

1 **Multi-season occupancy models identify abiotic and biotic factors influencing a recovering**  
2 **Arctic Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus tundrius* population**

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6 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

7 **Description of stepwise modeling procedure for nest-site occupancy analysis**

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9 occupancy models (MacKenzie *et al.* 2003) with each suite consisting of additive combinations  
10 of covariates for one of  $\psi_{i1}$ ,  $\gamma_{it}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{it}$ , and  $p_{ijt}$ , while treating the other three parameters as constant  
11 (i.e. intercept only). Based on the predictions in Table S1, models for: (1)  $\psi_{i1}$  consisted of  
12 combinations of  $aspect_i$ ,  $height_i$ , and  $waterarea_i$ ; (2)  $\gamma_{it}$  consisted of combinations of  $aspect_i$ ,  
13  $height_i$ ,  $meltdatet$ ,  $peregrinedistance_{it}$ ,  $waterarea_i$ , and an  $aspect_i * meltdatet$  interaction; (3)  $\varepsilon_{it}$   
14 consisted of combinations of  $aspect_i$ ,  $height_i$ ,  $peregrinedistance_{it}$ ,  $precip_t$ ,  $productivity_{i,t-1}$ , and  
15  $waterarea_i$ ; (4)  $p_{ijt}$  consisted of combinations of intercept only,  $survey_{it}$ , and  $year$ . We calculated  
16 variance inflation factors (VIF; Neter *et al.* 1996) while forming model lists to quantify  
17 multicollinearity among covariates and excluded those having a VIF > 5. We centered and  
18 scaled each covariate and used package UNMARKED (Fiske & Chandler 2011) in R 2.15.2 (R  
19 Core Team 2012) to fit models and estimate covariate coefficients for each parameter. We  
20 calculated an AIC value for each model, and ranked and selected the best-approximating models  
21 using  $\Delta AIC$  values (Burnham & Anderson 2002). We retained models in each suite with  $\Delta AIC$   
22 < 2 for use in the second step of model selection. Second, we developed models using  
23 combinations of results from the first step, fitted models, and retained models with  $\Delta AIC < 2$  for

24 use in the final step. Third, we built models consisting of time covariates (*year*, *yearlinear*,  
25 *yearthreshold*, *yearlog*) for  $\gamma_{it}$  and  $\varepsilon_{it}$ . We fitted models and retained those with  $\Delta\text{AIC} < 2$  for use  
26 in the final step. Our final model list consisted of 24 models using combinations of results from  
27 the second and third steps. We fitted models, and ranked and selected the best-approximating  
28 models as described in the Methods.

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### 30 **Description of stepwise modeling procedure for cliff occupancy analysis**

31 Covariates are defined in Table 1 of the main text. First, we developed four suites of dynamic  
32 occupancy models (MacKenzie *et al.* 2003) with each suite consisting of additive combinations  
33 of covariates for one of  $\psi_{kl}$ ,  $\gamma_{kt}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{kt}$ , and  $p_{kjt}$ , while treating the other three parameters as constant  
34 (i.e., intercept only). Based on predictions in Table S1, models for: (1)  $\psi_{kl}$  consisted of  
35 combinations of *aspect<sub>k</sub>*, *geology<sub>k</sub>*, *height<sub>cliff,k</sub>*, and *waterarea<sub>cliff,k</sub>*; (2)  $\gamma_{kt}$  consisted of  
36 combinations of *aspect<sub>k</sub>*, *geology<sub>k</sub>*, *height<sub>cliff,k</sub>*, *meltdat<sub>t</sub>*, *waterarea<sub>cliff,k</sub>*, and an *aspect<sub>k</sub>\*meltdat<sub>t</sub>*  
37 interaction; (3)  $\varepsilon_{kt}$  consisted of combinations of *aspect<sub>k</sub>*, *height<sub>cliff,k</sub>*, *precip<sub>t</sub>*, *productivity<sub>cliff,k,t-1</sub>*,  
38 and *waterarea<sub>cliff,k</sub>*; (4)  $p_{kjt}$  consisted of combinations of intercept only, *survey<sub>kt</sub>*, and *year*. We  
39 calculated VIFs (Neter *et al.* 1996) while forming model lists to quantify multicollinearity among  
40 covariates and excluded those having a VIF > 5. We centered and scaled each covariate and  
41 used package UNMARKED (Fiske & Chandler 2011) in R 2.15.2 (R Core Team 2012) to fit  
42 models and estimate covariate coefficients for each parameter. We calculated an AIC value for  
43 each model, and ranked and selected the best-approximating models using  $\Delta\text{AIC}$  values  
44 (Burnham & Anderson 2002). We retained models in each suite with  $\Delta\text{AIC} < 2$  for use in the  
45 second step of model selection. Second, we developed models using combinations of results  
46 from the first step, fitted models, and retained models with  $\Delta\text{AIC} < 2$  for use in the final step.

47 Third, we built models consisting of time covariates (*year*, *yearlinear*, *yearthreshold*, *yearlog*)  
48 for  $\gamma_{kt}$  and  $\varepsilon_{kt}$ . We fitted models and retained those with  $\Delta\text{AIC} < 2$  for use in the final step. Our  
49 final model list consisted of 48 models using combinations of results from the second and third  
50 steps. We fitted models, and ranked and selected the best-approximating models as described in  
51 the Methods.

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53 **Table S1.** Predictions for covariates evaluated in analyses examining factors related to occupancy dynamics of Arctic Peregrine  
 54 Falcons on nest-sites and cliffs<sup>a</sup> along the Colville River, Alaska, USA during 1981-2002. Occupancy modeling parameters are: initial  
 55 occupancy probability ( $\psi$ ); colonization probability ( $\gamma$ ); and local extinction probability ( $\epsilon$ ). Covariates are defined in Table 1.

Covariate	Prediction	Rationale
Nest-site or cliff height above river	$\psi > 0$ $\gamma > 0$ $\epsilon < 0$	Nest-sites located higher above the Colville River may be of higher quality because they offer a better vantage of the surrounding area for hunting, territory defense, defense from predators, and updraft currents for flight (Jenkins 2000). We expected nest-site (or cliff) height to be positively correlated with initial occupancy and colonization, and negatively correlated with local extinction.
Date of snowmelt	$\gamma < 0$	Arctic Peregrines require a snow-free substrate on which to nest and earlier snowmelt provides a longer nesting season and higher probability of a successful nest (Olsen & Olsen 1989, Bradley <i>et al.</i> 1997). Therefore, nest-sites (cliffs) with later snowmelt would have lower colonization because potential nest-sites (cliffs) would not be snow-free and available to Arctic Peregrines arriving early in the spring.
Aspect	$\psi$ - varies $\gamma$ - varies $\epsilon$ - varies	Based on similar rationale to date of snowmelt, we expected initial occupancy and colonization would be higher, and local extinction lower, at southerly-facing compared to northerly-facing nest-sites (cliffs) because snowmelt would occur earlier on southerly aspects.
Distance to	$\gamma > 0$	Nest-sites located closer together results in greater competition for resources (Hakkarainen & Korpimäki

nearest nest	$\varepsilon < 0$	1996) and increased probability of Arctic Peregrines leaving the nest-site the following year. In contrast, greater distances between Arctic Peregrine nest-sites would result in reduced competition for resources, thereby leading to increased colonization probability.
Amount of precipitation	$\varepsilon > 0$	Effects of weather on raptor reproduction and occupancy are well documented (e.g. Fairhurst & Bechard 2005). Olsen and Olsen (1988) found Peregrine occupancy in Australia declined with average daily rainfall during the nesting period and duration of the egg-laying period was shorter during years with more days of rain. We expected local extinction would be positively correlated with total precipitation during the nesting period because years with wet weather may cause nest-sites to be flooded and unsuitable, thereby leading to nest failure and abandonment of the site in subsequent years.
Area of prey habitat	$\psi > 0$	Nest-sites (cliffs) with a greater amount of surrounding prey (waterbirds) habitat (wetlands, lakes, streams) may provide increased prey availability near the nest, which would be especially beneficial for survival of young (Dewey & Kennedy 2001). Greater resource availability would lead to higher initial occupancy and colonization, and lower local extinction.
Productivity	$\varepsilon < 0$	Nest success and more young fledged the previous year would make it more likely for Arctic Peregrines to return to the nest-site (cliff) the following year (Newton 1979), resulting in a lower probability of local extinction. Greater productivity is indicative of higher quality nesting habitat, which would be occupied

earlier and more frequently than lower quality habitat (Sergio & Newton 2003).

Surficial	$\psi$ - varies	We predicted initial occupancy, colonization, and local extinction would be influenced by cliff surficial
geology	$\gamma$ - varies	geology because steeper sloping hills would provide better protection from predators and an improved
	$\varepsilon$ - varies	vantage for hunting than gentle slopes (Urios & Martinez-Abraín 2006). Also, bedrock would provide a better nesting substrate than fine-grained deposits, which may erode with heavy rainfall or snowmelt.
Year	$\gamma > 0$	We expected colonization and local extinction would be positively and negatively associated,
	$\varepsilon < 0$	respectively, with year as linear, logarithmic, or threshold functions. We evaluated linear, logarithmic, and threshold functions for year because the population of Arctic Peregrines in the CRSA grew during the 1980s before stabilizing in the mid-1990s, suggesting increasing colonization probabilities in the 1980s and an attenuation in colonization as population growth rates slowed in the 1990s. We expected local extinction to decrease as the population grew and more nest-sites (cliffs) became occupied. Our year covariates can also be considered as an index of time since DDT was banned.

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57 <sup>a</sup> We analyzed occupancy at two spatial scales (nest-site, nest cliff). See text for more details about our rationale for this approach.

58 **Table S2.** Range, mean, se, and sample size ( $n$ ) for numerical covariates used in analyses  
 59 examining nest-site and cliff occupancy dynamics of Arctic Peregrine Falcons along the Colville  
 60 River, Alaska during 1981-2002. Covariates are defined in Table 1 of the main text.

Covariate	Range	Mean	se	$n$
$height_i$	0.85-86.7 m	31.9 m	2.1	108
$height_{cliff,k}$	0.85-86.5 m	26.2 m	2.1	74
$meltdate_t$	13 May-11 June	26 May	1.5 days	22
$peregrinedistance_{it}$	0.31-37.1 km	3.4 km	0.09	2268
$precip_t$	30.5-132 mm	63.0 mm	4.6	22
$productivity_{i,t-1}$	0-4 young	0.59 young	0.02	2268
$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$	0-4 young	0.58 young	0.03	1554
$waterarea_i$	1.1-10.0 km <sup>2</sup>	3.7 km <sup>2</sup>	0.20	108
$waterarea_{cliff,k}$	1.1-9.4 km <sup>2</sup>	3.7 km <sup>2</sup>	0.24	74

62 **Table S3.** Model results from the analysis examining factors related to nest-site occupancy dynamics of Arctic Peregrine Falcons  
 63 along the Colville River, Alaska during 1981-2002. Provided for each model are the number of parameters ( $K$ ),  $\Delta AIC$ , and Akaike  
 64 weight ( $w$ ). The response variable was  $y_{ijt}$ , a binary variable denoting whether Arctic Peregrines were detected at nest-site  $i$  during  
 65 survey  $j$  of year  $t$ . All models included detection probability with  $year$  and  $survey_{it}$  covariates. Covariates are defined in Table 1;  
 66 intercepts are not shown.

Initial occupancy probability	Colonization probability	Local extinction probability	$K$	$\Delta AIC$	$w$
$height_i$	$height_i + peregrinedistance_{it} + yearthreshold$	$waterarea_i + productivity_{i,t-1} + yearthreshold$	32	0.00	0.112
$height_i + waterarea_i$	$height_i + peregrinedistance_{it} + yearthreshold$	$waterarea_i + productivity_{i,t-1} + yearthreshold$	33	0.07	0.108
$height_i$	$height_i + waterarea_i + peregrinedistance_{it} + yearthreshold$	$waterarea_i + productivity_{i,t-1} + yearthreshold$	33	0.57	0.084
$height_i + waterarea_i$	$height_i + waterarea_i + peregrinedistance_{it} + yearthreshold$	$waterarea_i + productivity_{i,t-1} + yearthreshold$	34	0.65	0.081
$height_i$	$height_i + peregrinedistance_{it} + yearthreshold$	$precip_t + waterarea_i + productivity_{i,t-1} + yearthreshold$	33	0.86	0.073



	<i>yearthreshold</i>	<i>yearthreshold</i>				
<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> +</i>	<i>precip<sub>t</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> +</i>	34	0.94	0.070	
	<i>yearthreshold</i>	<i>yearthreshold</i>				
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> + yearlog</i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> + yearlog</i>	32	1.04	0.067	
<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> + yearlog</i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> + yearlog</i>	33	1.15	0.063	
<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> +</i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> +</i>	32	1.57	0.051	
	<i>yearthreshold</i>	<i>yearthreshold</i>				
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> +</i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> + yearlog</i>	33	1.58	0.051	
	<i>yearlog</i>					
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> + yearlog</i>	<i>precip<sub>t</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> +</i>	33	1.63	0.050	
		<i>yearlog</i>				
<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> +</i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> + yearlog</i>	34	1.71	0.048	
	<i>yearlog</i>					
<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> + yearlog</i>	<i>precip<sub>t</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> +</i>	34	1.75	0.047	
		<i>yearlog</i>				
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> +</i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> +</i>	33	1.90	0.043	

	<i>yearthreshold</i>	<i>yearthreshold</i>			
<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> + yearlog</i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> + yearlog</i>	32	2.72	0.029
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub> + yearlog</i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub> + yearlog</i>	33	2.92	0.026
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	30	19.4	<0.001
<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	31	19.5	<0.001
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>precip<sub>t</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	31	19.9	<0.001
<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>precip<sub>t</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	32	20.1	<0.001
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	31	20.9	<0.001
<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	32	21.0	<0.001
<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	30	21.2	<0.001
<i>height<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + peregrinedistance<sub>it</sub></i>	<i>height<sub>i</sub> + waterarea<sub>i</sub> + productivity<sub>i,t-1</sub></i>	31	21.3	<0.001
•	•	•	4	90.8	<0.001

69 **Table S4.** Model results from the analysis examining factors related to cliff occupancy dynamics of Arctic Peregrine Falcons along  
70 the Colville River, Alaska during 1981 through 2002. Provided for each model are the number of parameters ( $K$ ),  $\Delta AIC$ , and Akaike  
71 weight ( $w$ ). The response variable was  $y_{kjt}$ , a binary variable denoting whether Arctic Peregrines were detected at cliff  $k$  during survey  
72  $j$  of year  $t$ . All models included detection probability with  $year$  and  $survey_{it}$  covariates. Covariates are defined in Table 1; intercepts  
73 are not shown.

Initial occupancy probability	Colonization probability	Local extinction probability	$K$	$\Delta AIC$	$w$
$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k}$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlog$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} + productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$	41	0.00	0.078
$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k}$	$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlog$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} + productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$	42	0.78	0.052
$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k}$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlog$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} + productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$	34	1.02	0.046
$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k}$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlog$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} + productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + precip_t + yearlog$	42	1.13	0.044
$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k}$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearthreshold$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} + productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$	41	1.15	0.044

$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$geology_k + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet +$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	36	1.39	0.039
$height_{cliff,k}$	$yearlog$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	35	1.66	0.034
$height_{cliff,k}$	$+ yearlog$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlog$	$precipit + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	35	1.68	0.033
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearthreshold$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	34	1.87	0.030
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	42	2.05	0.028
$height_{cliff,k}$	$+ yearthreshold$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$geology_k + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet +$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	36	2.11	0.027
$height_{cliff,k}$	$yearthreshold$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlog$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	40	2.11	0.027
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlog$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	33	2.14	0.027

$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} + precip_t +$	36	2.32	0.024
$height_{cliff,k}$	$+ yearlog$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearlog$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlinear$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	33	2.35	0.024
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearlinear$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	40	2.36	0.024
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearthreshold$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	42	2.37	0.024
$height_{cliff,k}$		$precip_t + productivity_{cliff,k,t-1} + yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$geology_k + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet +$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	35	2.40	0.023
$height_{cliff,k}$	$yearlog$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearthreshold$	$aspect_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	40	2.51	0.022
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet + yearthreshold$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	33	2.56	0.022
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	$waterarea_{cliff,k} + height_{cliff,k} + meltdatet$	$height_{cliff,k} + waterarea_{cliff,k} +$	35	2.63	0.021

$height_{cliff,k}$	+ $yearthreshold$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$ + $yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	$height_{cliff,k}$ + $meltdatet$ + $yearthreshold$	$height_{cliff,k}$ + $waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	35	2.65	0.021
$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$ + $precipit$ + $yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	$geologyk$ + $height_{cliff,k}$ + $meltdatet$ +	$height_{cliff,k}$ + $waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	35	2.66	0.021
$height_{cliff,k}$	$yearthreshold$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ + $height_{cliff,k}$ + $meltdatet$	$height_{cliff,k}$ + $waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	34	2.81	0.019
$height_{cliff,k}$	+ $yearlog$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ + $height_{cliff,k}$ + $meltdatet$	$aspect_{cliff,k}$ + $height_{cliff,k}$ + $waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	41	2.89	0.018
$height_{cliff,k}$	+ $yearlog$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
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$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$ + $precipit$			
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$height_{cliff,k}$		$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$ + $precipit$			
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$height_{cliff,k}$	+ $yearthreshold$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
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$height_{cliff,k}$	+ $yearthreshold$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$ + $yearthreshold$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ + $height_{cliff,k}$ + $meltdatet$	$aspect_{cliff,k}$ + $height_{cliff,k}$ + $waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	41	3.42	0.014
$height_{cliff,k}$	+ $yearthreshold$	$productivity_{cliff,k,t-1}$			
$waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	$height_{cliff,k}$ + $meltdatet$ + $yearlinear$	$aspect_{cliff,k}$ + $height_{cliff,k}$ + $waterarea_{cliff,k}$ +	41	3.60	0.013
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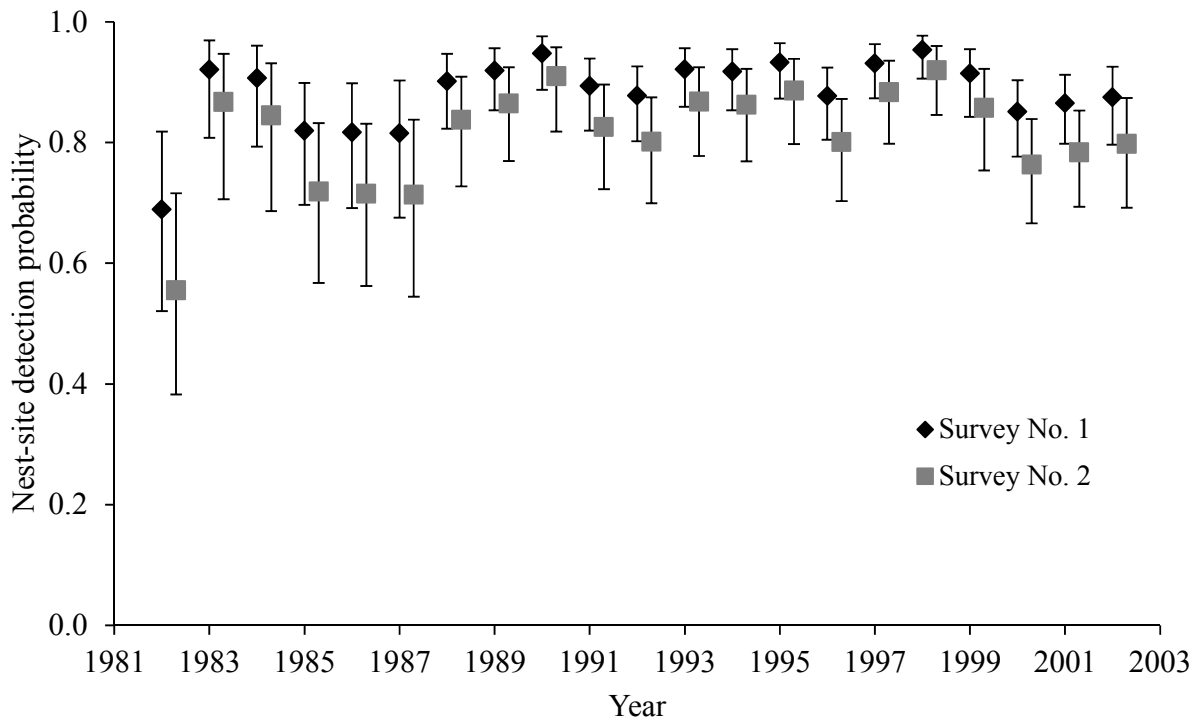
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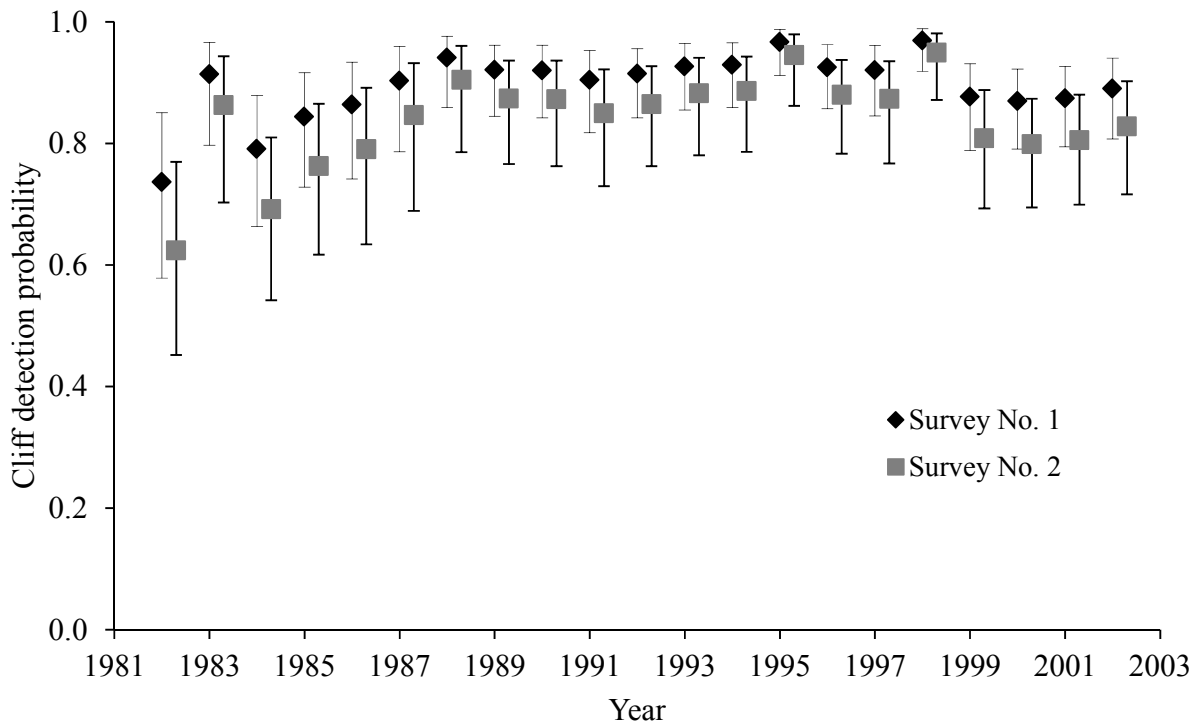
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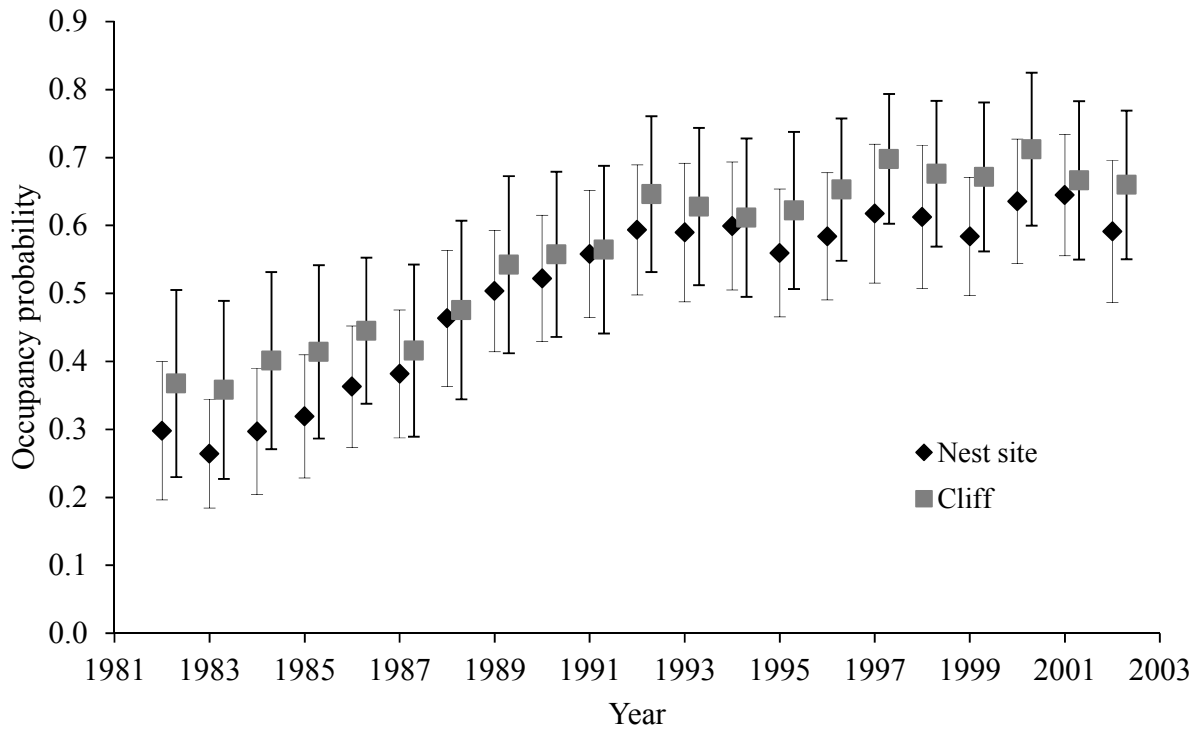


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78 **Figure S1.** Temporal trends in detection probability of nesting Arctic Peregrine Falcons for two  
79 surveys per summer of (a) individual nest sites, and (b) cliffs along the Colville River, Alaska in  
80 the Colville River Special Area between 1982-2002. Survey no. one was conducted during egg-  
81 laying and incubation in June, and survey no. two during the nestling period in late July through  
82 early August. Detection probability estimates are not provided for 1981 because data from year  
83  $t-1$  were used to parameterize models for year  $t$ .

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86 **Figure S2.** Temporal trends in the probability of Arctic Peregrine Falcon occupancy of  
87 individual nest-sites and cliffs along the Colville River, Alaska in the Colville River Special

88 Area between 1982-2002. Error bars denote 95% CIs around model-averaged estimates.

89 Because we used data from year  $t-1$  to parameterize models for year  $t$ , occupancy is only  
90 estimated for 1982-2002.

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