

Introducing the Peregrine

Peregrines are medium to large-sized raptors with a bulky body and pointed wings. Females ('falcons') are about 1/3 larger than the males, known as 'tiercels'. They range from 26-48cm long, with a wingspan of 95-110cm.

Did you know?

There is a Bath Peregrine Twitter group where you can keep up-to-date with recent activities and view and upload photos: <https://twitter.com/BathPeregrines>

Adults are slate grey above and white with grey horizontal barring beneath. They have pure white upper chests and cheeks and prominent moustacial stripes and hood with bright yellow legs and cere. Juveniles have a browner plumage with brown vertical streaks beneath and a white band on the tail. The legs and cere are dull yellow.



Peregrines lay 2-4, occasionally even 5, eggs of which roughly 50% hatch and reach adulthood. Both parents incubate the eggs which hatch after 33-36 days. The young take their first flight 5-6 weeks later.

Peregrines and their nests have the highest level of protection as a Schedule 1 listed species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.



This project is supported by:



Watch the Peregrines live via webcam:

upp.hawkandowl.org/bath-live

Year-round, the Webcam trained on the St John's RC Church nesting platform gives us a unique and privileged insight into the private lives and behaviour of these amazing wild birds.

During the breeding season (March to June) there is a free-to-visit Watchpoint and Information Station at the church. Open every day, staff and volunteers are on hand to answer your questions and show you the birds. Visitors are able to view the birds through telescopes and binoculars donated to Hawk and Owl Trust by Viking Optical.

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Choose the Peregrine nest platform you'd like to adopt:

- St John's RC Church, Bath Norwich Cathedral
 Other _____ (we may add further boxes in the future)

Adoption £20 per year, or £2 per month. Choose from three easy ways to pay:

I enclose a cheque payable to 'Hawk and Owl Trust' for £ _____ OR

I would like to pay by annual OR monthly Direct Debit.

Please complete the form below OR

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I wish the Hawk and Owl Trust (Registered Charity No.1058565) to reclaim the tax on any eligible present/future/past subscriptions and donations I have made, until I notify you otherwise. I can confirm that I am a UK taxpayer. I understand the charity will currently reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

(To qualify for Gift Aid, you must have paid enough income tax or capital gains tax to cover the amount that all charities and CASCs you donate to will claim in that tax year. Council tax and VAT do not count.)

Adopt a Box details are kept on our database and used solely to further the work of the Hawk and Owl Trust. It is our policy that your details will NOT BE PASSED to anyone else.

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Peregrines at St John's RC Church

Peregrines are thought of as birds of wild and inaccessible mountains and cliffs, but they have been increasingly, entirely naturally, finding the man-made canyons and cliffs of our cities to their liking.

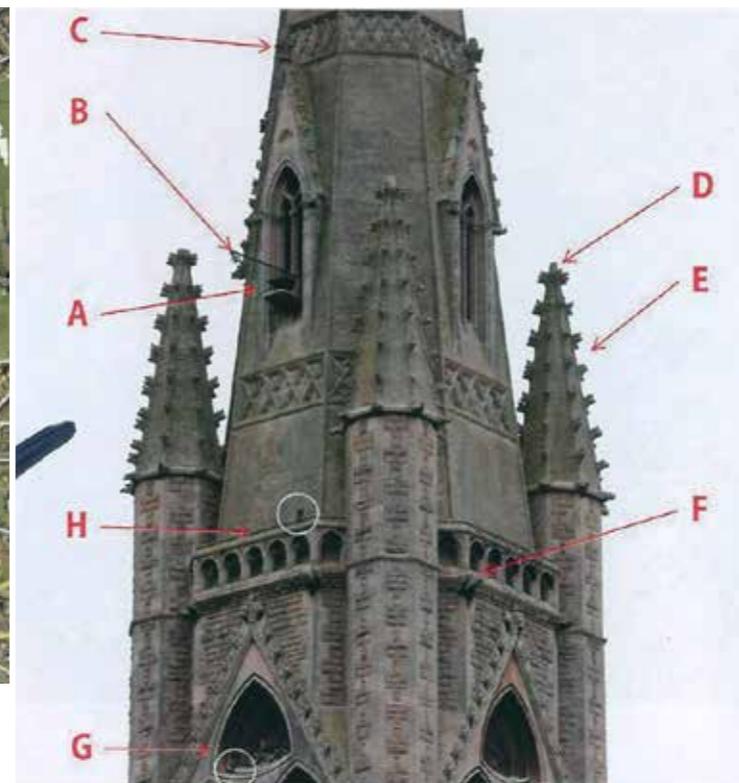


Peregrines first started being seen regularly at St John's RC Church in 2000. Hawk and Owl Trust installed the nest platform in 2005, the birds first bred in 2006 and have bred every year since, with an unprecedented 100% success rate of chicks hatched to fledging successfully.

GA's story

In 2013, a large feisty female chick was hatched here at the Bath nest. She was ringed and a blue plastic ring with the letters 'GA' also attached around her leg to enable her movements through life to be tracked via resightings, without the need for recapturing her to read her metal leg ring. In 2015 she was seen a couple of times around our Norwich Cathedral nest platform. In 2016, after a brutal attack on the resident female, GA emerged victorious and took over the nest site. She paired with the resident male and, in 2017, bred for the first time. Another Bath-bred female has recently been seen settling down and pairing up in London. Only by ringing the birds are we able to follow these movements and outcomes.

Where to look for the Peregrines at St John's RC Church, Bath



The nest platform at St John's the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, South Parade, Bath, BA2 4AF is visible throughout the year, even when the Watch Point is not in use. The figure (above) shows the places the birds are most likely to be found.

- A Nest box
- B Camera
- C Tiercel (male) often sits here during breeding season.
- D Prey prepared and eaten at the tops of the four towers.
- E Crockets used selectively to avoid prevailing wind.
- F Birds often eat on the gargoyles.
- G Reuleaux triangles. A resting Peregrine is shown ringed.
- H Balustrades. A resting Peregrine is shown ringed.

Adopt a Peregrine Nest Box

A perfect gift for yourself, or anyone of any age, who loves Peregrines.

Hawk & Owl Trust have installed two Peregrine nesting platforms which are regularly and successfully used. Both sites have watchpoints during the breeding season, and year-round web camera coverage. By adopting a box you'll be helping to fund your local Peregrine project and helping these magnificent birds to survive.

Your gift will contain:

- Personalised adoption certificate.
- Card with your personal greeting.
- An illustrated guide to identifying British birds of prey.
- Two informative fact sheets.
- Car sticker and bookmark.
- *Adopt a Box News* twice a year.
- An annual update of your box and the birds that have used it, the data being supplied by specially trained nest recorders who monitor the boxes during the breeding season.

Complete the form overleaf or subscribe online at hawkandowl.org/adopt-a-box



Andy Thompson

Who are Hawk and Owl Trust?

Founded in 1969, Hawk and Owl Trust is a national, UK-based charity working for the conservation of all wild birds of prey and their habitats and increasing knowledge and understanding of them. The Trust's four key areas are **Conservation, Education, Research** and running **Nature Reserves**.

By working with communities and other organisations, farmers, foresters and landowners to conserve the places owls and other wild birds of prey nest and feed, the Trust also supports many other associated species: from Field Voles to Skylarks, dragonflies to Grass Snakes - in a whole variety of habitats. The Hawk and Owl Trust runs three fantastic reserves: Sculthorpe Moor, Norfolk; Shapwick Moor in Somerset and Fylingdales Moor in North Yorkshire.

Through educational outreach programmes the Trust offers talks, lessons and workshops to a wide array of people.