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On the Palisades above the Hudson River, these peregrine falcon chicks await a feeding from their mother. Once common in New York, peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) nearly disappeared because they were eating prey laced with the insecticide DDT; the toxic compound led to eggshell thinning in peregrine falcon eggs, causing would-be parents to accidentally crush them before they hatched. After the insecticide was banned in the 1970s, the birds made a comeback, though they remain endangered.

Peregrine Falcons, Sanford Hall of North American Birds

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PEREGRINE FALCONS, SANFORD HALL OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS

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