

## MIDWEST PEREGRINE FALCON RESTORATION, 1987 REPORT

1. Alma, Wisconsin. On March 29 in a snowstorm, two adult peregrines were at the same cliff as in 1986. By June 19, a large peregrine chick was visible on the nest ledge. On June 27, the remains of this chick were found, victim of an owl or raccoon. The adults were seen infrequently at the cliff through the summer. Both adults wore single aluminum bands as in 1986.

2. John Latsch State Park, Minnesota. A single peregrine was seen on April 3 and 5, and a pair of adults was present later in the month. Indications were that incubation was in progress by late April, but by late May only the male was present and he was seen only sporadically. On June 27, the cliff was climbed and the remains of the adult female found in the nest cave on the middle bluff. She had apparently been killed by an owl because the nest site is not accessible to mammals.

3. Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. A pair of falcons nested in a secure-appearing site about 1/4 mile north of the south end of the long cliff face, between the two roadside parking areas. On June 19, Pat Redig climbed to the eyrie where he found two large, lively, downy chicks and the remains of a third, killed and plucked there the night before. Over the next four days, the adults seemed inattentive to the nest and on June 27, another climb revealed no chicks, no adults, and only a pile of feathers from young peregrines in the eyrie. An owl seems to be the only likely predator. Both adult peregrines wore single aluminum bands; the male also had a breeder's band.

4. Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin. By April 5, an adult female peregrine was back at the cliff occupied in 1986. No male appeared and the female was found dead and badly decomposed below the cliff on May 22. She was Right Pointer Sister, released at Weaver Dunes on July 6, 1984.

5. Multifoods Tower, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. On April 9, an adult male peregrine was present. He turned out to be a four-year-old, Billy Ray, released in 1983 at Weaver Dunes. On April 22, a female arrived. She was a one-year-old, MF 1 or Muffin, released from the Multifoods Tower in 1986. She had been photographed and identified by band number in Grand Forks, North Dakota, in September, 1986. This pair produced two eggs. Both hatched but one chick fell from the ledge and was killed. The other fledged successfully and in summer, 1988, was resident in Winnipeg, Manitoba, paired to a male released in Winnipeg. Two additional chicks were added to the brood; both were killed in Minneapolis in accidents after fledging.

6. North Central Life Tower, St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. Two peregrines, both one year old, were using this building in May, so a nest box was installed on the 26th floor, east side, on May 28. The box was used through the summer but no nesting was attempted.

7. Northern Building, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. A single infertile peregrine egg was laid on a 34th story ledge. The adults were not identified.