

American Kestrel



An American Kestrel perched on its favorite wire | 10/02/2021

Description

The American Kestrel is the Americas' smallest falcon. It's around the size of a Rock Dove (pigeon) and has similar markings on its face as the Peregrine Falcon. I see it most often at the park perched on power lines while it surveys the field. It does this cool maneuver where it flaps fast and hovers in the air while it looks for a meal.

Personal stats

First observation

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| <div><div></div><div></div></div> | Los Angeles, California |

Captured media details

| | Male | Female | Unknown |
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Experiences & anecdotes

12/16/2022 - When I lived in California, I only saw this bird occasionally. While I was in Huntington Beach, I remember a Kestrel fluttering around a park field. It was perching on various power poles and would flutter in the air and zip around. I stalked it around the field watching it with my binoculars.

Nowadays, here in Texas, we see them all the time. I almost always spot them on power lines at [Pearsall Park](#). Most aren't skittish and will let me walk underneath them while they stay perched on the lines.

Captured media

Photographs



An American Kestrel hovering in mid-air looking for a snack | 10/16/2021



A poofed-up Kestrel trying to stay warm | 10/16/2021



The American Kestrel looks off into the distance | 10/02/2021

Audio recordings

- Coming soon

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