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Animal Fact Sheet

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American Kestrel

Falco sparverius

The American kestrel is North America's smallest falcon, roughly the mass of a mourning dove, and it is also one of the very few raptors where you can sex a bird instantly by colour: males have slate…

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.
- The kestrel pumps its tail on landing, a distinctive twitch that identifies it on a wire from a distance. Nest boxes have become the backbone of kest…

What I learned

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