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Press release

Norwich Peregrines hatch forth and final chick for 2014 at Hawk and Owl Trust Urban Peregrine nest platform at Cathedral

The forth and final egg hatched on Tuesday 29 April at about 11am when the female bird was seen nibbling large pieces of eggshell. However, it took several hours before a visual confirmation of the health of the chick could be established by Hawk and Owl Trust Staff as the female was covering the chicks.

'We are absolutely delighted to confirm that the forth chick has hatched and as far as we can see looks fit and well. The parents birds are very attentive and we now have five weeks of watching these stunning wild creatures grow until they are ready to fledge.'

Leanne Thomas, Education Manager for the Hawk and Owl Trust

Picture Credit: Hawk and Owl Trust – The parent bird flies in to brood its four tiny chicks



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Here are some key dates from 2013 and 2014.

Norwich Cathedral Peregrines						
Event	Date	Time of day		Incubation days		from 1st hatch
		hrs	mins	Since laid**	Since 3rd egg	
2012						
Egg Laying						
1	22 March 2012	4	38			
2	24 March 2012	19	0			
3	27 March 2012	12	5			
4	30 March 2012	5	53			
	Ave SD					
Hatching						
1	02 May 2012	8	0	41.14	35.83	
2	02 May 2012	18	50	38.99	36.28	
3	04 May 2012	13	30	38.06	38.06	
4	4th egg infertile					

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		hrs	mins	Since laid**	Since 3rd egg	
	2013					from 1st hatch
	Egg Laying					
1	21 March 2013	16	17			
2	24 March 2013	4	55			
3	26 March 2013	16	47			
4	29 March 2013	6	35			
	Ave					
	SD					
	Hatching					
1	30 April 2013	22	49	40.27	35.25	
2	01 May 2013	4	0	37.96	35.47	
3	01 May 2013	17	25	36.03	36.03	
4	02 May 2013	20	26	34.58	37.15	

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Norwich Cathedral Peregrines							
Event	Date	Time of day		Laying Interval - days*	Incubation days		from 1st hatch
		hrs	mins		Since laid**	Since 3rd egg	
2014							
Egg Laying							
1	18 March 2014	15	4				from 1st hatch
2	21 March 2014	0	7	2.377			
3	23 March 2014	12	9	2.501			
4	26 March 2014	3	30	2.640			
	Ave			2.506			
	SD			0.131			
Hatching							
1	26 April 2014	19	37		39.19	34.31	
2	27 April 2014	14	23	0.782	37.59	35.09	
3	27 April 2014	17	33	0.132	35.22	35.22	
4	29 April 2014	11	18				

Links to video clips of the moment the final chick was revealed:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/uwnqs2ngyhzon1c/20140429%201410%20Cam2%20-%20Female%20feeds%204%20chicks%20and%20male%20come%20in%20to%20brood.avi>



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Notes to Editors

All picture credits: Hawk and Owl Trust

High Resolution images and TV quality footage available on request

Interviews available by telephone or at the Norwich Cathedral Watchpoint

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Hawk and Owl Trust

Founded in 1969 to help save the peregrine, in serious decline due to the effects of pesticides and persecution, the Hawk and Owl Trust is a national charity which now works for the conservation and appreciation of all wild birds of prey and their habitats – both on its nature reserves (such as Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve in Norfolk, Shapwick Moor on the Somerset Levels and Fylingdales Moor on the North York Moors) and in partnership with others. Working with communities and other organisations, farmers, foresters and landowners, the Trust researches, restores and manages nesting, roosting and feeding habitats and encourages greater understanding and appreciation of these very special birds.

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The Cathedral Peregrines project has been generously supported by hosts Norwich Cathedral; Viking Optics, I-Catcher Systems, M & A Partners, Syngenta Ltd, WildSounds and WiSpire by FreeClix and Swallowtail Printers.

The Watch Point at Norwich Cathedral is open seven days a week.

Partnership with Norwich Castle

This year we have partnered with **Norwich Castle Museum** and will be showing video clips and live images straight from the Cathedral nest cameras on a large screen in the Castle's entrance hall. This will feature as part of their 'Wonder of Birds' exhibition, which starts in May and runs through to the end of September. See www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk for more information. The Cathedral is only a short stroll

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from the Castle so visitors can easily visit both sites. Our thanks to all at the Cathedral and the Castle, and particularly FreeClix/WiSpire who have helped get the wireless link set up between these two historic buildings enabling us to stream the images. The Castle screen is now live.

You can also 'Like' our FaceBook page if you want to be kept up to date with what's going on with the Cathedral peregrine family and see the latest video clips. We also regularly 'Tweet' the action using [@hawkandowluk](https://twitter.com/hawkandowluk) and [#nrperegrines](https://twitter.com/nrperegrines).

Better still, why not pop down to the Cathedral Watch Point where our team can give you the latest information and you can see the birds live. Our Peregrine Watch Point Officers, Carrie, Nick and Jan are back with us for another season – and would be delighted to see you. More than that, the sight and sounds of peregrines screaming overhead is a wonderful experience. Bring the kids as it's a great opportunity to get them close to nature - and to see the fastest bird on earth!