

Animal Fact Sheet

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American Kestrel

Falco sparverius

The American Kestrel is North America's smallest and most colorful falcon, notable for its rufous back and tail, slate-blue wings in males, and striking facial markings. Agile and versatile, it hunts...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Falconidae

Habitat: Open woodlands, grasslands, agricultural fields, deserts, and urban areas

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-6 years in the wild

Weight: 80-165 g

Scientific name: *Falco sparverius*

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, American Kestrels have been trained in falconry to catch prey much larger than themselves.
- American Kestrels can see ultraviolet light, which helps them detect the urine trails of small mammals. They are one of the few raptors known to hove...

What I learned
