

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PEREGRINE FALCON SITES

Nesting Status: July 15, 2014

- **Twenty-one (21) Sites Being Monitored For Nesting In Southeast District In 2014:**

Ann Arbor - U-M Medical Center
Bay City/Essexville - Karn/Weadock Generating Complex
Dearborn – Parklane Tower (East)
Detroit - AT & T Building
Detroit – First National Bank Building
Detroit - Fisher Building
Detroit - Whittier Apartments
Detroit - University of Detroit - Mercy
Erie – Consumers Energy / JR Whiting Plant
Flint - UM- Flint Northbank Center Bldg./Mott Foundation Bldg./Durant Bldg.
Grosse Pointe – Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
Monroe – DTE Power Plant
Mt. Clemens - Macomb County Building
Port Huron - Blue Water Bridge
Pontiac - AT & T Tower
River Rouge – DTE Power Plant
Saginaw – Saginaw Commerce
St. Clair Shores – Shore Club Tower Apartments and Marina
St. Clair/East China – St. Clair Power Plant
Trenton – Trenton Power Plant
Warren – Campbell-Ewald Building

- **Nesting Status :**

Ann Arbor - U-M Medical Center: (3 chicks – 2 females, 1 male)
Bay City/Essexville - Karn/Weadock Generating Complex: (3 eggs, 3 chicks – 1 confirmed deceased)

Dearborn – Parklane Tower – East: (adults on site, no nesting success)
Detroit - AT & T Building: (4 chicks –3 males, 1 female)
Detroit – First National Bank Building: (no nesting activity)
Detroit - Fisher Building: (2 broken and 1 whole egg – No hatches)
Detroit - University of Detroit – Mercy: (possible first and second nesting attempt failure)
Detroit - Whittier Apartments: (3 eggs, 2 chicks – 2 females chicks, no males)
Erie – Consumers Energy / JR Whiting Plant: (2 eggs, 2 males, one deceased)
Flint - UM- Flint Northbank Center Bldg./Mott Foundation Bldg./Durant Bldg.: (2 eggs on Durant Bldg. – nest failure)
Grosse Pointe – Grosse Pointe Yacht Club: (new pair/new site, nest status never determined – no young)
Monroe – DTE Power Plant: (2 chicks, 1 male – deceased, 1 female)
Mt. Clemens - Macomb County Building: (5 eggs / 4 chicks – Banded as 3 females - one deceased, 1 male – blood tests returned as 2 females and 2 males)
Port Huron - Blue Water Bridge: (1 male)
Pontiac - AT & T Tower: (4 chicks - 2 females, 2 males)
River Rouge – DTE Power Plant: (inconclusive)
Saginaw – Saginaw Commerce Tower: (no nesting activity)
St. Clair Shores – Shore Club Tower Apartments and Marina – (Grosse Pte. Pair moved to this site, no nesting)
St. Clair/East China – St. Clair Power Plant: (no activity)
Trenton – Trenton Power Plant: (no activity reported, not visited to date)
Warren – Campbell-Ewald Building: (3 chicks – 1 male, 2 females)

TOTAL CHICKS HATCHED: 28

TEN (10) OF THE NESTS SUCCESSFULLY HATCHED CHICKS AND TWENTY-THREE (23) CHICKS FLEDGED

- **Two New Site Being Monitored For 2014:**

Grosse Pointe – Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
St. Clair Shores – Shore Club Tower Apartments and Marina

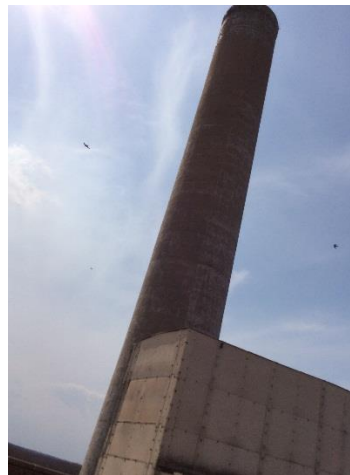
NOTATIONS:**Ann Arbor** - U-M Medical Center

Three chicks banded, 2 females, 1 male. One female fledged early, was rehabbed by Dave Hogan, and was successfully released back to the site on 7/01/14

Bay City/Essexville - Karn/Weadock Generating Complex

(3 eggs – 3 chicks) The resident pair picked a new nesting spot at this site (see pictures below). Stanley Madziar reported that banding was most likely not feasible for the 2014 season due to inaccessibility of the new nest location.

One chick fell from nest and was grabbed by a mink per witness account. One chick unaccounted for.

**Dearborn** – Parklane Tower (East)

Frequent Peregrine Falcon activity was noted by observers in the early spring on the southeast corner of west tower. In early May both adults disappeared. The female reappeared in mid-June for three days and then disappeared again.

Detroit - AT & T Building

The resident pair picked the same nesting ledge location as last year. This ledge location is not accessible for banding. (4 chicks – 3 males, 1 female)

Detroit – First National Bank Building

No nesting activity.

Detroit - Fisher Building

(Nesting failure) A nest with three eggs (two broken and one unviable) was located on 19th floor S.W. window ledge.

Detroit - Whittier Apartments

(3 eggs – 2 chicks – 2 females) These chicks were not banded due to aggressive behavior of the adult female and the worry of bird injury. The owner of this building, Mr. Melvin Washington has been dealing with trespassers to the building over the last year. The building has now been boarded up and the stairway is now sealed. However, trespassers are still breaking in. Mr. Washington has been very accommodating in protecting the nest site and is still giving us access to the building with an appointment.

Detroit - University of Detroit – Mercy

This pair was incubating on the east ledge during our first two visits. On the third visit no incubation or feeding was taking place. Since the repair of tower three years ago, this site has had no nesting success. Cracks were sealed during this repair and there is a strong possibility that the nest site now retains rainwater. Talks are underway with the University to see about inserting a nest tray(s) into the ledge(s) for 2015.

Erie – Consumers Energy / JR Whiting Plant

(2 eggs – 2 chicks, 2 males, one deceased) This pair has nested in same inaccessible I-beam location as in the two previous years. One chick fell from nest, and was discovered deceased. One chick fledged early (June 16), was rehabbed by Dave Hogan, and was successfully released back to site on July 5, 2014.

Flint - UM- Flint Northbank Center Bldg./Mott Foundation Bldg./Durant Bldg.

A nest box was built by a volunteer, and was installed in late winter on the north ledge of the U-M Northbank Center Building by the volunteer and Julie Oakes and Jon Curtis of the DNR. A nesting attempt was made by the resident pair on the Durant Building ledge (north side of building). There was no substrate on the ledge for nesting, and the eggs ended up sitting in water after a heavy rainfall and then blowing off the ledge. A nest shelf was installed by MDNR on 6/05/2014 on the ledge of the Durant Building. The pair have been regularly seen investigating this new shelf.

Grosse Pointe – Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (Yacht Club Tower picture below)

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is a new site being monitored for 2014.

The male has been identified as General Brock (black, 22/V), hatched at the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, Ontario and banded on May 18, 2012. This is the same falcon that local birder, Tom Heatley saw on October 21, 2012 at the North Marsh of Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township, MI.

The female is black over red, 20/W. She is Theresa, from St. Mary's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She was hatched and banded in 2012.



Although we have been given complete access to the tower, I found that the first of two 20-foot tall rung ladders to be potentially unsafe to climb, due to the fact that they are 50 years old and have inadequate room between the ladder and the wall for a secure foothold. If nothing else it would require a climbing harness. The top one third of the tower is filled with wires for the dishes installed on the peak of the tower. Nesting status: Although it appears that the pair were using the tower, incubation/chicks were not confirmed. The pair left this site around Memorial Day and has relocated to the Shore Club Apartments and Marina in St. Clair Shores (Jefferson Ave. at Nine Mile Road) Penthouse Balcony – 26th floor. There is no sign of nesting on the balcony or the roof of this building. There is no practical place to install a nest box on the apartment building. Monitoring of both sites will continue.

Monroe – DTE Power Plant

(2 chicks: 1 male, 1 female) During a visit on 5/30/2014, at 25 days old, the older chick (male) lost his footing and fell to his death. On June 11, the second chick (female) fledged early. This bird was picked up by Dave Hogan for rehabilitation and was returned to nest site on 6/24/2014.

Mt. Clemens - Macomb County Building

2014 is the first year this pair has laid 5 eggs. 2014 is also the first year that this pair has chosen the same ledge for nesting two years in a row.

(5 eggs / 4 chicks - 3 females - one deceased, 1 male).

On 6/20/2014, COMTEC, had a flight collision into Administration Building across the street from nest site building which resulted in a broken neck. Its body was picked up by Animal Control and given to MDNR Macomb County Conservation officer. The three remaining young fledged without incident.

On Saturday, June 21, we hosted a Peregrine Gathering for the public at the Gazebo located at the Police Station. There were 40 attendees.

Port Huron - Blue Water Bridge

One male chick for 2014 season. On 6/25/2014, this chick fledged early and was found grounded on the rocks along the shoreline just north of the bridge and was picked up by Port Huron Police and given to local rehabber, Erin Stacks of *Back to the Wild Rehab*. This bird was picked bird up from Erin and we delivered it to Dave Hogan on 6/26/2014 for rehabilitation. This fledgling was successfully released back to site on 7/7/2014. On 7/14/2014, I received a report that black/red E/08 (Miller) was picked up in Sarnia, Ontario by Linn Eves, Rehabber. This bird has been taken to Veterinarians in Ontario for evaluation. (Waiting for a report).

MDOT has installed a second box on the south span bridge as per discussions over the winter with Karen Cleveland and Dick Wolinski. The “old” box on the north span will be removed after the 2014 nesting season. Painting will commence on the north span in 2015 and will continue for three years. Photos of this box were taken and will be shown to Tim Payne to see if adjustments need to be made to the box.

Pontiac - AT & T Tower

4 chicks - 2 female, 2 male, fledged without apparent incidents.

River Rouge – DTE Power Plant

A report has been received from DTE management at this site of a young bird. This report has not yet been confirmed.

Saginaw – Saginaw Commerce Tower

No nesting activity detected at this building or other tall buildings in the vicinity.

St. Clair/East China – St. Clair Power Plant

No nesting activity detected.

Trenton – Trenton Power Plant

No nesting activity reported by local watchers or plant management.

Warren – Campbell-Ewald Building

3 chicks, 1 male and 2 females were banded on 6/06/2014. All three chicks fledged with no major problems.

Campbell-Ewald moved from this building in December 2013. Security employees sent security camera still shots and videos to keep us up to date on nesting status.

The Warren Peregrine Falcon group organized themselves as watchers and were very helpful by reporting their observations. On Saturday, June 28, 2014, the Warren Peregrine Falcon group along with Barb and I organized and gathered for a public fledge watch afternoon event. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

This building is being sold and new owners will be contacted when the sale is final.

NOTE: Reports of Peregrine Falcons were also followed up in downtown Royal Oak, Cadillac Tower in Detroit, and the Southfield Tower Center, Southfield

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