

Peregrine Falcon Observation Instructions

1. Weather Conditions

- a. Temperature – record temperature in degrees Fahrenheit
- b. Cloud Cover – record percent of sky with background cloud cover

2. Bird – for each bird observed assign it a number (1, 2, etc.)
After assigning the bird a number identify if it is an immature or adult bird and its sex. In the parentheses provided identify the bird using the following abbreviations:

IF = immature female
 IM = immature male
 AF = adult female
 AM = adult male
 U = unknown

3. Time – use the following format to indicate time for a particular behavior. The notation below reflects the following time conventions:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Time	8	9	10	11	12	1
BEHAVIOR	/	\		—		

Box A = 8:00 - 8:15
 Box B = 9:16 - 9:30
 Box C = 10:31 - 10:45
 Box D = 11:46 - 11:59

Example, assume observations started at 10:15 a.m. – Nothing was observed until 11:48 a.m. and at that time an in flight prey exchange was observed between birds 1 and 2. Birds were then seen flying together at 12:37 p.m., and chased two *Turkey Vultures* at 1:12 p.m.(you should record the species involved under additional comments). The male was later seen hunting at both 2:10 and 2:49 p.m. For the observations described above your data sheet should look like this:

	Bird 1						Bird 2					
	(AM)						(AF)					
	10	11	12	1	2	3	10	11	12	1	2	3
Time												
BEHAVIOR												
Flight Behavior												
Flying												
Hunting												
Food Transfer (flight)		—						—				
Aggressive Displays				/	/					/		

- For descriptions of behaviors one should refer to those presented in *Guide to Management of Peregrine Falcons at the Eyrie*, edited by Tom J. Cade and James H. Enderson.
- Any additional comments should be recorded on the back of this form in the appropriate areas.