

## The American Kestrel

This bird is the smallest and most common falcon in North America. It is very colorful with blue-gray wings with black spots and white undersides with black barring. The back is reddish brown. Kestrels prefer to hunt by sitting, waiting, and watching over an open area for prey to appear. It's common to see them hunting on the wing, using a hovering technique known as kiting. Their favorite foods are grasshoppers and other insects, lizards, snakes, mice, and small birds.

