

Fun Falcon Facts

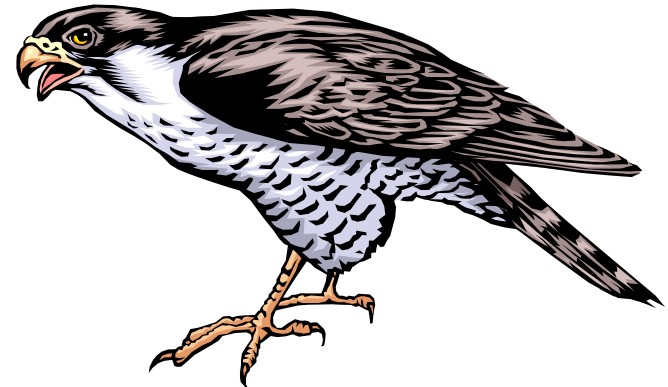
- The peregrine falcon became extirpated in Virginia in the mid 1960's.
- The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries began reintroducing the peregrine falcon in 1978.
- Peregrine falcons feed primarily on small birds.
- When falcons dive to catch a small bird they have been clocked at 200 mph!
- The 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 www.dgif.virginia.gov



Peregrine Falcon Diary

As observed by:



The falcons are nesting
in downtown
Richmond, Virginia
Watch them on the [Falcon Cam](#)

The adults delivered the following species to the chicks for meals.

Date	Time	Species fed to chicks

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Once you have completed the chart above graph your results.
Which species was fed to the chicks the most?
Did you notice any patterns?

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. _____

_____ (Number of visits in one hour)

X

_____ (Number of hours per day active)

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_____ (Number of feeding visits per day)

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 on _____.

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

Egg	Date	Time
1		
2		
3		
4		

Note: the above information is on the Falcon Cam website.



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.

