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YOUR WEEKLY BIRD 21

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Peregrine Falcon



I took this picture at Deer Lagoon, Whidbey Island, WA. The bird was hunting just a bit above eye level, and the angle shows its amazing aerodynamic shape.

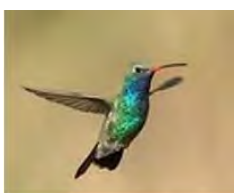
I did a search to see if peregrines did anything newsworthy in 2023. Most of the reports had to do with peregrines taking up residence in major cities. My favorite of these was from Chicago, in the downtown business district. The falcons had chicks in the nest and were driving off unsuspecting people walking by on the sidewalk. One guy was actually attacked and got a gash on his head. Then the police stepped in and rerouted pedestrians until the chicks fledged. Poor Chicago.

Another news item was from US Fish and Wildlife. I guess the peregrine population has recovered enough that they permit a certain amount of nest poaching by falconers. I think it said that 300 permits were available, but only half that number were issued. Zero is the correct number in my opinion.

We had an exceptionally good year for yard birds. I was sitting outside by the back door, just relaxing, but with my camera just in case. Happened to look up, and. . . .



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Southwest Wings

