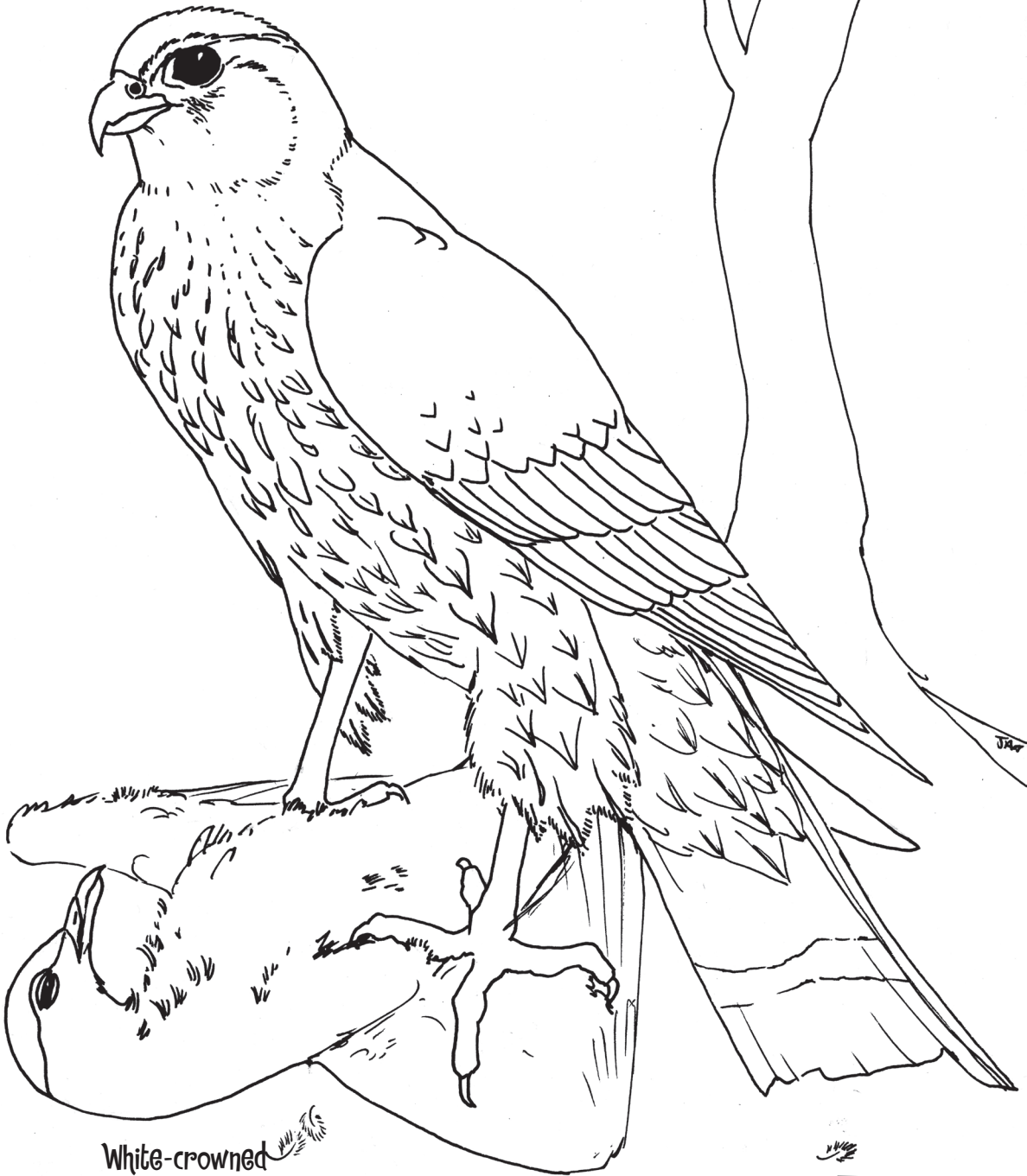


Merlin

Falco columbarius



White-crowned
Pigeon

About this Bird

The Merlin is a small falcon and a powerful, fast flier. Upperparts are blue-grey in the male, dark brown in the female. The breast has brown streaking and the tail is barred with black. It feeds mostly on birds but also catches large insects like dragonflies. It often hunts by flying fast and low and using sudden bursts of speed to take its prey by surprise in mid-air. These birds can be found in Caribbean islands from September until April; some migrate through while others stay for the winter.

Bird Size 30 cm, 12 in.

Where this Bird Can Be Found

