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## Focus Question

How do people keep  
city falcons safe?







Fran and Fred looked down from  
their **nest box** on the bridge.



People liked to watch Fran, Fred,  
and their **chicks** in the nest box.  
They watched the **falcons**  
on a **webcam**.  
They also watched from a park  
below the bridge.



People made the nest box so the falcons could have a safe nest.





Fran and Fred had three **hungry** chicks in their nest. They needed to find **prey** to feed them.





Fran and Fred flew to the top  
of the tall bridge.



They waited for smaller birds to fly below them.



Fran made a fast dive, or stoop,  
to catch a bird.  
Fran made many stoops to catch  
her prey.





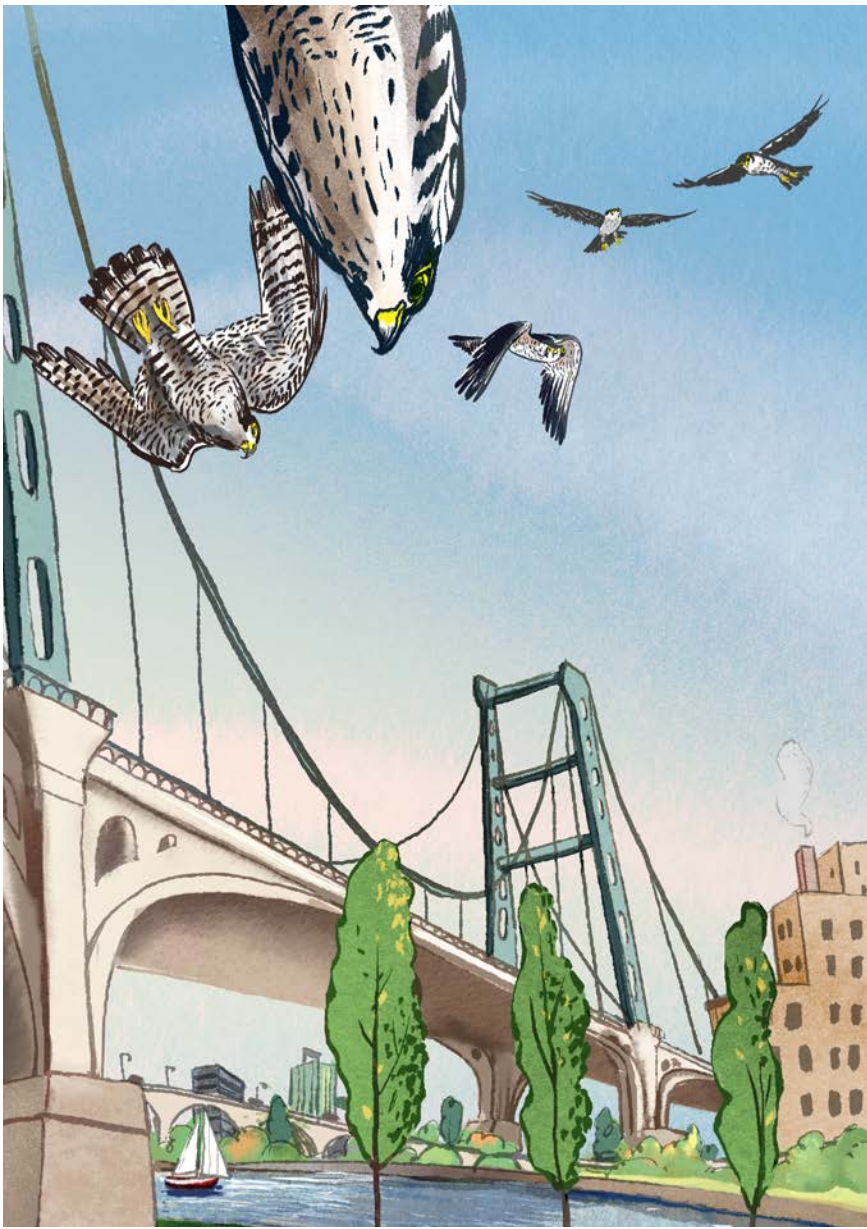
People in the park by the bridge  
watched Fran.

They liked to watch falcons stoop.  
Fran's stoop was the fastest  
the people had seen.



Fran and Fred took their prey back to the nest.

They fed their three hungry chicks.



In a few weeks, the chicks grew big enough to fly and stoop.



People watched them on the webcam and from the park.  
Soon, all the falcons flew away  
from the nest box.





The people waited a year for Fran and Fred to return.

They waited to watch Fran and Fred have more chicks on the bridge.

## Nest Boxes and Webcams

Falcons don't make nests like bowls. They use just a few rocks.

Nest boxes help city falcons keep their eggs safe.

Webcams help people and scientists watch the falcons.

Find webcams in nearby cities. Search online for "falcon webcam" and a city name.



webcam picture



people watching falcons



scientist at a falcon nest box



## Glossary

<b>chicks</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	baby birds (p. 4)
<b>falcons</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	birds of prey with long, pointed wings that are active during the day (p. 4)
<b>hungry</b> ( <i>adj.</i> )	wanting or needing food (p. 6)
<b>nest box</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a box provided as a safe place where animals can raise young (p. 3)
<b>prey</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	an animal that is hunted and eaten by a predator (p. 6)
<b>webcam</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a camera that shows website visitors live pictures or videos (p. 4)

## Words to Know

chicks

nest box

falcons

prey

hungry

webcam

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## Connections

### Writing and Art

What would happen if people did not build nest boxes for city falcons? Draw a picture and write about it.

### Science

Compare city falcons with another species of bird. Create a Venn diagram comparing the two birds, listing ways they are alike and different.



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