

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BIRD?

Help the

Delaware Kestrel Partnership

find North American Kestrels across Delaware!



American Kestrel female



American Kestrel male

Who's involved:

The **Delaware Kestrel Partnership** began as a project launched by the Brandywine Zoo in 2014.



Partners

- Brandywine Zoo
- DE Fish and Wildlife
- DE State Parks
- Delaware Ornithological Society
- The American Birding Association
- Tri State Bird Rescue & Research
- The Peregrine Fund's *American Kestrel Partnership*
- The American Association of Zoo Keepers, *Brandywine Zoo Chapter*

Kestrel nest boxes have been erected on public and private preserves and lands, plus at private residences, all across the state.

Kestrel Facts

FACT:

The population of American Kestrels (*Falco sparverius*) is decreasing across North America, particularly in the Mid-Atlantic region which shows a loss of nearly 90% over 50 years.

FACT:

American Kestrels are listed as an **Endangered Species** in Delaware.

FACT:

YOU can help the Delaware Kestrel Partnership monitor and study American Kestrels in Delaware!

HOW?

1.) Log your sightings at eBird.com

-create a free account OR use your existing account

-document details such as gender of bird, location, and any behaviors (i.e. "male seen sitting on telephone wire along open field north of barn.")

~ OR ~

Email your sightings, with details or even a photo of the bird, to Education@BrandywineZoo.org

2.) Volunteer to assist the research team by becoming a nest box monitor. Find out more at:

BrandywineZoo.org/DelawareKestrelPartnership



Contact:

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ID North American Kestrels...

American Kestrels are about the size of a dove or pigeon. They often hunt near open fields.



American Kestrel female

Females are mottled brown with a creamy, spotted chest, and thinly banded tail

American Kestrel male

Males sport slate blue wings and helmets, with a rusty body and distinct black band on the end of the tail.