

Summary of 2013 Peregrine Falcon Nesting Season and Monitoring in Minnesota

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This was the 32nd year of peregrine falcon field work in the Midwestern US and Canada, since the initial 1982 releases of captive bred birds along the Mississippi River. The species was federally delisted in August 1999, marking the 15th year since peregrine falcons were federally delisted in North America. Several states in the Midwest have down-listed the species due to significant recovery. In Minnesota, the peregrine falcon had been listed as a threatened species, but proposals by MNDNR moved forward to change the state status to species of special concern in August 2013.

In Minnesota in 2013, at least 102 chicks at 37 sites fledged successfully; at least 7 additional chicks hatched but did not survive to fledging age. There were several additional sites that had a single bird in residence. Funding from MOU enabled the banding of 69 chicks from 25 sites. Banding at the other 12 sites was conducted by The Raptor Resource Project.

This project is a great example of community effort at every level-from field monitoring staff, building managers, financial supporters, and state parks to private property owners, DOT staff, and the climbing staff that accessed nearly 20 sites and enabled us to band young peregrines. Lastly, nearly 23,000 miles were logged this year by the field team to accomplish nearly 900 hours of observation, banding and conducting education programming in local communities.

MPS Budget:

Expenses:

Bands: (\$7.00/band x 69 birds):	\$483
Blood collections, archiving: (\$2.00/bird)	\$138
Gasoline & travel for site access:	\$2165 (\$517 from MOU)
Website and Misc. Expenses:	\$600

The grant from the Savaloja Fund via MOU for \$1,000 covered the costs for band purchase, blood sampling for DNA analysis, and partial support of field expenses.

Midwest Peregrine Society is grateful for the support from MOU. For complete information about the status of the Peregrine Falcon in the Midwest, please visit our web-site at: midwestperegrine.org.