

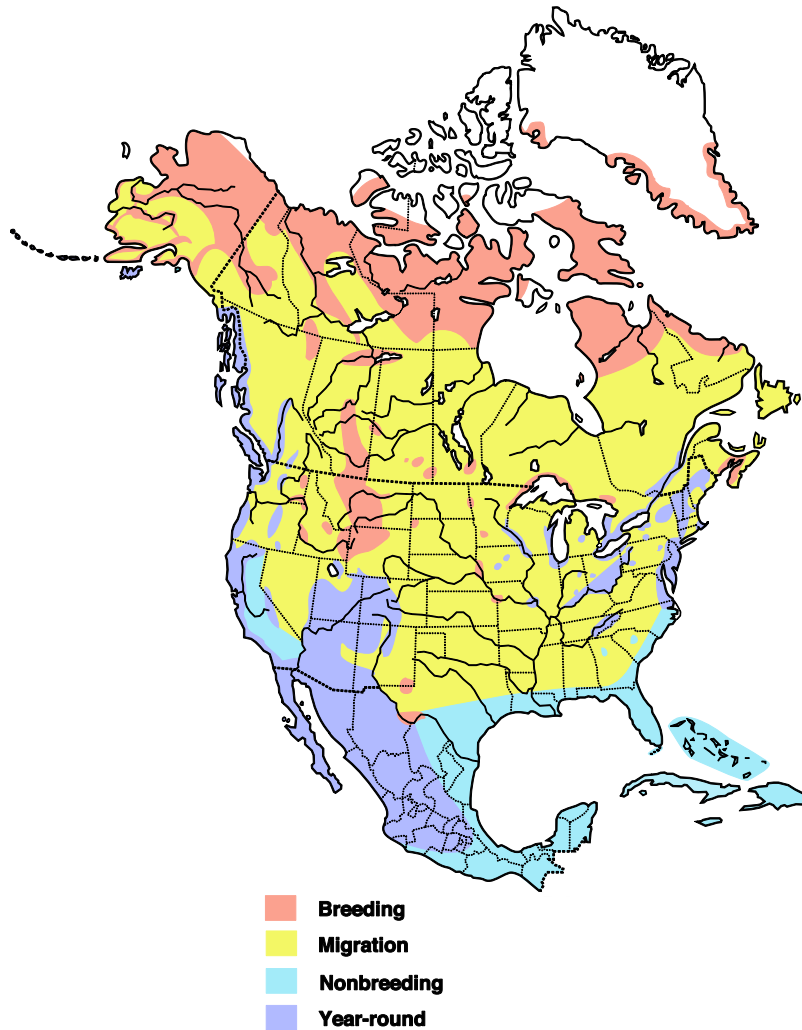


# Species at Risk Profile Series: Peregrine Falcon



- Peregrine Falcons are listed as Special Concern in Canada.
- Look for a crow-sized raptor with pointed wings and a dark 'helmet'.
- Peregrines are found worldwide, including across most of Canada.
- They regularly occur in urban areas, often nesting on the rooftops of multi-storey buildings and bridges.
- In more remote areas, they typically nest on the sides of steep cliffs.
- Peregrines will reuse the same nest site each year for decades.
- Pairs raise one clutch of three chicks each year.
- They primarily hunt other birds, diving at their prey from above.
- They are the fastest animal in the world, achieving speeds of 320 km/hr during their dives.
- Maximum lifespan in the wild is about 20 years.





## Conservation

- Populations plummeted following the use of the pesticide DDT in North America. Since the pesticide's prohibition in the 1970s however, populations have been steadily recovering.
- Collisions with buildings and power lines are a substantial cause of mortality.
- Poaching of eggs and nestlings for falconry occurs, but at an unknown rate.
- Prey availability is a limiting factor in many areas, and falcon populations often follow prey population trends.

## Get involved

- Read the assessment and status report for Peregrine Falcons [here](#).
- Live webcams of peregrine nests can be found online, such as in [Hamilton, ON](#).

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