

Prairie Falcon Answer Key

Based on Piper's Biography and Prairie Falcon Facts Flyer

Answers in Bold.

- 1) Why are they called Prairie Falcons?
 - a) They live in forests
 - b) They prefer open deserts and small cliffs**
 - c) They only eat prairie grass
 - d) They build nests on prairies
- 2) What is the scientific name for Prairie Falcons?
 - a) Falco peregrinus
 - b) Falco mexicanus**
 - c) Falco rusticolus
 - d) Falco tinnunculus
- 3) What eye color do all Prairie Falcons have?
 - a) Yellow
 - b) Black**
 - c) Blue
 - d) Brown
- 4) What group do Prairie Falcons belong to?
 - a) Eagles
 - b) Owls
 - c) Falcons (Falco genus)**
 - d) Vultures
- 5) What is the wingspan of a large female Prairie Falcon?
 - a) About 12 inches
 - b) About 24 inches
 - c) About about 36 inches**
 - d) About about 48 inches
- 6) What do Prairie Falcons mostly eat?
 - a) Fish and insects
 - b) Small birds and mammals**
 - c) Plants and seeds
 - d) Large reptiles
- 7) How fast can Prairie Falcons dive when hunting?
 - a) Up to 50 miles an hour
 - b) Up to 100 miles an hour
 - c) Up to 200 miles an hour**
 - d) Up to 250 miles an hour

- 8) What do Prairie Falcons do when they're not hunting?
- a) Soar all day
 - b) Sit quietly on cliffs**
 - c) Build nests
 - d) Play with other birds
- 9) How are Prairie Falcons' legs different from hawks'?
- a) They're longer and thinner
 - b) They're shorter and thicker**
 - c) They're the same length
 - d) They're brightly colored
- 10) Where do Prairie Falcons live?
- a) Eastern United States
 - b) Western North America and Mexico**
 - c) South America
 - d) Australia
- 11) How are Prairie Falcons' personalities described?
- a) Calm and friendly
 - b) High-strung and complicated**
 - c) Shy and quiet
 - d) Playful and silly
- 12) How long can Prairie Falcons live in the wild if they survive their first year?
- a) 5 to 10 years
 - b) 10 to 15 years**
 - c) 20 to 25 years
 - d) 30 to 35 years
- 13) How does the life expectancy of a Prairie Falcon in captivity compare to its life expectancy in the wild?
- a) It is significantly shorter in captivity.
 - b) It is about the same in both environments.
 - c) It is significantly longer in captivity.**
 - d) It depends entirely on the weather.
- 14) What is the typical clutch size (number of eggs laid at once) for a Prairie Falcon?
- a) 10-12 eggs
 - b) Only 1 egg
 - c) 1 to 5 eggs, normally 3**
 - d) 6 to 8 eggs
- 15) What is a natural risk or predator for Prairie Falcons?
- a) Deer
 - b) Earthworms
 - c) Eagles**
 - d) Pine trees