



HAVE YOU SEEN A PEREGRINE FALCON?

# REPORT YOUR SIGHTING!

Stawamus Chief is one of the few known breeding sites for Peregrine Falcons (anatum subspecies), closely monitored since it was once a threatened species.

Human disturbance can cause stress and reduce nesting success. Falcons may aggressively protect their nest, which poses a safety risk.

With the help of volunteers and the climbing community, BC Parks monitors falcon activity between March and July to locate nests.

If you see a Peregrine Falcon, contact us and share as much info as possible by emailing [ParkInfo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ParkInfo@gov.bc.ca)

## Report the following:

- Date and time of observation
- Number of falcons
- Location of falcon activity and your location when you observed the falcons (include climbing route and pitch number if known/applicable)
- Your contact information in case we need more information
- Type of falcon activity. Was it perched, flying, hunting, feeding, vocalizing, copulating, defending its territory, or something else? Did the bird disappear into a crack in the rock?

Other indicators of a falcon nest site include a build up of falcon excrement or an accumulation of bird bones left behind from falcon feeding. Please report these locations as well if you see them.

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ADULT



JUVENILE

## PEREGRINE FALCONS

# WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

- Adults: Slate to black on the back and head, and pale on the underside with bars/spots or a rufous wash on the breast, with a gleaming white throat
- Adults: Black wedge on the front of head extending below the eye, which looks like a black helmet/hood
- Juveniles: Look like adults but dark brown above, with heavily streaked brown breast and underside (juveniles appear darker than adults)
- In flight, falcons have pointed wings, a narrow tail, and quick pigeon-like wing beats
- They soar on flat wings and often appear uniformly dark in flight
- Size: Peregrine Falcons are approximately crow sized, and their bodies are about 36-58 cm long
- Voice: Usually silent but a variety of wails and cries can be heard during the breeding season. Alarm call of the adult birds is a grating kree-aak , kree-aak or ki ki ki. A call can be heard on the following website and by scanning the QR code:

[www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Peregrine\\_Falcon/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Peregrine_Falcon/sounds)

