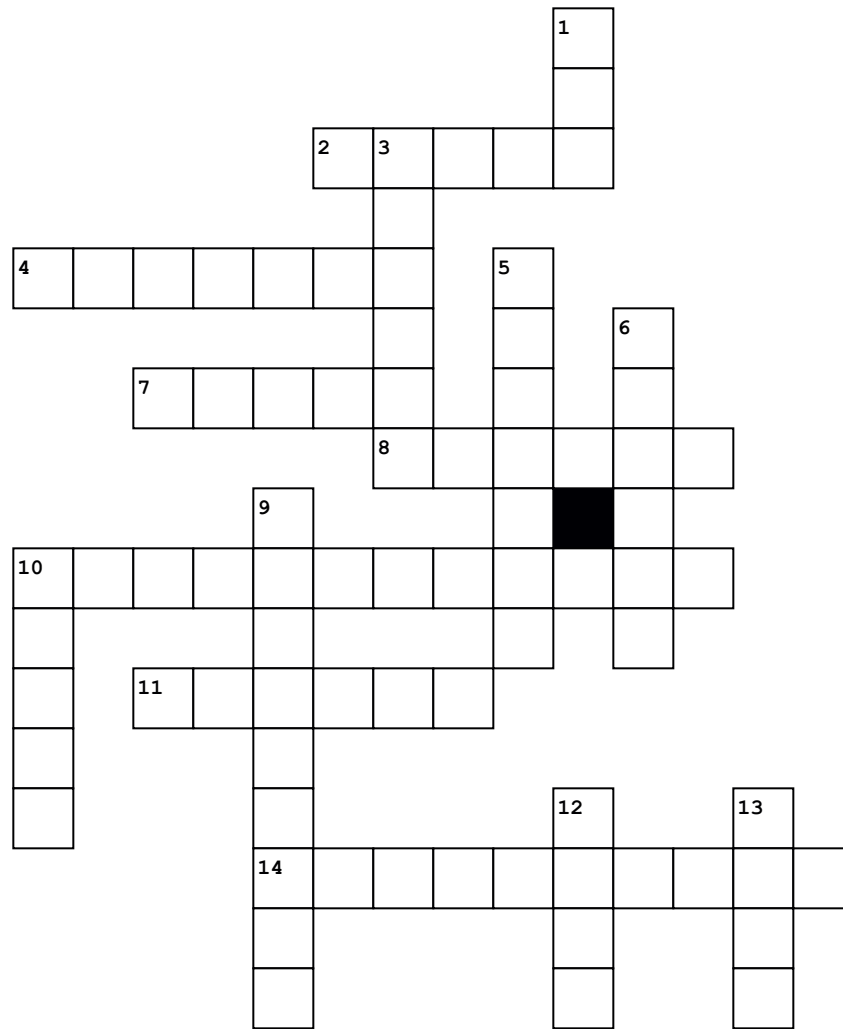


# Peregrine Falcons



## Across

2. A controlled dive done by falcons.
4. Male peregrine falcon. From the old word for "third," since they are approximately one-third smaller than females.
7. Cleaning, arranging, and oiling their feathers to keep them in good condition.
8. A peregrine falcon's nest.
10. The act of protecting nature so it will be around in the future.
11. (For chicks) To fly (for the first time).
14. Sitting on the eggs to keep them warm so they can develop and hatch.

## Down

1. The first hole in the egg made by the chick when it starts to hatch.
3. Sharp, curved claws.
5. To move seasonally from one location to another.
6. Birds that evolved from a common ancestor (a bird that lived on land and ate vertebrates, or animals with backbones), and many of that ancestor's descendants continue to have a raptorial lifestyle (meaning they also eat vertebrates).
9. Bird of prey with long, pointed wings, a long tail, and a notched beak.
10. A store of prey items saved for later.
12. To put unfledged falcon chicks in a special structure where they are fed and protected with minimal human contact until they fledge and fly away.

**13.** To lose old feathers and grow new ones to replace them.