

Just for Kids

Peregrine Falcon

The peregrine falcon can snatch its prey at speeds of up to 200 m.p.h. Known as the “fastest animal on earth,” these powerful fliers have long-pointed wings and a narrow tail. Their prey, other birds, are quickly killed by these skillful hunters.



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Peregrine falcons are spectacular birds. Adult peregrines have gray backs, pale-colored chests and spots on their lower body. They also have black markings on their face that look like sideburns.

Nesting in Connecticut Again!



This peregrine falcon chick was one of the first born in Connecticut in over 40 years.

City, Open Country and Coastal Birds

Peregrines nest on mountain tops and cliffs overlooking open country and coastlines. They even nest on tall buildings and bridges in cities. Connecticut peregrine falcons have nested on a building ledge in Hartford and a bridge in Bridgeport.

Poisonous DDT

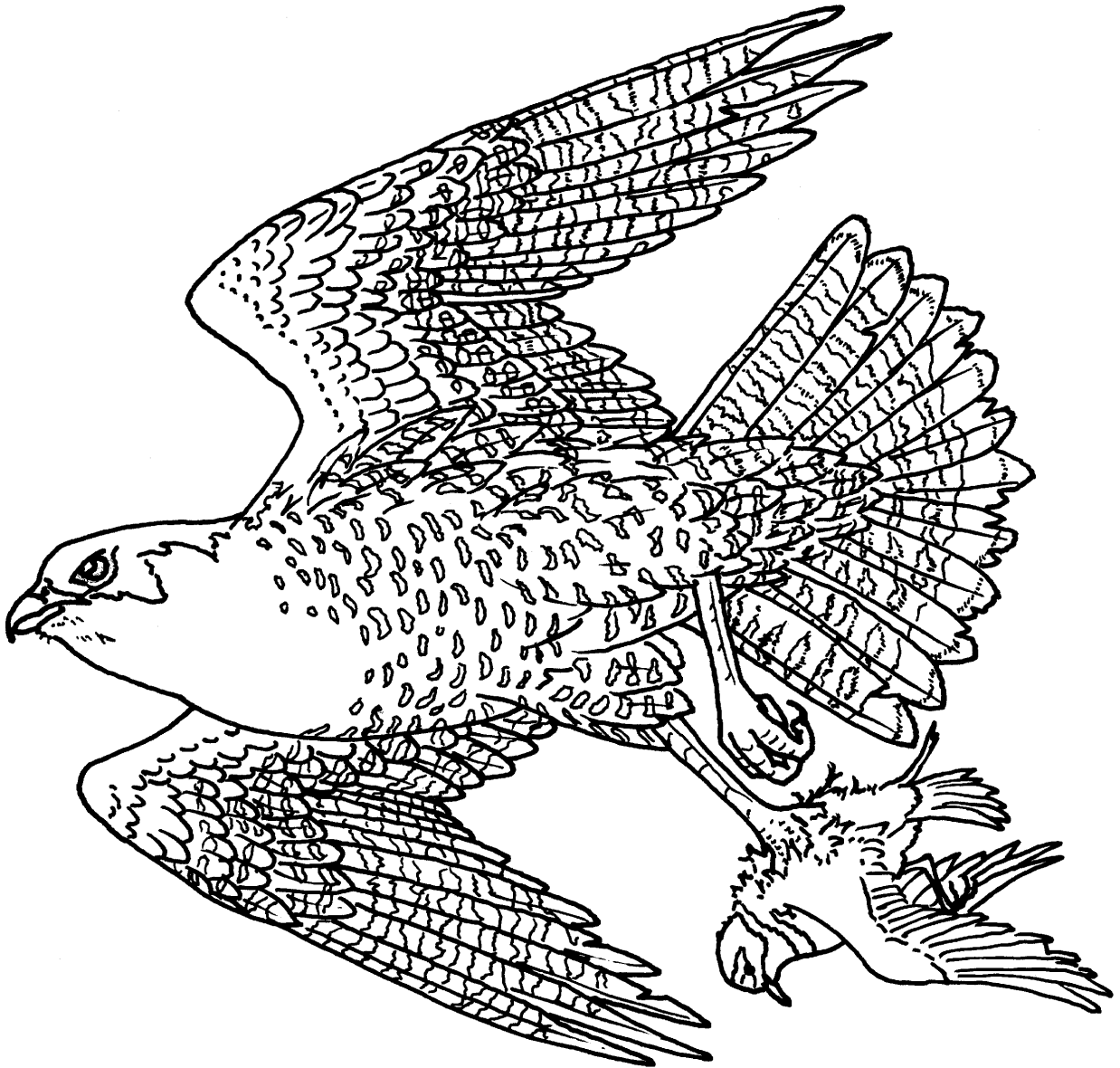
Peregrine falcons were once in danger of becoming extinct. They disappeared from much of their range because of the pesticide DDT, which was used in the United States before it was discovered that it was bad for the environment. DDT caused health problems for many animals.

Peregrines are fast fliers. How do other Connecticut animals match up to these speedy falcons?

<i>Peregrine Falcon</i>	200 m.p.h.
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i>	40 m.p.h.
<i>Coyote</i>	40 m.p.h.
<i>White-tailed Deer</i>	30 m.p.h.
<i>Darner Dragonfly</i>	30 m.p.h.
<i>Most Kids</i>	14 m.p.h.

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Peregrine falcons are a threatened species in Connecticut. They are fast fliers and catch smaller birds to eat.



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