FalconCam Scavenger Hunt
(Answer Key)

(Answers are located at www.wildohio.com, under the FalconCam link)

1. What is the scientific name for a peregrine falcon?
    - Falco peregrinus

2. What does the scientific mean?
    - Falcon wanderer

3. What other bird are peregrine falcons compared to in size?
    - Crow

4. How does the peregrine falcon obtain its food?
    - The falcon delivers a powerful blow to its prey with a half-closed foot. It retrieves the dead bird either in mid-air or after it falls to the ground.

5. What are the peregrine falcons drives at prey also called?

    - Ëstoopí

6. Where is the FalconCam located?
    - 41st floor ledge of the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus

7. When was the FalconCam started?
    - 1997

8. What are peregrine falcons misidentified as? (Four birds)
    - Cooper's Hawk
    - American Kestrel
    - Common Nighthawk
    - Pigeon

9. When were peregrine falcons placed on the federal endangered species list?
    - 1970

10. Why were peregrine falcons endangered?
    - DDT

11. In what year were peregrine falcons downlisted to threatened in Ohio?
    - 2008

12. Where are the bandings and blood samples of the young sent?
    - University of Minnesota's Raptor Center

13. How many and what kinds of leg bands do peregrines get and what do the codes mean?

    - The first band is a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) band which contains a number unique to that individual falcon. The color of this band can help identify the geographic region where the bird was banded. For birds that are hatched in the wild, the USFWS band is placed on the right leg. On falcons that were part of a release program, the USFWS band is placed on the left leg.
    - A second band is placed on the leg opposite of the USFWS band. This band is usually one or two colors and may only have a few numbers and/or letters; these symbols are larger and repeated several times around the band. The colors of this band also help identify the geographic region where the bird was banded and the symbols can be traced back to an individual bird

14. What is the life span of a peregrine falcon?

    - 12 to 15 years old

15. What is the term for peregrine falcons nest?

    - Scrape

16. How many peregrine falcons were fledged in the eastern and central United States in 1965?

    - None

17. How is the Ohio's Division of Wildlife's Peregrine Falcon Management Program Funded?

    - Contributions to the Endangered Species and Wildlife Diversity Fund (State Income Tax Check-off, Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamps, and Wildlife Conservation license plate)

18. How much does a peregrine falcon eat in one day?

    - 70 grams of food

19. Do peregrine falcons migrate?

    - Yes and No. Northern locations are more likely to migrate.

20. What are the predators of peregrine falcons?

    - Great horned owls, martens and some snakes prey on young falcons

21. What does the term “Hacking” mean?

    - Hacking is the process by which young falcons raised in captivity are slowly released to the wild

22. What was the first nesting pair of Peregrines to Columbus in 1993? How many young were raised?

    - "Aurora" and "Bandit" raised a total of 19 young in five years of nesting