

Malteurop Milwaukee's New Female Peregrine Falcon

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On March 16 I spent time watching an adult pair of peregrines at We Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant (MCP) across from Children's Hospital in Wauwatosa and ID'd the female as **(b/g) *E/*S** who was produced in 2006 at the US Steel old coke plant in Gary, IN. My ID was confirmed by a nest box web cam image taken the same morning (below left).



On March 22, another web cam image was taken of ***E/*S** in front of the MCP nest box (right).

On June 16, while checking the Malteurop nest site in West

Milwaukee, I noticed a reduced amount of aggression from the female (right) who I assumed was still **Raynie (b/r) A/*H**. A digital image I took of the female that morning showed a purple USFWS band. Raynie had a silver USFWS band so I knew there was a new female here. On June 29, I set up my scope on the east end of the silos and was able to ID this new female as ***E/*S**, the same female I ID'd earlier this season at MCP.

Apparently Raynie survived long enough to lay one more egg and either died or was killed, and then replaced by ***E/*S** who then laid an additional 3 eggs, 2 of which hatched on June 12.

***E/*S** has replaced Raynie who nested at this site for 13 years. Raynie produced a total of 37 young during her lifetime, 35 of which were produced at the Malteurop site.

