

# **Finding aid for the Peregrine Grand Rapids records Collection 384**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Creator</b>	Peregrine Grand Rapids.
<b>Title</b>	Peregrine Grand Rapids records
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1985-1990
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1985-2008
<b>Extent</b>	1.6 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Peregrine Grand Rapids is a group in Grand Rapids, Michigan that is dedicated to reestablishing peregrine falcons. In the mid to late 1980s, Peregrine Grand Rapids worked with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Nongame Wildlife Fund to establish a hack box (nesting box) on the top of McKay Tower. Over three years, nearly 20 young peregrine falcons were released into the wild from the hack box. The Grand Rapids effort was part of a larger Great Lakes area effort to boost the numbers of peregrine falcons. Included are papers from Peregrine Grand Rapids, as well as articles, news clippings, pamphlets, reports and photographs.</p>

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The peregrine falcon is a bird of prey that nests on high cliffs. In the 1950s and 1960s, the peregrine falcon population in the United States fell due to the use of pesticides and the birds were classified as an endangered species. Beginning in the 1960s, programs were put in place to reestablish the species.

In Grand Rapids, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources worked along with the group Peregrine Grand Rapids group to establish nesting sites in Grand Rapids. Urban areas with tall buildings provide a similar environment to the cliffs that the peregrine falcons historically nested in, and offer safety from their natural predators.

In 1986, a hack box (nest) was placed on top of the McKay Tower in downtown Grand Rapids. Young peregrine falcons were placed in the hack box each spring for three to four years, beginning in 1986. They learned to fly and hunt from the top of the McKay Tower. Most of the young peregrine falcons released in Grand Rapids survived to adulthood and left to nest in other locations. In 1988, additional nesting boxes were placed on the Michigan National Bank Building and Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The collection contains material collected by members of Peregrine Grand Rapids, including articles, pamphlets, reports, press releases, minutes and photographs. The materials mostly date from 1985-1990, with a few items from 1999-2008.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Sue Blandford, Patricia Allen, John Will. Accession numbers 1990.032A, 1990.032A2, 2007.077, 2008.048.

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- records (documents)

### Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

### Subject(s)

- Endangered species -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Peregrine falcon -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Wildlife management -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

## Peregrine of Grand Rapids records

## Collection Inventory

### Series I Peregrine of Grand Rapids records

#### Scope and Contents note

Documents from the group Peregrine Grand Rapids. These include meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records, ephemera and miscellaneous documents. (Note that financial records may also be found with the meeting minutes).

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Minutes 1986-1988, n.d.	1	1
Correspondence 1986-1990, n.d.	1	2
Financial Records 1986-1990, n.d.	1	3
Proclamation, official welcome to the Peregrine Falcon from the City of Grand Rapids	1	4
Miscellaneous	1	5
Program, North American Peregrine Falcon Victory Celebration 1999	1	6
Commemorative Plaque, Presented to Peregrine Grand Rapids from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Nongame Wildlife Program, n.d.	2	1

## Articles and Pamphlets

**Box**FF  
(VIII-E)

Poster, Peregrine Grand Rapids, signed by Lynn A. Ayres, Numbered 15/25

**Series II Articles and Pamphlets****Scope and Contents note**

This series contains items detailing peregrine falcons and peregrine restoration projects, including pamphlets, articles, newsletters and press releases. The articles and press releases mostly focus on the Grand Rapids project.

**Box**      **Folder**

Pamphlets

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Press Releases May 1986-May 1989, n.d.

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Articles and Newsletters 1985-2008, n.d.

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**Series III Reports****Scope and Contents note**

Reports written during peregrine falcon restoration projects, including Grand Rapids, Mi; Minnesota and the Midwestern Peregrine Falcon Restoration.

**Box**      **Folder**

Reports - Grand Rapids project circa 1985-1990

1

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## Photographs

Reports - Minnesota project	1	11
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Midwestern Peregrine Falcon Restoration Project Report 1988	1	12
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**Series IV Photographs****Conditions Governing Use note**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Photographs of Peregrine Falcons, including two of Radar (1987) and several of peregrines from 2007 and 2008.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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Radar May 1987	1	13
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Miscellaneous	1	14
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Scott Kacos photographs 2007	1	15
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Scott Kacos photographs 2008	1	16
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