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A Fast Falcon

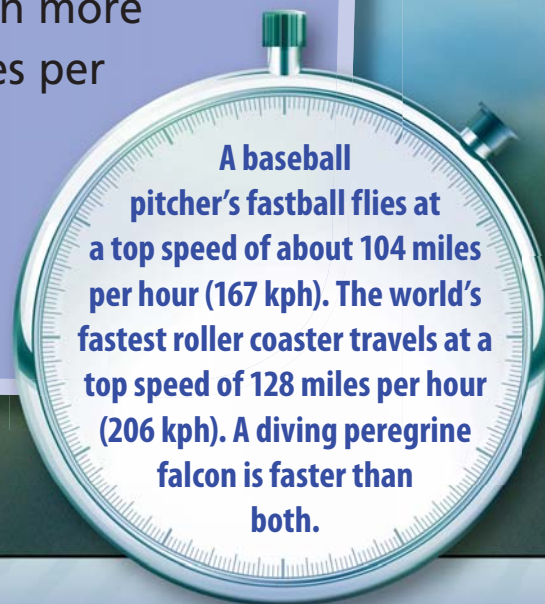
The peregrine (PEH-ruh-grin) falcon is the fastest animal in the world.

It can fly at a speed of 68 miles per hour (109 kph).

Many birds can fly that fast.

However, the falcon can also dive through the air at an even more amazing speed—200 miles per hour (322 kph).

No other animal can do that!



**Baseball Pitcher
104 mph/167 kph**





Roller Coaster
128 mph/206 kph



Diving Peregrine Falcon
200 mph/322 kph



Homes in High Places

Peregrine falcons can be found in many parts of the world.

They usually live in places with steep, rocky cliffs.

There, high above the ground, they make their nests on **ledges**.


From these nesting places, they have a good view of the land spread out below.

Peregrine Falcons in the Wild



 Where peregrine falcons live



A photograph of three peregrine falcons perched on a rocky ledge. The falcons have dark, patterned feathers on their backs and wings, and lighter, speckled feathers on their chests. They have a distinctive white patch around each eye. The background consists of rugged, light-colored rock formations.

**Peregrine
falcons do not build a
nest out of dried grass or
twigs, as many other birds
do. Instead, they make a nest
by scraping out a shallow
hole in the dirt, sand, or
gravel found on their
rocky ledges.**

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Dive, Dive, Dive!

A peregrine falcon can zoom through the sky faster than a roller coaster. Diving at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour (322 kph), this falcon isn't just the fastest bird in the world—it's the fastest animal of any kind! Look inside to find out more about this speedy bird, including where it lives, how it hunts, and the special ways its body helps it reach its record-breaking speeds.

Black Spiny-Tailed Iguana
Lizard Lightning!

California Sea Lion
Fast & Smart!

Cheetah
Speed Demon!

Greyhound
Canine Blur!

Killer Whale
Water Bullet!

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Dive, Dive, Dive!

Pronghorn
Long-Distance Runner!

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