



During the morning observation, the falcons vocalized to each other and exhibited early courting behaviors. The male entered the scrape and called to the female, while she called to him from the corner of the ledge, a favored perching spot. You can expect both falcons to be much more visible at the ledge going forward, either alone or together. In addition to food presentations from the male to the female, watch for them to engage in flight displays, bowing to one another, scraping out a bowl in the nestbox, loud vocalizations to one another, and copulation. These courtship behaviors stimulate the hormone production necessary to produce eggs, a process that takes several weeks. As activity increases, hormone levels rise. We're still a few weeks ahead of the beginning of nesting, but the buildup to egg laying is fascinating to watch. Stay tuned to the cam for all the action!

1/8/2024 :: Happy New Year! The Cam is Back!

Happy New Year! After a lengthy process, the camera repair appears to have been successful. All four views are now available to live stream. Just in the nick of time as the 2024 nesting season should be getting underway any time now. We will continue to monitor the cameras and if necessary, continue with repairs and adjustments.

Assuming the nesting season proceeds without disruption, here's what to watch for in the upcoming months:

Mid-January: Courtship displays should increase. Look for 85/AK and 09/BS to begin spending time at the box, and 85/AK to begin bringing gifts of food to 09/BS.

Late January to early February: Mating behavior should increase in frequency. Copulation could be observed up to several times an hour.

Mid-February to early March: Egg laying. Look for 09/BS to lay between 3-5 eggs at two-to-three day intervals and incubation will begin.

Stay tuned to the cams to watch it all unfold! Feel free to share your observations with us!

