

A Bird's Life

Peregrine Falcon



Eggs Falcons normally reproduce once per year and lay 1-4 eggs that are slightly smaller than chicken eggs.



Hatching Most falcons hatch eyases (baby chicks) in mid-April after the female incubates the eggs for 33-35 days.



Eyases (1-3 days) Newly hatched eyases weigh about 2 ounces and are covered with fluffy white down feathers.



Chicks (28 days) Young peregrines stay in the nest for about 6 weeks. After about 3 weeks, their white feathers are replaced with brown juvenile ones.



Juvenile (1 year) During their first year of life, juvenile falcons learn to hunt, survive and be independent.



Beaster (3 years) This adult male, with adult plumage, hatched in 2005 at the We Energies Pleasant Prairie Power Plant.



Atlanta (12 years) Adult female falcons are 1/3 larger than males – making them capable of taking larger prey.