

WISCONSIN FALCONWATCH FINAL NESTING SEASON REPORT

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The Name's Cooper!

Cooper (b/g) E/52 is the lone male youngster produced at the Kenosha Memorial Hospital nest site this year. His mother "Blessing" (b/g) W/17, is a yearling hatched last year at the Mayo Clinic nest site in Rochester, MN.

Wisconsin had a record year for peregrine production in 2007 with a known total of 81 young produced at 27 successful (young produced) nest sites.

Twelve nests were located along the Lake Michigan shoreline, 10 along the Mississippi River (6 on cliffs) (*source RRP web site*), and 5 were located inland with 2 along the Wisconsin River, 2 in the Fox Valley and 1 at Jefferson. The following pages provide an overview of successful nests, peregrine activity, observations and failed nests throughout the state as well as information about Wisconsin produced peregrines nesting in other states.

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LAKEFRONT NEST SITES

Pleasant Prairie: We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant

The ad. female here is “**Breezer**” (b/r) *R/*2 produced in 1998 at the U.S. Steel site in Gary, IN. This is Breezer’s 9th year at P4. The adult male is once again “**Duke**” (b/r) 1/*P produced in 1998 at Milwaukee’s Landmark on the Lake apartment building.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 13 – 20

Projected Hatch Dates: April 21 – 23

Eggs Hatched: 2 Between April 21 – 24

Banded: 2 Females on May 14



Right: Breezer hatched 2 of her 4 eggs

Kenosha: United Hospital System, Kenosha Medical Center

The adult male here is once again “**Aaron**” (b/g) 80/H, a 2002 MKE - Froedtert produced falcon. “Maggie”, who nested here last year has been replaced by an immature female named “**Blessing**” (b/g) W/17 who was wpr last year at the Mayo Clinic site in Rochester, MN.

Eggs: 2 Laid between April 13 – 18

Projected Hatch Dates: May 26

Eggs Hatched: 1 on May 26

Banded: 1 Male on June 18



Above: Aaron as fit as ever
Left: Blessing in her first molt
Center: Cooper – small but tough

Racine: Racine County Courthouse

The adult female here is once again “Lily” (b/g) 56/A hatched in 2001 at the Firstar Bank in Cedar Rapids, IA. No ID yet on the banded (b/g) ad. male.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 26 – April 5

Projected Hatch Dates: May 2 – 4

Eggs Hatched: 3 Between May 2 – 4

Banded: 2 Females & 1 male on May 25



Above: Lily has become more aggressive lately and struck me while I was returning her chicks to the nest box after banding.

Left: Three youngsters after banding

Oak Creek: We Energies Oak Creek Power Plant

“Atlanta” (b/r) L/*C, a female produced in 1996 at the Pulliam site in Green Bay is here for her 9th year. The adult male is “Scott (b/g) M/Y, a falcon produced in 2000 at the Froedtert Malt Complex, here for his second year.

Eggs: 3 Laid between March 28 – April 2

Projected Hatch Dates: May 5 – 7

Eggs Hatched: 2 Between May 5 – 7

Banded: 1 Female & 1 male on May 31



Above: Atlanta.....no idle threat

Left: Her 2 youngsters after banding

Milwaukee: US Bank (formerly Firststar Center)

After an absence of three years, peregrines have returned to the US Bank building. Replacing Sibella who nested here for an impressive 15 years is “**Jean**” (b/g) 19/C. Jean hatched on June 3, 2005 at the Evanston Library nest site in Evanston, IL. Her adult mate is banded but has not yet been identified.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 2 – 8

Projected Hatch Dates: May 8 – 10

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 8 – 10

Banded: 2 Females & 2 males on May 31



Above: Jean defends her nest overlooking the Milwaukee skyline
Left: Back home after banding



Milwaukee: Miller Brewery

An unbanded adult female is present here again and believed to be the same as last year. The adult male is once again “**Herbert**” (b/g) 80/N produced in 2004 at the We Energies Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee. The nest box at this site was moved earlier this spring to make way for a roofing project. A new nest box will be placed back in the original location this fall.



Banded, bled and back home; all 4 young safely fledged at this site

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 27 - April 5

Projected Hatch Dates: May 4 – 6

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 4 – 6

Banded: 2 Females & 2 males on May 25

Milwaukee: International Malting Co. (formerly Froedtert Malt Complex)

The ad. female here is "**Raynie**" (b/r) A/*H, a 1995 wpr falcon from Chicago. This is Raynie's 10th year at this site. The ad. male appears to again be "**Leopold**" (b/r) C/D, a captive-produced peregrine released at Pleasant Prairie, WI in 1992 and present here since 1994.

Eggs: 3 Laid between April 17 – 21
Projected Hatch Dates: May 24 – 25
Eggs Hatched: 2 by May 25
Banded: 2 Females on June 18



Above: Raynie on her nest ledge atop a silo

Left: Raynie's two female chicks after banding



Sheboygan: Edgewater Generating Station

"**Liberty**" (b/r) E/*D, who nested here from 1998 - 2006 was found dead at this site last June. She has been replaced by an adult female wearing a silver USFWS band on her right leg. No ID on the ad. male. Special thanks go to Joe McClurg who looks after the peregrines at this site.

Eggs: 3 Laid between April 6 – 10
Projected Hatch Dates: May 8 – 10
Eggs Hatched: 1 As of May 11
Banded: 1 Female on May 31

Right: The lone female chick produced at the Edgewater site



Port Washington: We Energies Port Washington Generating Station

“Flaps” (b/r) 8/*T, a 1998 Green Bay wpr male who nested here from 2000 – 06 was injured in a territorial battle this spring. After the first battle he was rehabbed and released only to be injured a second time and returned for additional rehab. His current injuries may not allow him to be returned to the wild.

On March 22nd, I was able to read the band on the new adult male. He is **“Ives” (b/g) 78/N**, produced in 2004 at the Edgewater site in Sheboygan, WI. The adult female is once again **“Icon” (b/g) 50/D** who nested here for her first time last year. Icon was produced in 2004 at the LTV Steel site in Cleveland, OH.

On May 24, contractors at this site found the desiccated remains of **“Diane” (b/g) 79/D** on the plant roof. Diane was a female peregrine produced in 2004 at the Kewaunee, WI site. With all the territorial skirmishes at PWGS this spring, she was likely the loser in one of these battles. Banding this year was covered by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel as well as WITI TV Channel 6 and WISN TV Channel 12.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 12 – 20

Projected Hatch Dates: May 19 – 21

Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 19 – 21

Banded: 2 Females & 2 males on June 14



Icon observing the media from atop her nest box on banding day



The four chicks pose for their one and only family portrait

Manitowoc: Busch Agricultural Resources

The ad. female here is once again **(b/g) 7/*U** who was wpr in 2001 at the New Center in Detroit, MI. This is her 3rd year at this site. The large adult male is unbanded.



A full house – all five eggs hatched at this site

Eggs: 5 Laid between March 26 – April 4

Projected Hatch Dates: May 2 – 6

Eggs Hatched: 5 Between May 5 – 9

Banded: 3 Females & 2 males on May 29

NOTE: On June 19th one of this year's young named **“Lucy” (b/g) N/29** was found at this site with an injured wing. She was picked up cared for at the Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation Center but later died from her injuries.



Are you done yet?

Kewaunee: Dominion Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant

A peregrine was first seen here on March 30 by Craig Long. On June 28th he witnessed two adults looking after a single fledged youngster which by its' size he believed to be a female.

Plans are underway 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 continue at this site.

Green Bay: WPS Pulliam Power Plant

The ad. female here is once again **“Beth” (b/g) 25/B**. She was wild-produced in 2003 at the Midwest Generation Power Plant in Waukegan, IL. The adult male has been identified as **(b/g) 45/H** who was wpr in 2001 at the Grand Haven L., Sims Plant site in Grand Haven, MI. Band numbers of both adults were able to be read this year from the new web cam at this site.

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 25 – 31
Projected Hatch Dates: May 1 – 3
Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 3 – 5
Banded: 4 Males on May 29



Banding completed..... but still defiant!

INLAND NEST SITES

Kimberly: StoraEnso Kimberly Mill

After banding the chicks at this site I was able to read the band number of the adult female. She is once again, **“Louise” (b/g) V/U** who hatched in 2002 at the Ameren UE Labadie Power Station in St. Louis, MO. This is her 3rd year at Kimberly. No ID on the adult male however peep holes were drilled in the new nest box so we’ll have a better shot at this in the future.

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 3 – 10
Projected Hatch Dates: May 10 – 14
Eggs Hatched: 4 Between May 9 – 14
Banded: 1 Female & 3 males on June 5



Above: “Louise” perched nearby while we placed her young back into the nest box

Left: Four youngsters safely back in their nest box shortly after banding

Rothschild: WPS Weston Power Plant

Ton McLean reports a pair present at this site since the third week of February. The adult male here is banded b/g and the adult female is unbanded. Employees at this site are hoping to get a web cam installed on their nest box before next spring so band numbers of the adults can be read and egg laying dates can be documented.



Three youngsters pose for their family portrait

Eggs: 4 Laid between March 27 – April 2

Projected Hatch Dates: May 2 – 4

Eggs Hatched: 3 Between May 5 – 6

Banded: 1 Female & 2 males on May 29

Adult Male Found Shot

On June 11th I received a phone call from Weston employee Dave Polster with news that they had found a falcon injured and on the ground. The falcon's right wing was drooped and he was unable to fly.

Unfortunately, the injured falcon turned out to be “Ozzy” (b/g) K/Z, the adult male at this site.

Shortly afterwards, Marge Gibson from the Raptor Education Group in Antigo arrived on the scene and began to administer care to the injured male. It was then transferred to their facility for further examination and care. Subsequent x-rays indicated the wound on the right wing was caused by a projectile and injuries are such that this falcon will never be able to be returned to the wild or fly again.



“Ozzy” (b/g) K/Z, fathered three young this year at the Weston site before succumbing to injuries. He was produced in 2002 at the WPS Pulliam Power Plant in Green Bay, WI.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Wussow

Kaukauna: Thilmany Mill

Last spring an unidentified adult male and an immature female identified as “**Nora**” (b/g) P/76 were present at this site but no eggs were laid. Nora was wpr in 2005 at the Graysolon Plaza in Duluth, MN

This year a pair of falcons arrived on site during the first week of March according to Tony Giordano and egg laying was documented in April by Greg Schuh.

While banding, I set up my scope on the roof near the nest box and was able to ID the adult male as “**Ian**” (b/g) 71/N, a falcon produced at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in 2004.

Special thanks go to Joseph Ball, Joe Leonhard and Bob Natrop who assisted Greg Schuh and me with banding on a very hot afternoon!

Eggs: 4 Laid between April 12 – 20
Projected Hatch Dates: May 19 – 21
Eggs Hatched: 3 Between May 19 – 21
Banded: 2 Females & 1 male on June 14



Above: Nora was very protective of her nest
Below: Nora's & Ian's 3 youngsters

Portage: Alliant Columbia Generating Station

Scott Wilson reports that on July 6th he witnessed two adult falcons with five young. Two of the young were being fed a pigeon on the boiler roof. When I visited this site on July 19th I observed at least 3 young at one time and 2 others tucked away on the other side of the plant about 10 minutes later so its likely all 5 young are still around. I also saw both adults. An elevator will be installed on the stack this fall and a web cam likely installed at the nest box to better monitor and manage this site in the future and to insure that the young are banded and adults ID'd.

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

Plant employees first reported a pair of peregrines here on March 13th. On May 3rd, I visited the site and found “**Smokey**” (b/g) 82/A, who was wpr in 2003 at the Edgewater site in Sheboygan, WI. This is her 4th year at this site. The ad. male is banded b/g.

This is only the second time I’ve found a clutch of 6 eggs. The last time was in 2006 when 6 eggs were laid at the Edgewater Generating Station site in Sheboygan, WI. Interestingly, they were laid by “Liberty” (b/r) E/*D -- Smokey’s mother!

After banding I spent some time on the roof near the nest box and was finally able to identify the adult male at this site. He is “**Ceptyn**” (b/g) N/Y who was wpr at We Energies Port Washington Generating Station in 2002.



Smokey on her favorite perch near her nest box

Eggs: 6 Laid between April 8 – 18

Projected Hatch Dates: May 15 – 21

Eggs Hatched: 5 Between May 20 - 26

Banded: 4 females & 1 male on June 16



All five chicks banded, bled and happy to be back in their nest box

MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEST SITES

Prescott: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Bridge

Peregrines were first observed at this site in 2006 by Jenn Veith and nesting documented by Jackie Fallon and Bud Tordoff who monitored the site this year. This nest site is situated on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad lift bridge that crosses the Mississippi River at Prescott, WI. This year the peregrines nested on the east portion of the bridge so they are being counted as a Wisconsin pair. Two young fledged here but because of dangers associated with accessing the nest site, they were not banded. Bud Tordoff identified the adult male as **“Butler” (b/g) 19/N** who was produced in 2004 at the Cargill Elevator nest site in Red Wing, MN. The adult female is unbanded. Many thanks to Bud Tordoff and Jackie Fallon for monitoring this site and providing nesting updates.

For additional information on the 9 other Mississippi River nest sites check out the **Raptor Resource Project (RRP)** web site at: www.raptorresource.org/



“Jean” (b/g) 19/C with her 4 young at Milwaukee’s US Bank site.

FAILED NEST SITES

Two Rivers: Fisher Hamilton (FH) Complex NEW SITE

Peregrines were first seen at this site by employees in March. Brian Maedke of the USDA visited the site on May 10th and found two peregrines present but no nest. He did however photograph a gull nest in the NE corner of the roof on the main office building. When I visited the site on May 29th I found an adult female peregrine perched on an adjacent water tower. Shortly afterwards, when I popped open the roof hatch on the main office building, I flushed an adult male peregrine and found three peregrine eggs in the same nest that less than three weeks earlier had a gull egg in it and another pushed to the side.



Three peregrine eggs in the short-lived peregrine nest at Fisher Hamilton

I visited this site again on June 5th and found 3 eggs. While discussing the peregrines with plant security staff it was noted that the adult female sort of disappeared around May 12th which could have indicated that egg laying had begun.

On July 1st, I stopped here once more to see if any of the eggs had hatched. When I arrived I found an adult Herring gull perched on the parapet wall just above the nest location but no peregrines anywhere. When I inspected the actual nest site, all three peregrine eggs were gone and in their place was a broken, putrid gull egg. According to Bob Posvic who is a security guard for FH, a storm came through the area on the 18th or 19th of June and he began seeing only one falcon afterwards. Bob took a quick look at the site on June 23rd and found a single gull egg in the nest. He did see two falcons on June 28th and one on June 30th. If one of the adults was lost during/after the storm and two were seen on June 28th, the second falcon seen at that time could have been one from the Manitowoc nest site which is the next easily visible, prominent, tall landmark on the horizon (about 8-10 miles away) where 5 young were produced this year.

So.....it appears that the FH site went from a Herring gull nest to peregrine nest and back to a gull nest again between May 10th – June 23rd, then failed. Peregrines were seen sporadically afterwards and on July 17th, Bob Posvic reported seeing 2 falcons on the water tower. Efforts to install a nest box at this site will hopefully get under way this fall.

Possible Cliff Nesting Peregrines in Racine?

In early April DNR Wildlife Biologist Marty Johnson responded to a call regarding a dead hawk in the 4400 block of Douglas Ave. When he arrived he found a male peregrine banded **(b/g) 74/M** that I identified as being produced in 2004 at the Midwest Generating Station nest site in Waukegan, IL. Afterwards he was also told about a dead hawk that was found in the same area two weeks earlier which had been buried. When he inspected this “hawk” he found it banded as **(b/g) P/26**, a female peregrine produced in 2005 at One Summit Square site in Fort Wayne, IN.



As soon as I learned of the fact that two falcons had been found dead and the area they were found, I drove down to Racine to have a look because the address where the falcons were found was very close to the quarry that I used to hang around as a kid. I'd always felt the quarry with its high walls and ledges had a lot of potential for a peregrine eyrie.....perhaps there was a failed nesting attempt at this site due to some unknown cause(s)? It's hard to say but certainly likely. The circumstances surrounding the mysterious deaths of two adult peregrines in the same area led to necropsies by the DNR Health Lab in Madison. “Preliminary results on the falcons are that they died of trauma and not poison. There was no corn in the crop. One of the birds had a broken wing and both had trauma to the heads. There was no trace of metal on the bodies, so there were no guns involved with their deaths”.



Above: The Racine quarry looking W NW has some very suitable ledges

Below: One of several potential eyrie sites in the NW corner of the quarry

A pair of peregrines successfully nested in the McCook quarry in McCook, IL this year for what is believed to be the first time (M. Hennen, pers. comm). Suffice to say, I'll be stopping at the Racine quarry regularly next spring to watch for activity as I make my regular site visits.

ACTIVE/NON-PRODUCTIVE SITES

Milwaukee: We Energies Valley Power Plant

This site was active during early spring. Falcons were observed in the nest box as late as March 24th and two scrapes were made but in early April activity waned and no nesting has occurred. “**Liberty**” (b/g) 0/*T, who nested here from 2004 – 06 disappeared sometime in January or February. I last saw her on December 11th when I was doing nest box repairs.

For the past three years one of the reasons we suspected there was no nesting at the nearby US Bank site was because of Liberty’s extreme aggressiveness and territoriality at the Valley Power Plant. Interestingly, between January – March a lone adult male was seen intermittently at both sites and I believe Liberty’s former mate bounced between the two sites until he found a mate and settled in at the US Bank. We’re hopeful, that a new pair of peregrines will find the nest box at the Valley Power Plant site and produce young here again next year.

Milwaukee: UW-Milwaukee, EMS Building

Over the years, there have been sporadic reports of peregrines at the UW-Milwaukee campus. For many years the peregrines that nested at Milwaukee’s Firststar Center would spend time hunting there each winter but until this spring there were never any confirmed reports of peregrines being seen regularly.

That changed on March 27th this year when John Idzikowski informed me that he was seeing a fair amount of peregrine activity on the east side of the EMS Building. As a follow-up, I arranged to meet with Dave Danielson the new facilities Manager for the campus on March 30th.

When I arrived on site early that morning, I found an adult male peregrine atop the SW corner of the EMS Building devouring a flicker. When we inspected the roof and lower ledges, I also found some scattered prey remains but not the amount one would expect at an active nest site. The EMS Building has a south facing lower ledge that is secure and would make a great spot for a nest. As such, work will get underway yet this year to install a nest box. I wouldn’t be surprised to see this site produce young next year.

Milwaukee: We Energies County Grounds Power Plant

Much like the UW-Milwaukee account above, there have been sporadic reports of peregrines in this area for a number of years but no nests have been found. On July 1st, Mike Langer and I observed a sub-adult male peregrine atop the cell tower on N. 124th St. In response to this, plans are underway to install a nest box at the nearby We Energies County Grounds Power Plant where there are lots of nearby buildings and some great hunting habitat available for nesting falcons.

Milwaukee: Hoan Bridge/United Water

In 1999, 4 young fledged from this site but it has remained vacant ever since. Adjacent to the Hoan Bridge is the United Water site where we've also had a nest box installed on the roof for many years but again with no activity.

This spring I saw peregrines in this general area occasionally but on July 7th, I found an unbanded sub-adult female peregrine under the south portion of the bridge eating what appeared to be a grackle. That same morning, Steve Martinez of WI DOT met me atop the bridge and I crawled down to inspect the original nest site again but found no fresh sign. Even so, while I was under the bridge I saw an adult male peregrine sail by beneath me and heard the aforementioned female cackling. With the close proximity of this site to the US Bank and Valley Power Plant nest sites, the male could easily have been from one of these.

To add to the renewed interest regarding activity here, on June 21st, a sub-adult male peregrine named **"Bob" (b/g) B/21** was found injured at 1233 S. Barclay St. which is just across the river from the United Water site. I banded "Bob" as a baby at the Kenosha Memorial Hospital site last year. "Bob" was looked after by the Wisconsin Humane Society but later died of his injuries.

There are also some elevators and silos across the river where peregrines could nest but if they had, it's likely I would have seen young falcons at some time during one of my visits but all I ever saw were adults and the one sub-adult mentioned above.

Before next spring, I'll get a perch installed in front of the nest box at United Water and attach a pigeon wing to this. I may also get a nest tray back under the Hoan Bridge now that human access to this former nest site is much more restricted, even for workers, so peregrines could nest here again undisturbed.

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

Once again, a number of peregrines have been observed here this spring according to Ed and Jan Schmidt. So far the following falcons have been ID'd at this site with the help once again of the "Cuddeback" digital camera mounted to the nest box:

-**No Name (b/g) P/63**, a female wpr in 2005 at the Grand Haven L&P Sims Plant, Grand Haven, MI.

-**"Karla" (b/g) 4/*5**, a female wpr in 2002 at the MPL Boswell Energy Center in Cohasset, MN.

-**"Thor" (b/g) 76/N**, a male wpr in 2004 at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI.

There has also been an immature female observed here but no nesting has occurred.

WISCONSIN NEST SITE TYPES & PRODUCTION 2007

Site Type	N	%Total	Site Type	Young	% Total
Power Plants	10	37%	Power Plants	28	35%
Buildings	10	37%	Buildings	34	42%
<i>Elevators/Silos</i>	3	11%	<i>Elevators/Silos</i>	12	15%
<i>Paper Mills</i>	2	7%	<i>Paper Mills</i>	7	9%
<i>Banks</i>	2	7%	<i>Banks</i>	7	9%
<i>Courthouses</i>	1	4%	<i>Courthouses</i>	3	4%
<i>Breweries</i>	1	4%	<i>Breweries</i>	4	5%
<i>Hospitals</i>	1	4%	<i>Hospitals</i>	1	1%
Natural Cliffs	6	22%	Natural Cliffs	17	21%
Bridges	1	4%	Bridges	2	2%
Total Nest Sites	27		Total Young Produced	81	

Note: Percentages are rounded

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

We Energies Nest Sites

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>

StoraEnso Kimberly Mill Nest Site

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



"Lily" (b/g) 56/A at her nest box atop the Racine County Courthouse

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 including, IL (M. Hennen), IN (J. Castrale), IA (P. Schlarbaum, KY (A. Smith), MI (K. Cleveland), MN (Jackie Fallon), ND, OH (OH DNR web site) and PA (W. PA Conservancy web site). Following is known information on Wisconsin-produced peregrines that nested or were identified in other states for 2007:

ILLINOIS

"Auntie Em" (b/g) 5/*P, a female produced at Milwaukee's Landmark on the Lake site in 1999 paired with male Tracy (b/g) *P/M who was produced at the Broadway site in 1997. The pair nested at 5821 N. Broadway, in Chicago producing 4 young.

"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 nested at the Metropolitan Correctional Center site in Chicago producing 2 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 3 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 3 young.

"Bryanne" (b/g) 9/*Y, a female produced at Milwaukee's Froedtert Malt site in 2000 paired with a male banded (b/g) L/N, produced at Chicago's Broadway nest in 2000. The pair nested at Chicago's Pilson Park site and produced 2 young.

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.

"Hops" (b/g) 58/M, a male produced at Milwaukee's Miller Brewery in 2003 paired with a female named Kelliwatt (b/g) 60/D who was produced in Aberdeen, OH in 2004. They nested at the St. Michael's Old Town nest site & produced one egg that failed to hatch.

"Magnolia" (blk) 22R, a female hatched in La Crosse, WI in 1991 was observed at this site but it cannot be confirmed if she nested. She has been at this Hyde Park site for 14 years and it may be she has reached the end of her productive years.

“Nitz” (b/g) 2/*Y, a female produced at Milwaukee’s Froedtert Malt complex in 2001 was observed at Chicago’s Lawndale site with Dave (b/g) 14/K produced in 2001 in Chicago. No nesting behavior was observed.

“Rahn” (b/g) 01/A, a female produced at the Edgewater site in Sheboygan, WI in 2001 paired with male Etienne 7/6 produced at Etobicoke, Canada in 2002. The pair nested at the Wacker Drive site in Chicago and produced 2 young.

INDIANA

“Chantal” (b/r) *B/*C, a female produced at Milwaukee’s Froedtert Malt complex in 1998 paired with male Kinney (b/r) 7/*3 hacked 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 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 2 young.

“Cloud Dancer” (b/r) *B/*G, a female produced the Pulliam site in Green Bay, WI in 1998 paired with **Uncle Billy (b/r) 3/*B** who was produced at Milwaukee’s Landmark on the Lake site in 1995. They produced 2 chicks at the NIPSCO Plant in Michigan City.

MICHIGAN

“Dubya” (b/g) 45/M, a male produced in 2003 at the Busch Agricultural Resources site in Manitowoc, WI nested on the Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron in 2006 but was replaced in 2007.

“Alimak” (b/g) G/C, a male produced in 2000 at the Dairyland Power Coop in Alma, WI nested in Lansing, MI with a female named “Stelco” 4/S who was produced in Hamilton, Ontario in 1997. They produced two clutches of eggs but none hatched. Alimak was subsequently found dead at the nest site possibly from a territorial battle and was replaced by a new male.

MINNESOTA

“Sena” (b/g) 94/N, a male produced at the StoraEnso Kimberly Mill, Kimberly, WI in 2005 paired with “Marcia” (b/g) 42/B who was produced in 2002 at the Monticello Power Plant in Monticello, MN. They nested at the Space Tower at the St. Paul State Fairgrounds but their eggs failed to hatch.

“Gretch” (b/g) K/U, a male produced at the Dairyland Power Coop in Genoa, WI in 2000 paired with female “Lolo” (b/g) 29/A who as produced at the Excel High Bridge power plant in St. Paul, MN in 2001. They nested at the Horizon Milling site in Lake City, MN and produced 4 young.

PENNSYLVANIA

“Dorothy” (b/g) 5/*A, who was produced at Milwaukee’s US Bank site in 1999, paired with **“Erie” (b/r) *T/W** who was produced at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus, OH in 1998. They nested at the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh producing 4 young.

OHIO

“Newton” 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 3 young.

Mary Ellen *B/*B, a female produced in 1998 at Milwaukee’s Froedtert Malt complex paired with an unbanded male at the Miami Ft. Stn. Cinergy Site in Cleves producing 4 young.

“Princess” *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 3 young.

KENTUCKY

A 2006 Wisconsin produced female from either the Manitowoc or Valley Power Plant site has been observed with a male named **“Nimbus” (b/g) B/01** who was produced at the AT&T building in Dayton, OH in 2006. They have been observed together in downtown Lexington, KY since last December.



*Raynie (b/r) A/*H at the International Malting site
(formerly Froedtert Malt Complex)*

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