

	American Peregrine Falcon	Golden Eagles	Prairie Falcons
	<p>Peregrine falcon declined after the 1940s as a result of the widespread use of pesticides such as DDT.</p> <p>Their diet consists of other birds such as pigeons and ducks.</p>	<p>The scientific name comes from the Latin word <i>aquila</i> meaning eagle; <i>chrysaetos</i> is Greek for golden eagle which is obtained from the combination of <i>khrysos</i> for golden and <i>aetos</i> for eagle. The golden eagle occupies a prominent place in the legends and culture of many peoples.</p>	<p>The scientific name comes from the Latin word <i>falx</i> meaning "scythe", referring to the shape of the wing and shape of the talons and <i>mexicanus</i> refers to Mexico where the bird was first collected.</p>
	<p>This species has been restored to much of its former range through captive breeding and releases.</p>	<p>Golden eagles captured during the winter have been fitted with radio transmitters and tracked to their nesting grounds in Southeastern and Central Alaska.</p>	<p>Outward pointed, cone shaped projections in the center of the round nostrils slow down the air flow to allow fast flight without damaging the bird's lungs.</p>
	<p>Peregrine falcons are the fastest birds in the world, flying and chasing prey at speeds of 34-69 mph, and diving from height at speeds up to 200 mph.</p>	<p>Golden eagles can dive at speeds well over 150 mph and possess the strongest grip of any raptor in the Forest. An eagle's talons can close with 1200 pounds per square inch of pressure; the human jaw can close with just 600.</p>	
<b>Wing Span</b>	39- 43 inches	72-85 inches	37-43 inches
<b>Length</b>	14- 19 inches	30-40 inches	15-18 inches
<b>Weight</b>	2- 4 pounds	7 to 14 lbs.	1-2 lbs
<b>Incubation</b>	29-33 days	43-45 days	34 days
<b>Fledge</b>	5 to 6 weeks	9-11 weeks	5-6 weeks
<b>Disperse</b>	3-4 weeks	11 weeks	3 weeks
<b>Clutch size</b>	3-5 eggs	2 eggs	3-6 eggs
<b>Eggs</b>	Reddish-brown with brown blotches	white, lightly blotched with cinnamon color	elliptical, 2" x 1.6", creamy white to pink or russet; usually speckled, with brown or reddish brown