

# American Kestrel

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## Introduction

Have you ever seen a small bird swoop down and grab a field mouse? Well that bird was the American Kestrel and the purpose of this article is so you'll learn all about this small bird. Here are two interesting facts about this brown bird. In the winter the male and female live in different habitats. The male lives in a more closed space and the female lives in a more open space. The other interesting fact is that the American Kestrel hovers over its prey and then drops on it.

## Young

The female American Kestrel lays 3-5 eggs every hatch. The eggs are yellowish with dark spots. The eggs take 29-31 days to hatch. When there are eggs, the mother keeps them warm and the father brings the food.

## Description

The male American Kestrel has blue-gray wings, lightly spotted on his chest and belly. The female is larger than the male and has black wings and black streaked on the chest. The size of this small bird is 9-12 inches and for its wingspan it has 20-24 inches. The weight is 80-165 grams.

## Habitat and Food

The American Kestrel lives in a lot of landscapes, and most of them are landscapes with grass in them because the American Kestrel's prey usually lives in grass fields. In the winter the American Kestrel migrates to the south.

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## Conclusion

In conclusion, you've learned a lot about this bird and next time you see a small bird you'll know some facts. Also the American Kestrel is an interesting bird that is known as a predator. One interesting thing that I learned is that the American Kestrel squirts out cavities on walls for their nests.

