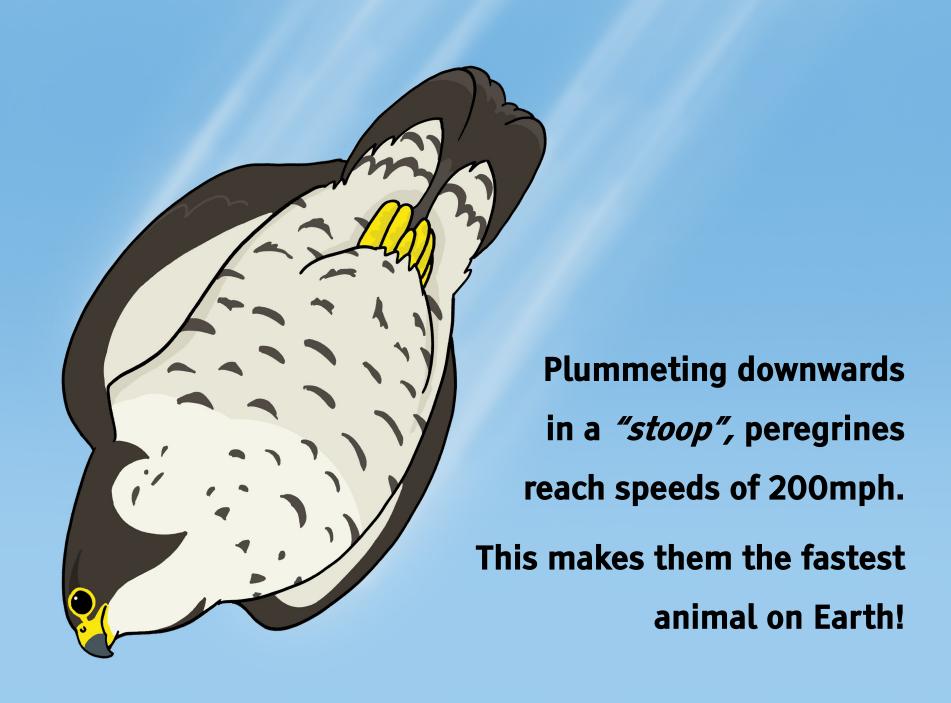
## PEREGRINE FALCON



This is a peregrine falcon.

These birds of prey are found widely across the world.





Peregrines hunt other birds, catching them in mid-flight.





A male peregrine is known as a "tiercel" and a female simply as a "falcon". Whilst they look alike, she is larger.



Rather than build their own, peregrines may use an abandoned nest, but mostly, they make a shallow scrape on a ledge in soil or gravel.







UK populations crashed in the 1960s, and there were hardly any remaining by the 1970s.



Peregrines have slowly recovered after pesticides that poisoned them were banned and laws put in place to protect them.

Incredibly, falcons are now an increasing common site across the country, with many sites where they can easily viewed, even in our busiest cities!



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