


Peregrine Falcon Glossary

<i>Anatum</i>	The subspecies of peregrine falcon that migrates north to Canada and New York to breed and produce young and flies south in the winter to warmer areas. We can find the anatum subspecies in Ontario, Canada, and the Western New York area.
Bird of Prey	A synonym for raptor
Breed	To reproduce, that is, to produce young
Carnivore	An animal that exists solely on a diet of meat
Clutch	A set of eggs
DDE	The abbreviation for dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene, the breakdown product of DDT. DDE residues accumulate in the fat tissues of animals that have ingested DDT. Makes the egg shells thin.
DDT	The abbreviation for dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, a non-specific insecticide that began to be widely used around 1940 for the control of insects that spread disease
Ecosystem	All of the living and nonliving things in an area that interact and exchange materials, and which together function as a unit
Eyas	A newly hatched, unfledged falcon
Eyrie	The nest of a bird of prey, usually located high on a cliff
Fledgling	A young bird that has just left the nest, usually just after having fully gotten its flight feathers
Food Chain	The way food passes from one organism to another
Fostering	A release method where eggs or young peregrines are placed with adult pairs for them to raise
Herbicide	A chemical used to control or kill unwanted plants



Herbivore	An animal that eats only plants	
Incubate	To sit on eggs to keep them warm and in a condition where they will later hatch	
Infertile	Not capable of producing young	
Insecticide	A chemical used to control/kill unwanted insects	
Migrate	To move from one region or climate to another for breeding or feeding; usually happens when the seasons change	
Ornithologist	A biologist who studies birds	
Pesticide	A chemical used to control or kill unwanted plants or animal species	
Predator	An animal that kills another animal for its food	
Prey	An animal that becomes food for the predator	
Raptor	Birds of prey. The word raptor comes from the Latin word rapere, which means to grasp. Raptors include falcons, hawks, eagles, vultures, osprey, harriers and owls.	
Scrape	That mark in gravel made by a peregrine falcon for use as a place to lay eggs. A word for a peregrine nest.	
Tiercel	A male falcon	

