



# American Kestrel

MALE

*Falco sparverius*

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**“Hinto”**

*Small Falcon, loud voice.*

COMMON

## DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

American Kestrels are pale when seen from below and warm, rusty brown spotted with black above, with a black band near the tip of the tail. Males have slate-blue wings; females' wings are reddish brown. Both sexes have pairs of black vertical slashes on the sides of their pale faces.

## HABITAT & LOCATION

American Kestrels occupy habitats ranging from deserts and grasslands to alpine meadows. You're most likely to see them perching on telephone wires along roadsides, in open country with short vegetation and few trees. Found throughout the USA and South America except rainforest.

## NATURAL DIET

Insects, small birds and mammals.

## WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

**Weight** : 2.8 oz, (80 g), - 5.8 oz, (165 g).

**Height** : 10.5", (27 cm).      **Wingspan** : 23", (58 cm).