

Proposed Listing of Peregrine Falcons under the *Species at Risk Act*



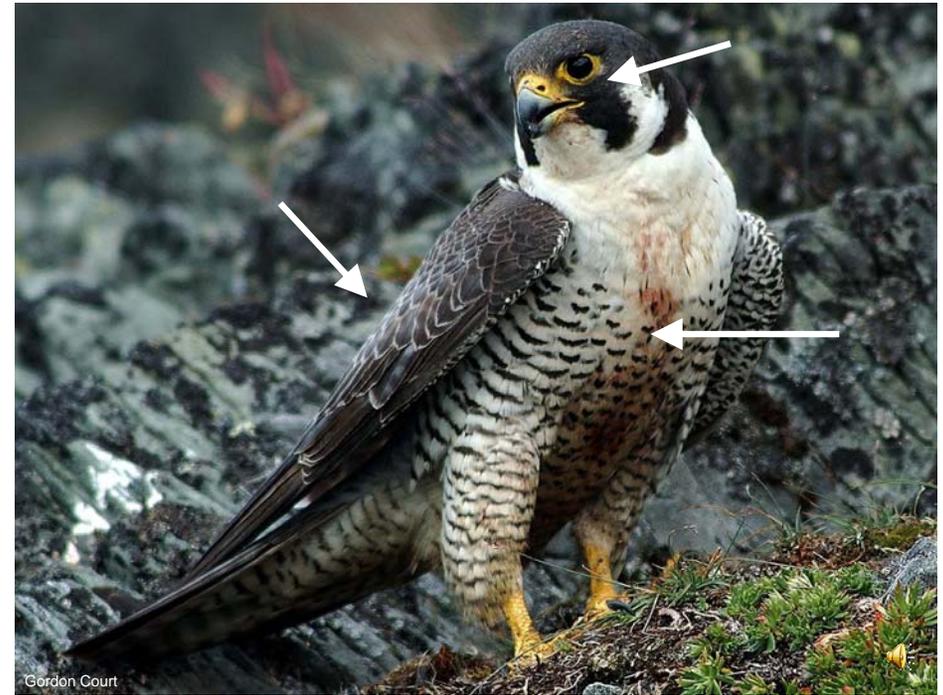
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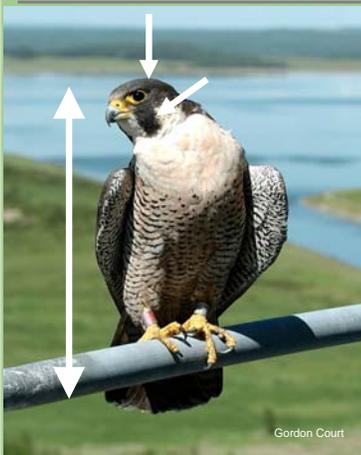
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Peregrine Falcon



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Annual Cycle

- Arrive in Nunavut in May
- Lay 2 to 4 eggs
- Incubation lasts about 1 month
- Leave Nunavut in October for Central and South America



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Habitat...



History of Peregrines in Canada (1)

- Before 1950: 15,000 peregrines
- 1940's to early 1970's: DDT caused peregrine egg shells to thin and their chicks did not hatch
- 1970: DDT banned in Canada
- 1975: lowest number of Peregrines in Canada, disappeared from eastern Canada, Alberta and interior BC



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History of Peregrines in Canada (2)

- Endangered in 1978
- 1974 to 1996: captive peregrines reintroduced to wild
- 1999: 6,000 peregrines
- Threatened in 1999 and 2000



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Proposed Status of Peregrines: Special Concern

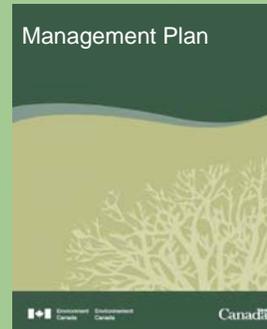
- 2005: almost as many peregrines as before the decline
- Status has improved again!
- Still sensitive to crop chemicals
- DDT still used on wintering grounds



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What does Listing as Special Concern mean?

Management Plan



- Communities will be consulted on the management plan
- NWMB will be asked to approve the plan
- No prohibitions or critical habitat under SARA

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We want to hear from you...

- Do you have any questions or concerns with the potential listing of Peregrine Falcons?
- Please tell us if your HTO supports, does not support, or is indifferent to listing Peregrine Falcons?

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