



Escaped falcon

I took this picture at Bempton Cliffs on August 30. The bird looked to me like a Peregrine but seemed too big. It also has an ID tag on its back that reads 173 405. Is it a Peregrine, and how can you find out more about a tagged bird by its tag?

Bill Neil, Manchester

It seems to be a falconer's bird, and we'd appreciate any help with identifying it, and where it might have come from. We'd guess that it's got a lot of Saker in its lineage, although it's always difficult to be certain about falconer's birds as hybrids are often used.

If you know anything about it, let us know at birdwatching@bauermedia.co.uk