

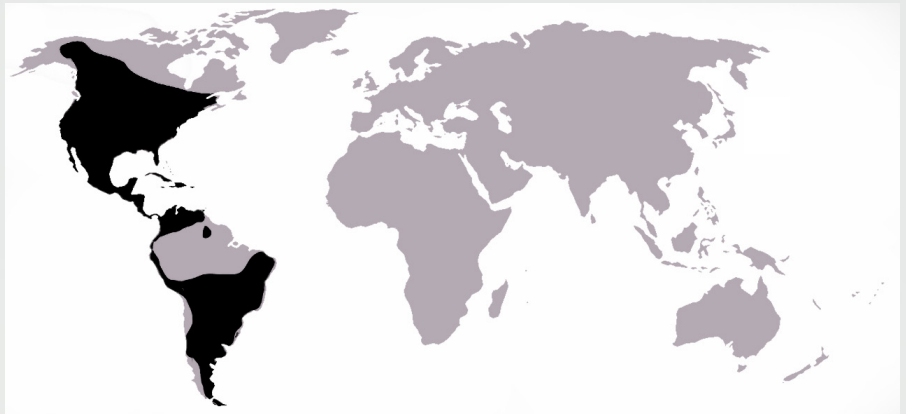
# AMERICAN KESTREL

*Falco sparverius*



## FUN FACTS

- Our American kestrel, May, was hatched in the wild and arrived via a wildlife rehabilitator. A wing break compromised her flight and she was rescued and rehabbed in North Carolina. After being deemed non-releasable, she was transferred to Brandywine Zoo.
- Kestrel populations have dropped more than 90% in Delaware, which listed them as an endangered species in 2013.
- The smallest species of falcon in North America, the American kestrel hunts by hovering and dive-bombing its prey (usually rodents and insects).



## THREATS & CONSERVATION

Loss of forested areas and nesting habitat (including snags and dead trees) can impact numbers for owls and other birds of prey.

<b>class</b> <i>bird</i>	<b>biome</b> <i>riparian</i>	<b>diet</b> <i>carnivore</i>	<b>body temp</b> <i>endotherm</i>
<b>biorhythm</b> <i>diurnal</i>	<b>birth</b> <i>oviparous</i>	<b>interaction</b> <i>solitary</i>	<b>habitat</b> <i>aerial</i>