

Fun Falcon Facts

- The peregrine falcon became extirpated in Virginia in the mid 1960's.
- The Department of Wildlife Resources began reintroducing the peregrine falcon in 1978.
- Peregrine falcons feed primarily on small birds.
- When falcons dive to catch a small bird they have been clocked at 200 mph!
- The female falcon is about a 1/3 larger than the male.
- Falcons once nested on the cliffs in Virginia's mountains they now nest on city buildings, bridges and other tall structures as well as cliffs.
- In cities, falcons use special boxes placed on the roofs of buildings to nest in. These are called hacking boxes.

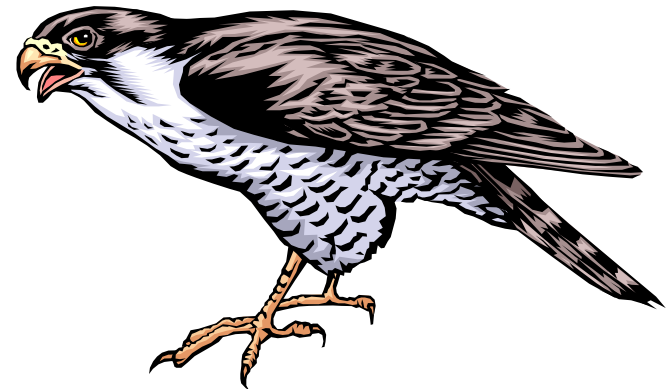
More information can be found at

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/birds/peregrine-falcon/>



Peregrine Falcon Diary

As observed by:



The falcons are nesting

in downtown

Richmond, Virginia

Watch them on [Falcon Cam](#)

Today I saw the falcons ...

Date: Time:

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Falcon Math

The eggs have hatched and the young falcons are hungry. The parents will bring food to the young for _____ hours each day.

Watch the falcon cam for one hour to determine how many times the chicks are fed.

Time of day I watched the falcons: _____

Number of visits made to the nest during the hour. _____

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{_____} \text{ (Number of visits in one hour)} \\ \times \\ \text{_____} \text{ (Number of hours per day active)} \\ = \\ \text{_____} \text{ (Number of feeding visits per day)} \end{array}$$

Do this activity again when the chicks are older.
Do the parents make more or fewer trips as the chicks grow?

Hatching Day

About a month after the eggs are laid the falcons will begin to hatch. The female began incubating the eggs around _____.

Watch carefully and note the time and date for each egg.

Egg	Date	Time
1		
2		
3		



Sometimes an egg will not hatch at all.
Why do you think the egg didn't hatch?

My observations and notes

Draw a picture of the most interesting day for the falcons.

