

Falcon Quest Clues

ACROSS

- ♦ 2. patterning behavior after the first creature a chick sees when it opens its eyes.
- ♦ 7. the conditions, influences, and surroundings that affect any living thing.
- ♦ 8. a special hook on the end of a baby bird's bill that helps it break through the egg to hatch.
- ♦ 12. baby birds of any kind.
- ♦ 14. a predatory bird.
- ♦ 16. to change in structure, form or habits to fit different conditions.
- ♦ 17. an animal that kills and eats other animals; peregrines are predators that hit their prey in flight at speeds up to 200 miles per hour.
- ♦ 18. Putting identification bands on birds. This helps scientists track the birds and follow their progress over the years .
- ♦ 20. level of classification of animals that may breed with one another.

DOWN

- ♦ 1. to travel from one climatic region to another on a regular basis .
- ♦ 2. to keep eggs warm so that their embryos develop and hatch. (Peregrine eggs are incubated for an average of 33 days).
- ♦ 3. animals killed and eaten by predators .
- ♦ 4. a chemical used to kill unwanted insects.
- ♦ 5. to break through the shell of an egg; a baby falcon pips, using its egg tooth to begin hatching.
- ♦ 6. the soft fuzz that covers baby birds before they have feathers. (Adult birds have an underlayer of down and an over layer of flight feathers.).
- ♦ 7. another name for a baby falcon in the nest (pronounced: i-uhs with a long i and emphasis on the first syllable).
- ♦ 9. the place where a plant or animal naturally grows or lives.
- ♦ 10. a peregrine nest; peregrines nest high on cliff banks or buildings, using stones and pebbles to prevent their eggs from rolling away.
- ♦ 11. a male falcon.
- ♦ 12. a batch of eggs or chicks.
- ♦ 13. the sharp claws of falcons and other raptors.
- ♦ 15. a young bird that has learned to fly.
- ♦ 19. from the Latin word peregrinus, meaning wanderer or pilgrim.