

Webcam installation allows live peeks at falcon nest

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MOUNT CLEMENS — Bird-watchers can now watch a peregrine falcon live as she prepares her nesting box atop the Old Macomb County Administration Building.

The live streaming webcam, the latest launched by EarthCam the week of April 1, overlooks the falcon as it prepares to lay eggs.

The historical Macomb County building that overlooks the Clinton River in downtown Mount Clemens has been home to a nesting pair of falcons since 2005.

Shortly after the eggs are hatched in the spring, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel hosts a ceremony during which the chicks are named and tagged by a wildlife biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. They are also traditionally tested by a veterinarian with the Detroit Zoological Society.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to provide the public with access to this remarkable animal in real time," Hackel said in a prepared statement. "For years we have followed the story of these two from afar and now, hopefully, we will have a chance to watch as they raise more peregrine falcons for the Great Lakes region."

Lauren Hopkins, marketing manager for EarthCam, said the camera will remain on the Mount Clemens building at 10 N. Main St. permanently.

"We have other falcon, osprey and eagle cameras throughout the country," Hopkins said. "The cameras are particularly popular this time of year as we see active nesting pairs with eggs and real-time hatchings."

Founded in 1996, EarthCam provides livestreaming video, time-lapse construction cameras and photography documentation for corporate and government clients in major cities around the world.

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