HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BIRD?
Help the Delaware Kestrel Partnership find North American Kestrels across Delaware!

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.
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.

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

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

1.) Log your sightings at [eBird.com](http://ebird.org) -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](http://www.bradnywinezoo.org/DelawareKestrelPartnership)

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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.

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

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