that nest where eggs had failed to hatch. The young at both sites successfully fledged and a new b/r banded adult male was observed here on May 22.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 16 young (3.20/year).



### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Jack	Male	(b/blu) 02/A	1156-22818
Harrison	Male	(b/blu) 03/A	1156-22819

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 04' 26 N, 87 Degrees 58' 37 W

**Above:** "DJ"  
**Left:** Banding day

## Malteurop, West Milwaukee, WI (formerly Froedtert Malt Complex - ADM)



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: "Amylase" (b/g) \*E/\*S**, a 2008-produced falcon from the US Steel old coke plant in Gary, IN, back for her 6<sup>th</sup> year.

**Adult Male: "JJ" (b/g) 96/N**, produced in 2005 at the Valero Renewables site at Jefferson, WI was back for his 7<sup>th</sup> year.

**Eggs:** 4 March 25 – April 1

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 2 – 4

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 2 – 5

**Banded:** 4 males on May 26

**Site Visits:** May 26, June 11



**Above:** Amylase

**Left:** The 4 youngsters on banding day

This site has been active since 1995 producing a total of 57 young (2.71/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Airforce	Male	(b/r) P/49	1156-21979
Malty	Male	(b/r) P/50	1156-21980
Winnipeg	Male	(b/r) P/51	1156-21981
Expedition	Male	(b/r) P/52	1156-21982

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

## Wauwatosa: We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: (b/r) 33/U**, produced in 2012 at the Eastlake Power Plant in Eastlake, OH. This was her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Asa” (b/r) 17/M**, produced in 2013 at the UW-Milwaukee EMS Building site in Milwaukee, WI. This was Asa’s 1<sup>st</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 14 – 21

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 22 – 24

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between May 22 – 25

**Banded:** 1 female & 2 males on June 16

**Site Visits:** June 16



**Above:** 33/U

**Left:** Her 3 young after banding



This site has been active since 2013 producing a total of 9 young (3.0/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Artemis	F	(b/blu) 36/M	1947-18202
Busby	M	(b/blu) 47/A	1156-22832
Murdock	M	(b/blu) 48/A	1156-22833

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 02' 45N, 88 Degrees 01' 39W



## Port Washington: We Energies Port Washington Generating Station



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Brinn” (b/r) 84/X**, produced in 2012 at Gold Hoist cliff, Split Rock State Park, Lake, Co., MN. This is her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Ives” (b/g) 78/N**, produced in 2004 at the Edgewater Generating Station site in Sheboygan, WI - likely present since 2007 when he was first ID'd at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 28 – April 4

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 5 – 7

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 8 – 10

**Banded:** 2 females & 2 males on June 3

**Site Visits:** June 3

**Note:** On June 26, the remains of 42/A were found on site.



**Above:** Ives

**Left:** The 4 youngsters after banding

This site has been active since 2000 producing a total of 54 young (3.38/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Loriann	F	(b/blu) 31/M	1807-71382
Suzie	F	(b/blu) 32/M	1807-71383
Spikey	M	(b/blu) 42/A	1156-22826
Norman	M	(b/blu) 43/A	1156-22827

**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 in Grand Haven, MI. This was her 8<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Adult Male:** Unidentified, banded b/g

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

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

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 by May 2

**Banded:** 1 female on May 22

**Site Visits:** May 22

**Note:** Although 4 eggs were laid here, by April 27 only 3 remained. Two eggs hatched by May 2 but by May 11 only 1 young remained.



**Above:** P/63 – the adult female  
**Left:** Her lone youngster on banding day

This site has been active since 1992 producing a total of 74 young (3.08/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Naomi	Female	(b/blu) 02/H	1947-27366

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

**Manitowoc: Briess Industries Inc.**  
*(formerly Riverland Ag & Busch Agricultural Resources)*



**Nesting Details**

**Adult Female: (b/g) 7/\*U**, produced in 2001 at the New Center in Detroit, MI. This is her 12<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male:** Unidentified but banded

**Eggs:** 5 between March 26 - April 2

**Projected Hatch Dates:** April 30 - May 4

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 on May 6

**Banded:** 2 females on May 29

**Site Visits:** May 11, 29



**Above:** 7/\*U at her nest box  
**Below:** Monica & Bernie



This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 55 young (3.06/year).

**Banding Data**

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Monica	F	(b/blu) 21/M	1947-27377
Bernie	F	(b/blu) 22/M	1947-27378

**Note:** 22/M may be a large male – banded w/female bands – male bands too tight.

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

## Kewaunee: Dominion Nuclear Power Plant *(Decommissioned)*



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Banded b/g

**Adult Male:** Unidentified

**Eggs:** 4 on April 30

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 by May 6 (est.)

**Banded:** 2 females & 1 male on May 29

**Site Visits:** May 29

Senior Environmental Compliance Coordinator Ted Maloney found 4 eggs in the new nest box on April 30 and 3, 8-10 day old young on May 15. With peregrines nesting in lower roof nest box, they are now accessible for banding and for the first time since 2004, we banded young again at this site.



**Above:** The 3 young on May 15

**Photo credit:** Ted Maloney

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of 35 young (2.33/year).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Kilo	Female	(b/blu) 23/M	1947-27379
Sierra	Female	(b/blu) 24/M	1947-27380
Papa	Male	(b/blu) 04/A	1156-22820

**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: (b/r) A/67**, produced in 2013 at Gold Hoist cliff, Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, Lake Co., MN. This was her 1<sup>st</sup> year at this site.

**Adult Male: “Bones” (b/r) 97/R**, produced in 2012 at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. This was his 1<sup>st</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 21 – 27

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 28 – 30

**Eggs Hatched:** 3 between May 31 – June 1

**Banded:** 3 males on June 19

**Site Visit:** June 19



*Above: The three youngsters on banding day*

This site has been active since 1996 producing a total of 59 young (2.95/year).

#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Zyana	Male	(b/blu) 49/A	1156-22834
Pajarito	Male	(b/blu) 50/A	1156-22835
Badger	Male	(b/blu) 51/A	1156-22836

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



## Green Bay: Georgia Pacific Mill



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Chloe”**  
(b/r) 53/E, produced in 2010 at the WPL Edgewater Generating Station site in Sheboygan, WI was back for her 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

**Adult Male: “Elmo”**  
(b/g) E/08, produced in 2006 at the Busch Agricultural Complex in Manitowoc, WI, likely back for his 7<sup>th</sup> year.



**Above: “Chloe”**  
**Left: Her 4 youngsters**

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 26 – April 1  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 2 – 4  
**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 3 – 4  
**Banded:** 3 females & 1 male on May 27  
**Site Visit:** May 27



This site has been active since 2008 producing a total of 22 young (2.75/yr.).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Astor	Female	(b/blu) 06/H	1947-27370
Torino	Female	(b/blu) 07/H	1947-27371
Invictus	Female	b/blu) 08/H	1947-27372
Odin	Male	(b/r) P/56	1156-21986

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

## Kaukauna: Thilmany Mill



### Nesting Details

#### Adult Female: Unbanded

**Adult Male: "Daryl" (b/g) 44/M**, produced in 2003 at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI. This is likely his 4<sup>th</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 26 – April 1

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 2 – 4

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 3 – 5

**Banded:** 2 females & 2 males on May 27

**Site Visit:** May 27



**Above:** "Daryl"

**Below:** His 4 youngsters on banding day

This site has been active since 2007 producing a total of 29 young (3.22/yr.).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Becca	Female	(b/blu) 04/H	1947-27368
NaeNae	Female	(b/blu) 05/H	1947-27369
Lil' Kool	Male	(b/r) P/54	1156-21984
Buck	Male	(b/r) P/55	1156-21985

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

## Menasha: SCA Tissue - **New Site**



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unidentified

**Adult Male:** Banded (b/g) 4?/?

**Eggs:** 3 laid between April 9 – 15

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 12 - 14

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 - May 11 – 15

**Note:** *Above dates are estimates.*

**Site Visit:** April 24

**Right:** *Two young perched on the front deck of the new nest box.*

**Photo credit:** *Julianne Mickle*



After sightings of adult peregrines last season, a new nest box was installed at this site and a pair of adult falcons was observed at the box on March 17. Interestingly, the nearby Roland Kampo Bridge where peregrines are suspected to have nested for several years was undergoing a large construction project and barges with cranes were anchored all along the underside of the bridge. This may at least in part be the reason peregrines have finally left the bridge in favor of a nearby nest box.

On April 24, I climbed the boiler stack tower and found 3 eggs in the nest box. For the remainder of the nesting season Julianne Mickle provided observations and images that documented estimated hatch dates as well as production.

Based on behavior – adults bringing prey to the box - eggs likely hatched around May 11 and on June 6, the first of 2 young was observed on the nest box deck by Jeff Freier. The last young fledged during the week of June 24.

Although we'd planned on banding here, due to a safety issue with the boiler stack ladders, this was cancelled. Ladder updates and safety gates will be installed this fall and if all goes well, we'll be able to band here next spring.

**GPS:** 44 degrees 20' 53 N, 88 degrees 45' 61 W



## Oshkosh: UW Oshkosh



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Deborah” (b/r) 04/E,** produced in 2009 at the Evanston Library site in Evanston, IL – back for her 5<sup>th</sup> year.

**Adult Male: “Talon” (b/g) 51/R,** produced in 2011 at the Georgia Pacific paper mill in Green Bay, WI – his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at this site.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 25 – April 1  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 2 – 4  
**Eggs Hatched:** 2 between May 3 – 4  
**Banded:** 1 female & 1 male on May 26  
**Site Visit:** May 26

*Above: Web cam image of Deborah and her young.*

*Below: Talon incubating*



This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 12 young (2.4/yr.).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Bonnie	Female	(b/blu) 03/H	1947-27367
Clyde	Male	(b/r) P/53	1156-21983

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 01' 18 N, 88 Degrees 32' 53 W



## WISCONSIN RIVER NEST SITES

### Pardeeville: Alliant Columbia Generating Station



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** (b/r) 02/H, produced in 2009 at the MEC Louisa site in Louisa Co., IA, back for her 5<sup>th</sup> yr.

**Adult Male:** No positive ID but banded (b/g) P/?

**Eggs:** 4 laid between April 2 – 10

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 9 – 12

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 on May 14

**Banded:** 1 female & 1 male on June 5

**Site Visit:** June 5

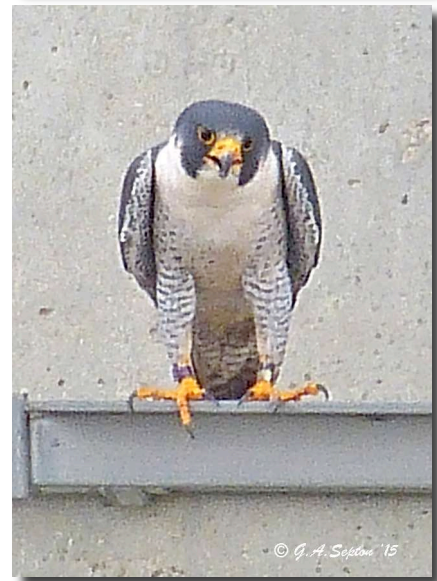
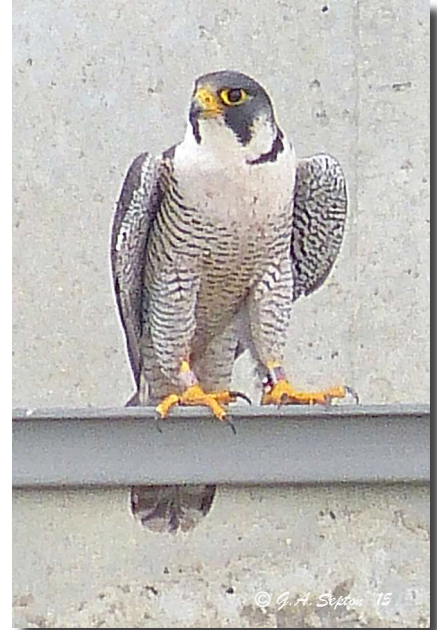


**Above:** The 2 young after banding

**Above right:** 02/H

**Lower right:** The adult male

**Note:** Adults were photographed with extended digital zoom. Although image quality is lacking, this allowed me to read the female's band #.



This site has been active since 2006 producing at least 34 young (3.4/yr.).

#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Pebbles	Female	(b/blu) 34/M	1807-71385
BamBam	Male	(b/blu) 45/A	1156-22829

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

## Devils Lake State Park: East Bluff Quarry - **New Site**



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female:** Unidentified

**Adult Male:** Unidentified

**Eggs:** At least 3 laid between April 9 – 15

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 12 - 14

**Eggs Hatched:** 2 - May 11 – 15

**Note:** *Above dates are estimates.*

**Site Visits:** May 13, July 1



Last summer Park Naturalist Sue

Johansen observed a pair of peregrines at this site on July 30. On an August 4 follow-up visit, Rich Staffen, Bill Smith, Sumner Matteson, Nate Fayram & I found an adult male and a banded (b/r) sub-adult female.

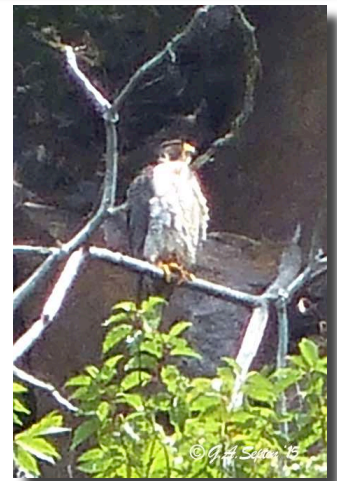
This year Sue Johansen reported a possible peregrine at this site on March 27. On March 30 Rich Staffen confirmed a single adult and on April 3, Bill Smith found an adult pair present and recorded 2 copulations.

On May 13, Bill Smith, Sumner Matteson, Ken Lange & I spent several hours above the quarry bluffs to determine if there might be a location to observe the eyrie from – to no avail. However, we were treated to some spectacular aerial displays by the adult male and a banded (b/r) imm. female.

Looking back at the collective observations, it's likely that eggs had just hatched or were hatching during our May 13 visit. This might also explain why the adult female didn't spend much time in the air that day while her mate was cavorting with the immature female.

On June 5, Bill Smith and Ken Lange again visited the site and found at least 1 young present – approx. 2-3 weeks of age. On June 18, Ken confirmed 3 young. On July 1, my wife and daughter & I spent a couple hours observing from below. We saw both adults and watched all 3 young playfully chasing each other above and across the cliff faces & perching on the tops of the bluff and in adjacent trees - they were also quite vocal especially when the adults brought in prey.

According to Berger & Mueller, the last known clutch of eggs was observed here in 1953 so after a +/- 62 year absence, peregrines have returned to Devil's Lake.



**Above:** Two of the 3 young on July 1

**Below:** The adult female – same date



## INLAND NEST SITES

### Madison: Madison Gas & Electric Company



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Trudy”** unbanded, likely the same female as previous 3 years.

**Adult Male: “Melvin” (b/r) 80/P**, produced in 2013 at We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant in Oak Creek, WI. This is Melvin’s 1<sup>st</sup> year at MG&E.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 28 – April 4

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 5 – 7

**Eggs Hatched:** 4 between May 7 – 9

**Banded:** 2 females & 2 males on June 2

**Site Visit:** June 2



**Above:** *Trudy*

**Left:** *The 4 youngsters on banding day*



This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 27 young (3.9/yr.).

#### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Majestic	Female	(b/blu) 29/M	1807-71380
Orpheum	Female	(b/blu) 30/M	1807-71381
Barrymore	Male	(b/blu) 40/A	1156-22824
Bartell	Male	(b/blu) 41/A	1156-22825

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



## LAKE SUPERIOR SITES

### Ashland: Xcel Energy Bay Front Generating Station



#### 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 – back for his 7<sup>th</sup> year.

**Eggs:** 4

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 3

**Banded:** 3 females on June 22

This is the second nesting at this site. Adding the young produced at the old ore dock since 2009 (9) to those produced at the BFGS (7), a total of 16 peregrines have been produced at Ashland thus far (2.29/yr.).

**Above:** *The unbanded adult female*

**Below:** *“Napoleon” with a pigeon wing*

**Photo Credits:** © Ryan Brady  
WDNR 2015



**GPS:** 46 degrees 58' 72 N, 90 degrees 90' 17 W

## Superior: General Mills



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Buffy” (b/r) 29/S**, was trapped and banded by Dave Evans near this site on January 16, 2012. This was her 4<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Adult Male: “Old Globe” (b/r) 97/B**, was also trapped and banded near this site on March 9, 2012. This was his 4<sup>th</sup> year here as well.

**Eggs:** At least 3

**Eggs Hatched:** At least 3

**Fledged:** At least 3 by June 29

**Note:** Dave Evans was able to trap & band 2 of 3 young here shortly after fledging.



**Above:** “Bollard” (b/blu) 95/M

**Below:** “Chance” (b/blu) 85/A

**Photo credits:** Both images taken shortly after banding by Dave Evans

This site has been active since 2009 producing a total of 14 young (2.0/yr.).

### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band	Banded
Bollard	Female	(b/blu) 95/M	1947-19096	June 29, 2015
Chance	Male	(b/blu) 85/A	1156-14896	June 25, 2015

**GPS:** 48 Degrees 44' 36 N, 92 Degrees 06' 33 W

## Superior/Allouez: Burlington Northern Ore Docks - **New Site**



### **Nesting Details**

**Adult Female:** Unbanded

**Adult Male:** Unidentified

Dave Evans reports that on July 1, a new nest was discovered here by R.J. Carson, who provides boat access to area nest sites. The next day Dave and R.J. returned and found an unbanded adult female and 2 young about 1-3 days from fledging. On another return visit on July 10, the adult male was sighted. There are four abandoned docks at this site. The nest area is located approx. 100-150 yards in from the terminal end of Dock 4.



***Above:*** The abandoned ore dock

***Photo credit:*** Dave Evans

**GPS:** 46 Degrees 70' 17 N, 92 Degrees 02' 63 W



## MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEST SITES



*Photo Credits: BNSF RR Bridge - John Weeks, Eyass peregrines – L. Earl Bishop*

### **Buffalo County: Maassen's Bluff** – 2 young produced.

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of 19 young (1.26/yr.).

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 22' 59 N, 091 Degrees 57' 43 W

### **Pierce County: Diamond Bluff** – 3 young produced.

This site has been active since 2011 producing a total of 7 young (1.40/yr.).

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 37'43 N, 092 Degrees 35'17 W

### **Alma: 12-Mile Bluff** – 4 young produced.

This site has been active since 2007 producing a total of 28 young (3.11/yr.).

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 18'30 N, 091 Degrees 54'30 W

### **Grant County: Glen Haven Bluff: **New Site**** – 2 young produced.

**GPS:** 42 degrees 50'13 N, 091 Degrees 04'23 W

### **Genoa: Dairyland Power Cooperative** – 4 young produced.

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 60 young (3.33/yr.).

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 33' 33 N, 091 Degrees 13' 56 W

### **Cassville: Nelson Dewey Alliant Power Plant** – 3 young produced.

This site has been active since 2001 producing a total of 45 young (3.00/yr.).

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 43' 22 N, 091 Degrees 00' 29 W

### **La Crosse: US Bank** – 4 young produced.

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 26 young (2.60/yr.).

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 48' 48 N, 091 Degrees 15' 10 W

### **Prescott: BNSF Railroad Bridge** – 4 young produced.

This site has been active since 2007 producing a total of 12 young (.857/yr.).

**GPS:** 44 Degrees 44' 52 N, 092 Degrees 48' 12 W

*Above information provided by Amy Ries and Jackie Fallon. For additional information visit the **Raptor Resource Project (RRP)** web site at: [www.raptorresource.org/](http://www.raptorresource.org/)*

## FAILED NEST SITES

### Jefferson: Valero Renewables *(formerly Cargill Malt/Renew Energy)*



#### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Smokey” (b/g) 82/A**, produced in 2003 at the Edgewater site in Sheboygan, WI - her 12th year here.

**Adult Male: “Suzuki” (b/g) E/06**, produced in 2006 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Pleasant Prairie, WI. Suzuki has likely been present at this site since at least 2009 when I first ID’d a banded b/g adult male here with a missing federal band.



**Eggs:** 4 between April 10 – 22  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 18 – 20  
**Eggs Hatched:** Failed

**Above:** Smokey at her new nest box on March 30, 2015  
**Photo credit:** Matthew Hill

The first peregrine of the season was spotted here by Pete Dempsey on March 10 and on March 26, he observed a pair copulating on the F elevator. With the new raccoon proof nest box in place, hopes were high that we’d see young produced here but once again the nest failed. In the end, the eggs were salvaged and candled & found to be clear & infertile.

Interestingly, on February 8, “Suzuki” was ID’d via the nest box web cam at We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant (MCP) in Wauwatosa, WI. He spent most of the following week at this site courting the resident adult female (b/r) 33/U then disappeared until March 2 when he was again ID’d at MCP. Suzuki was also the first of 5 different males ID’d at the MCP site this season.

This site has been active since 2004 producing a total of 32 young (2.66/year).

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

## Rothschild: WPS Weston Power Plant



### Nesting Details

**Immature Female: “Rosalee” (b/r) C/94**, produced in 2014 at the MG&E power plant in Madison, WI.

**Adult Male: “Sheldon” (b/r) 19/M**, produced in 2013 at the UW-Oshkosh nest site.

**Eggs:** 2 laid between April 22 – 27  
**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 30 – June 1  
**Eggs Hatched:** Failed

There was a complete turnover of falcons at this site and as usual in these situations, nesting got underway later than normal. “Rosalee” was first ID’d on March 22. Interestingly, I also ID’d “Rosalee” in the nest box at the Oak Creek Power Plant on March 4 so she was moving around a bit looking for a nest site. “Sheldon”, the new male here was first ID’d on April 23.



**Above:** Web cam image of “Rosalee”  
**Below:** Likewise of “Sheldon”

This site has been active since 2006 producing a total of 20 young (2.0/yr.).

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



## Oak Creek: We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant



### Nesting Details

**Adult Female: “Eclipse” (b/r) 67/H**, a 2009 falcon produced at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus, OH. This is her 5<sup>th</sup> year here.

**Adult Male: “Scott” (b/g) M/Y**, here for his 10<sup>th</sup> year was produced in 2000 at the Malteurop complex (*formerly Froedtert Malt complex*) in West Milwaukee, WI.

**Eggs:** 4 laid between March 27 – April 3

**Projected Hatch Dates:** May 4 – 6

**Eggs Hatched:** Failed

**Banded:** 2 females on May 28

**Site Visits:** May 14, 28

**Note:** A territorial battle between “Eclipse” and an unbanded adult female ensued for 2-3 days prior to when the eggs should have hatched. As a consequence the eggs were left unattended, chilled, and did not hatch. On May 14, two 7-8 day old young were transferred to this site from the St. Joseph’s Hospital nest site after the adult male at that site was found shot.

*Above: Eclipse at her nest box*

*Below: The 2 “adopted” young*

This site has been active since 1998 producing a total of 50 young (2.78/year).



### Banding Data

Name	Sex	Project Band	USFWS Band
Wheeler	Female	(b/blu) 09/H	1947-27373
Foster	Female	(b/blu) 10/H	1947-27374

**Note:** 10/H may be a large male – banded with female bands – male bands too tight.

**GPS:** 42 Degrees 84’ 20 N, 87 Degrees 82’ 83 W

## ACTIVE/NON-PRODUCTIVE SITES

### Green Bay: UW-Green Bay

Tom Erdman reports a pair of adult peregrines first present on April 3. The pair remained present for all of April and then disappeared for about a month. On May 27, Nancy Nabak photographed the adult male (right).

By early July the unbanded adult male was back and was again joined by another female that Tom described as being larger and lighter in color.

In spite of the presence of peregrines here again this year, no nesting occurred.

*Right: The unbanded adult male*  
*Photo credit: Nancy Nabak*



### De Pere: De Pere Bridge

**Adult Female: Possibly banded b/r?**

**Adult Male: Banded b/g**

Nancy Nabak graciously volunteered to monitor this site this season. On June 10, she photographed both adults perched under the bridge. On June 20, she spent several hours here and again photographed both adults. Subsequent visits on June 23, 24 and 26 yielded similar observations but no young were ever seen. An effort has been made to have a nest box installed at the adjacent Expera Mill.

*Right: The adult female perched atop a utility tower*  
*Photo credit: Nancy Nabak*





## Wisconsin River: I90/94 Bridge

**Adult Female: “Julia” (b/r) 19/W**, originally found injured near a Chicago, IL nest site on June 29, 2011. She was treated for her injuries and rehabbed & released by George Richter at S.O.A.R.

**Adult Male:** Unbanded

During early April Gene Jacobs observed peregrines present here on at least 3 occasions. On May 1, Bill Smith confirmed the presence of a pair and found a location under the bridge that was being defended by both falcons.



*Above: The nest site location under the bridge*

On May 4, Bill Smith, Jane Furchgott & I visited the site. Both adults were present and I watched the female depart from what we believe is the nest site. I was also able to read her bands and ID her (above). The adult male is unbanded.

During this visit we also noticed additional signs of recent human activity under the bridge and discussed posting the area to discourage these disturbances. To that end, Bill determined the island under the bridge was actually owned by Alliant Energy. Alliant has a power plant with an active peregrine nest about 5 miles upriver from the bridge site so I contacted plant manager Jerry Lokenvitz and environmental representative Nate Sievers. In the end, Alliant Energy graciously created and provided signs and these were then placed under the bridge on June 1. While installing the signs, Bill and Rich Staffen reported not seeing any falcons present but one was observed along the west shore of the river as they were motoring away from the site.

On June 24, Gene Jacobs found no falcons present. Hopefully with the new signage in place, human disturbances beneath the nest ledge will be reduced and the falcons will have a better chance at nesting successfully.

**GPS:** 43 Degrees 44' 64 N, 89 Degrees 49' 33W



## Wyalusing: Wyalusing Quarry

**Immature Female: (b/r) B/71**,  
produced in 2014 at the American  
Enterprise site in Des Moines, IA.

**Adult Male: “Marcelle” (b/r) A/36**,  
produced in 2013 at the West Bluff  
site in Pepin County, WI.

On April 9, Dave Noble  
photographed a pair of peregrines  
at the stainless steel nest box that  
he and fellow Wisconsin falconers  
built and installed here. Although  
things looked promising this year  
there was no successful nest. This  
site has been active for the past 4  
years – maybe next spring!



**Above:** *The immature female  
(b/r) B/71*

**Below:** *“Marcelle” (b/r) A/36, the  
adult male at the nest box*

**Photo credits:** *Dave Noble*



## **OUTCOME UNKNOWN**

### **Racine Quarry**

There were no confirmed observations here this season. As in years past, with limited viewing opportunities, we'll likely never know one way or another whether peregrines nest here.

### **Menasha: Roland Kampo Bridge**

With a large construction/repair project underway and with barges & cranes moored under much of the bridge, it appears the peregrines have moved to the nearby SCA Tissue site at Menasha where they nested successfully this year producing 2 young (see pg. 23 in this report).

### **Sturgeon Bay: Bay View Bridge**

Long time observer Steve Graf is no longer working at this bridge which is now controlled from the Maple/Oregon bridge over a mile away. No additional info is available.

### **Marinette: Marinette Marine Corporation**

After a successful nest here last year there were only a few peregrine sightings in mid-April this season and no indications of a nest.

### **Lynxville: Lynxville Cliffs**

Bob Anderson observed falcons at various cliffs in the Lynxville complex but it is unknown if there was any nesting activity.

### **Pepin County: West Bluff**

Although it is believed this site was successful there is no additional information available to support this.

## WISCONSIN PRODUCED PEREGRINES NESTING IN OTHER STATES



Following is known information on WI-produced peregrines that nested or were identified in other states for 2015.

### Illinois

**“Lisa” (b/g) R/39**, a female produced in 2009 at the WPS Pulliam Power Plant in Green Bay, WI paired with **“Andy” (b/g) 97/K**, a male produced in 2005 at Chicago’s Wacker Drive site. Four eggs were laid producing 4 young.

**“Auntie Em” (b/g) 5/\*P**, a female produced in 1999 at the Landmark on the Lake site in Milwaukee, WI paired with **“Stan” (b/g) 98/K**, produced in 2005 at the Uptown Theater site in Chicago. The pair nested at 5821 N. Broadway, in Chicago producing 2 young.

**“Greg” (b/g) 92/N**, a male produced in 2005 at the Racine County (WI) Courthouse site paired with **“Patsy” (b/r) 63/V**, who was produced in 2012 at the Dairyland Power Cooperative in Alma, WI. The pair nested at the Midwest Generation site in Waukegan, IL producing 4 young.

**“Squawker” (b/g) 48/M**, a male produced in 2003 at We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant in Pleasant Prairie, WI paired again with a female banded (b/g) 64/D produced in 2004 at the Firstar Bank site in Cedar Rapids, IA. The pair once again nested at the Evanston Library site in Evanston, IL where they produced 4 young.

**“Helen” (b/g) 73/D**, a female produced in 2004 at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI paired with an unbanded male given the name “Mr. M”. They nested at the S. Loop/Michigan Ave. site in Chicago. Three eggs were laid late in the season but none hatched. “Helen” was found injured at Northerly Island on July 30 & died from complications of an earlier foot injury.

**“Bob” (b/g) R/98**, a female produced in 2008 at the Thilmany Mill site in Kaukauna, WI paired with **“Huff” (b/r) 24/N**, produced in 2011 at Chicago’s Broadway site. The pair nested at the Pilsen Park site in Chicago producing 3 young.



**“Nitz” (b/g) 2/\*Y**, a female produced in 2001 at the Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) in West Milwaukee, WI paired with “Mouse” (b/g) W/72, a male produced in 2008 at the North Broadway site in Chicago. The pair nested at the Univ. of IL Chicago site producing 2 young.

**“Stratus” (b/r) 03/V**, a female produced in 2011 at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI paired with an unbanded adult male at the Romeoville, IL site producing 4 young.

## Indiana

**“Chantal” (b/r) \*B/\*C**, a female produced in 1998 at the Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) in West Milwaukee, WI paired with “Sesenta (b/r) 36/R, a male produced in 2012 at the Market Tower site in Indianapolis, IN. No eggs were laid and no young produced.

**“Muriel” (b/r) 13/V**, a female produced in 2011 at the UW-Milwaukee, WI site paired with an unbanded male at the East Chicago, Inland Steel lime plant producing 3 young.

**“Maltese” (b/r) 47/V**, a female produced in 2013 at the Malteurop site (*formerly Froedtert Malt*) in West Milwaukee, WI paired with an unbanded male at the South Bend, City-County Tower Building site in South Bend, IN. The pair produced 4 young.

## Minnesota

**“Seapro” (b/g) R/97**, a female produced in 2009 at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in Port Washington, WI paired with “Frisco” (b/g) K/13, a male produced in 2006 at the Lock and Dam 1 site in Minneapolis, MN. The pair nested at the UMN Mayo site in Minneapolis producing 4 young.

**“Younger” (b/g 04/N)**, a male produced in 2003 at Maiden Rock in Pepin County, WI paired with 2 females in Minneapolis, MN. He paired with an unbanded female at the Multifoods Tower site producing 4 young. He also paired with female (b/r) 22/X the MaGladrey Plaza site producing an additional 4 young. The sites are only ½ block apart/across the street from each other.

## Ohio

The OH DNR is no longer banding peregrines so there is no information available the 2015 nesting season.

## Pennsylvania

**“Dorothy” (b/g) 5/\*A**, a female produced in 1999 at the US Bank site in Milwaukee, WI paired with a male banded E2. They nested at the Cathedral of Learning site at the University of Pittsburgh producing 1 young.

## Michigan

**“Dorothy” (b/r) 91/W**, a female produced in 2012 at the Alliant Nelson Dewey Power Plant in Cassville, WI paired with an unidentified male at the Portage Lake Lift Bridge (also known as the Houghton-Hancock Bridge) in Houghton, MI producing 3 young.

**Sources:** *IL - Mary Hennen, IN - John Castrale, MN - Jackie Fallon, PA – Kate St. John, MI – Karen Cleveland & Joe Youngman*

## WISCONSIN PRODUCED PEREGRINES NESTING IN CANADA

### Ontario

**Rueben (b/g) 43/M**, a male produced in 2003 at the former Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI paired with “Linn” (b/g) 91/V, a female produced in 2007 in Rochester, NY. The pair nested at the Yellow Pages site at 325 Miner Ave. in Scarborough (a district within the city of Toronto).

During early spring there was a disruption by a rogue female who was seen off and was not noted again during subsequent visits. Three eggs were laid by April 14<sup>th</sup> in the same scrape that the pair has used for the past several years. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 28mm of rain fell in a 24-hour period. A site check on May 7 revealed only two of the three eggs present. By May 15 all three eggs were gone. It also appears that Reuben has now been displaced by a new male.



*Above: Reuben incubating at the Yellow Pages site in Scarborough, Ontario.*

**Photos Credits:** Marion Nash  
The Canadian Peregrine Foundation

**Nesting Data:** Tracy Simpson  
The Canadian Peregrine Foundation

“**Erin**” (b/r) \*B/\*D, a female produced in 1998 at the Malteurop site (*former Froedtert Malt*) in West Milwaukee, WI lost “Windwhistler” (bl) E/\*T, a male produced in 1998 at the Etobicoke Sun Life Centre site in Toronto and her mate for the past 12 years. Erin then paired with Windwhistler’s grandson, “Stormin” (b/b) 30/Y and another female turned up further complicating matters. Erin & Stormin’ moved to a new location on the 18 King Street East site in Toronto but it is not known if eggs were laid. At 17 years of age, Erin may be nearing the end of her egg-laying years.



## PEREGRINE FALCONS FOUND DEAD/INJURED IN WI 2015

The following provides information regarding Peregrine Falcons that (to the best of my knowledge) were identified and reported injured or dead in WI as of September 15, 2015.

Falcon IDs are in Blue.

### **St. Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Luna	F	(b/r) 49/V	1687-30585	5/24/2013

Found dead along McCarthy Road in Appleton, WI on January 8, 2015 – likely a collision with an auto.

### **We Energies Valley Power Plant, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Herbert	M	(b/g) 80/N	816-38683	6/1/2004

Herbert was found injured on May 13, 2015 at 9865 W. Argonne Dr. in Wauwatosa, WI. The falcon has a badly dislocated right elbow and a pellet in the abdomen and will be unreleasable.

### **US Bank, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Sophia	F	(b/blu) 20/M	1947-27376	5/29/2015

Found dead in Milwaukee on May 17, 2015 - cause of death unknown.

### **US Bank, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Leo	M	(b/blu) 01/A	1156-22817	5/29/2015

Leo was found injured on the ground near the Federal Courthouse in Milwaukee on June 18, 2015. He is in rehab at the WI Humane Society's Wildlife Rehab Center with a fractured coracoid and clavicle. It is not yet known whether or not this falcon will be releasable.

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

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Spikey	M	(b/blu) 42/A	1156-22826	6/3/2015

The remains of Spikey were found on site on June 26, 2015 - cause of death unknown.

### **WPS Weston Power Plant, Rothschild, Marathon County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Date Banded
Maya	F	(b/g) M/12	1687-01706	5/31/06

The desiccated remains of Maya were found under the High Rise Bridge adjacent to We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee, WI on July 1, 2015 - cause of death is unknown.

**Busch Agricultural Complex (Briess Malting), Manitowoc County, WI**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Monica	F	(b/blu 21/M)	1947-27377	5/29/2015

This falcon was found dead on site in mid-July.

**Busch Agricultural Complex (Briess Malting), Manitowoc County, WI**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Bernie	M	(b/blu 22/M)	1947-27378	5/29/2015

The falcon was found injured on site in mid-July and admitted to the Raptor Education Group in Antigo, WI for rehab on July 29. At this point it is not yet known whether or not this falcon will be releasable.

**Malteurop Complex, West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

*(Formerly Froedtert Malt/International Malting Corp./ADM)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Winnipeg	M	(b/r) P/51	1156-21981	5/26/2015

Found dead at Milwaukee's General Mitchell Airport on August 3, 2015. Henri Woods of USDA Wildlife Services indicated the carcass was very decomposed.

**Malteurop Complex, West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

*(Formerly Froedtert Malt/International Malting Corp./ADM)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Rikki	F	(b/r) *B*/V	1947-22057	5/30/2014

This falcon was found dead on Hwy I90/I94 in Chicago, IL on August 10, 2015.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Pebbles	F	(b/blu) 34/M	1807-71385	6/5/2015

This falcon was found injured and retrieved from a sewage treatment plant in Westby, WI on August 14, 2015. It appears to have been shot and was transferred to the Raptor Center at the U of MN for treatment.

**Racine County Courthouse, Racine, Racine County, WI**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band (L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band (R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Arthur	M	(b/r) P/59	1156-21989	5/28/2015

This falcon was found dead about a mile west of Union Grove, WI on August 13, 2015 – cause of death likely a collision with an auto.

**Malteurop Complex, West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

*(Formerly Froedtert Malt/International Malting Corp./ADM)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Project Band(L)</u>	<u>USFWS Band(R)</u>	<u>Banded</u>
Expedition	M	(b/r) P/52	1156-21982	5/26/2015

This falcon was found injured in the Milwaukee area on September 15, 2015. It was transferred to WI Humane Society's Wildlife Rehab Center for treatment. At present the extent of injuries and a prognosis are not yet known.

## WI PEREGRINES ID'D/INJURED/DEAD IN OTHER STATES

Compiled as of September 15, 2015

The following provides information regarding WI Peregrine Falcons that (to the best of my knowledge) were identified or reported injured or dead out of state.

Falcon IDs are in Blue.

### **Busch Agricultural Complex, Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Helen	F	(b/g) 73/D	987-40228	5/31/2004

Found injured at Northerly Island on July 30, 2015 - taken to rehab but died from injuries.

### **Malteurop Complex, West Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

*(Formerly Froedtert Malt/International Malting Corp./ADM)*

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Rikki	F	(b/r) *B/*V	1947-22057	5/30/2014

Killed on I90/94 in Chicago, IL on August 10, 2015 - cause of death likely a collision with an auto

### **UW-Milwaukee EMS, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, WI**

Name	Sex	Project Band(L)	USFWS Band(R)	Banded
Nightingale	F	(b/blu) 28/M	1807-71379	6/2/2015

This falcon was caught at O'hare International Airport as part of the USDA-APHIS Wildlife Service's raptor trapping and relocation program. Anthony Hoffman reported the bird was very healthy and lively and was released at a state park in western Illinois.



## WISCONSIN NEST SITE TYPES & PRODUCTION 2015



Site Type	N	%Total	Site Type	Young	%Total
Power Plants	12	36%	Power Plants	36	37%
Buildings	14	42%	Buildings	41	42%
Elevators/Silos	3	9%	Elevators/Silos	9	9%
Paper Mills	3	9%	Paper Mills	10	10%
Banks	2	6%	Banks	7	7%
Courthouses	1	3%	Courthouses	3	3%
Breweries	0	0%	Breweries	0	0%
Universities	2	6%	Universities	6	6%
Hospitals	2	6%	Hospitals	5	5%
Office Towers	0	%	Office Towers	0	0%
Sewage Treatment	1	3%	Sewage Treatment	1	1%
Natural Cliffs	5	15%	Natural Cliffs	14	14%
Bridges	1	3%	Bridges	4	4%
Ore Docks	1	3%	Ore Docks	2	2%
<b>Total Nest Sites</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>Total Young</b>	<b>97</b>	

**NOTE:** Numbers of young represent known production. Percentages are rounded.



## **WEB SITE & WEB CAM LINKS**

### **We Energies Nest Sites**

[http://www.we-energies.com/environmental/protect\\_wildlife.htm](http://www.we-energies.com/environmental/protect_wildlife.htm)

Nest Box Web Cams, Nesting Season Updates and Annual Reports

### **US Bank - Milwaukee Nest Site**

[http://www.usbankcentermilwaukee.com/USBank\\_Environmental.aspx](http://www.usbankcentermilwaukee.com/USBank_Environmental.aspx)

Nesting Season Updates and Special Reports

### **Malteurop - West Milwaukee Nest Site**

<http://falconviewer.com>

Nest Box Web Cam, Nesting Season Updates, Photo Galleries & Reports

### **Racine County Courthouse Nest Site**

[http://falconcam.goracine.org/view/viewer\\_index.shtml?id=262](http://falconcam.goracine.org/view/viewer_index.shtml?id=262)

Nest Box Web Cam

### **WPS Green Bay - Pulliam & Rothschild - Weston Nest Sites**

<http://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/environment/falcons.aspx>

Nest Box Web Cams, Nesting Season Updates, Photo Galleries & Reports

### **Madison Gas & Electric Nest Site**

<http://www.mge.com/about/falcon/index.htm>

Nesting Season Updates, Video Clips and Special Reports

### **UW Milwaukee Nest Site**

<http://www4.uwm.edu/lets/biologicalsciences/falcon/>

Nest Box Web Cam, Nesting Season Updates, Video Clips and Special Reports

### **UW Oshkosh Nest Site**

<https://portal.housing.uwosh.edu/falcon>

Nest Box Web Cam

### **Veolia Water/MMSD Hoan Bridge Nest Site**

<http://www.veoliawatermilwaukee.com/sustainability/falcon-cam.htm>

Nest Box Web Cam

## **SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE**

### **Second year Briess supports peregrine falcon recovery efforts**

<http://www.brewingwithbriess.com/blog/second-year-briess-supports-peregrine-falcon-recovery-efforts/>

### **Racine Journal Times: Falcon brothers banded at the Racine County Courthouse**

[http://journaltimes.com/news/local/falcon-brothers-banded-at-the-racine-county-courthouse/article\\_f28e02fe-315d-580b-8aae-3016d3c51f12.html](http://journaltimes.com/news/local/falcon-brothers-banded-at-the-racine-county-courthouse/article_f28e02fe-315d-580b-8aae-3016d3c51f12.html)

### **Intelligent Utility: We Energies: Powering peregrine recovery**

[http://www.intelligentutility.com/article/15/05/we-energies-powering-peregrine-recovery?utm\\_source=2015\\_05\\_28&utm\\_medium=eNL&utm\\_campaign=IU\\_DAILY&utm\\_content=399993](http://www.intelligentutility.com/article/15/05/we-energies-powering-peregrine-recovery?utm_source=2015_05_28&utm_medium=eNL&utm_campaign=IU_DAILY&utm_content=399993)

### **Wisconsin Public Radio: Nesting season continues for state's growing population of peregrine falcons**

<http://www.wpr.org/nesting-season-continues-states-growing-population-peregrine-falcons>

### **Milwaukee Magazine: Peregrine falcons revisited**

[www.milwaukeeomag.com/2015/06/23/peregrine-falcons-revisited/](http://www.milwaukeeomag.com/2015/06/23/peregrine-falcons-revisited/)

### **Milwaukee area peregrine banding by Eddee Daniel**

[www.flickr.com/photos/eddeedaniel/sets/72157651921888363](http://www.flickr.com/photos/eddeedaniel/sets/72157651921888363)



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**Above:** (b/g) R/13, the adult female at the Racine County Courthouse nest site on May 28, 2015

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Mike Boyer	Tom Fix	Wayne Johnson	Steve Martinez
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