

Energy and Wildlife

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH ANIMALS?

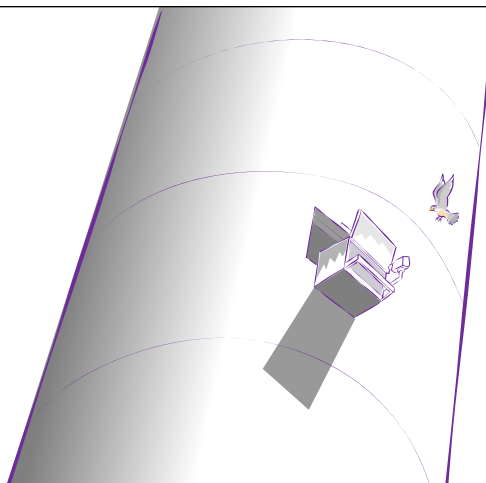
Because energy companies rely on natural resources to produce much of their energy, they are very aware of the need to protect the environment. Many are active in helping to preserve wildlife habitat near their plants.

Find out how an energy company can help ensure the survival of different species of wildlife. Then present your work as a report, article, video story, or class presentation.

Explore the Xcel Energy web site and visit our many "**Bird Cams.**"

- Go to: www.xcelenergy.com
- Click: Environment
- Click: Bird Cam

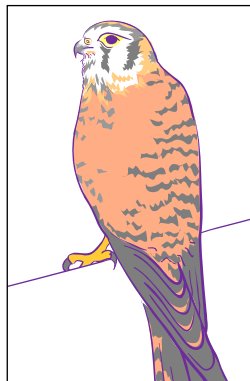
With the Bird Cams, you can look into the actual nests of these birds. Learn more about our nest box program and the birds it has benefitted.



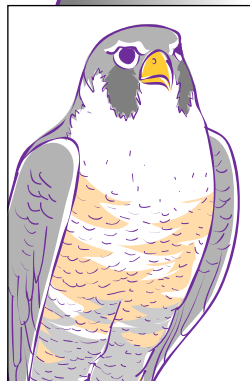
In 1989, Xcel Energy's Allen S. King power plant near Bayport, Minnesota, became the first power plant worldwide to provide a nest box for Peregrine falcons.



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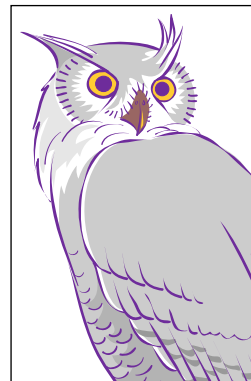
AMERICAN KESTREL



PEREGRINE FALCON



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GREAT HORNED OWL



Then prepare a **presentation** about one species that responds to these questions.

- What does that species need to thrive?
- How can a utility help?
- What responsibility do utilities and other companies have to wildlife populations?
- Why?

Note: You can support this activity with the materials that appear in the Wildlife section of Energy Classroom.