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ROCHESTER FALCONCAM PEREGRINE FALCON GLOSSARY

Anatum	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 <i>anatum</i> 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 <i>dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene</i> , the breakdown product of DDT. DDE residues accumulate in the fat tissues of animals that have ingested DDT. It also 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	All 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. It is also another word for a peregrine nest.
Tiercel	A male falcon