

Citizen scientists: *kestrels need you!*



American Kestrels are North America's smallest and most colorful falcons. But populations of this beautiful bird have declined by nearly half over the past 45 years and no one knows why.

The Peregrine Fund launched the **American Kestrel Partnership** to uncover answers. Partners monitor kestrel nest boxes and share their findings online so researchers can analyze data from many more places than if they worked alone.

Together, we'll find answers that lead to a sustainable future for kestrels!



Can I be a partner?

Yes! Watching kestrels is fun and fascinating for all ages, and it's a great way to connect students and service groups to their natural surroundings. Go to kestrel.peregrinefund.org and register under the "Community" tab. You'll have access to all things kestrel including biology guides, monitoring protocols, and an online community of kestrel enthusiasts.

What's involved in monitoring?



- **Buy or build** a nest box (plans are available on the website) and fill with bedding
- **Mount** the nest box 8–30 feet high near open or field habitat
- **Clean** the nest box every winter and replace the bedding
- **Check** at least twice each season: once when there are likely eggs, and again within 30 days
- **Share** observations about your kestrels on the AKP website





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