



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BANDED KESTREL?

***OUR KESTREL NESTBOX
PROGRAM: 6 YEARS, 59
AMERICAN KESTREL HATCHLINGS.***

**We thank all our nestbox hosts and
observers, the Peregrine Fund, the AZ Game
& Fish Dept, and our own Dave Frechette for
developing and maintaining this amazing
conservation program!!!**

**If you see a banded Kestrel, please let us
know. Just email
contact@PrescottAudubon.org**



Kestrel hatchlings, Just 7 days young.

!PRESCOTT AUDUBON CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN KESTREL PARTNERSHIP'S (AKP) NEST BOX PROGRAM, AN EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THE STEEP DECLINE IN NUMBERS OF AMERICAN KESTRELS. WE INSTALL NEST BOXES IN SUITABLE HABITAT AND WE MONITOR FOR ACTIVITY. IF A BOX IS USED BY BREEDING KESTRELS, THE NESTLINGS ARE BANDED BY RAPTOR SPECIALISTS FROM THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT (AGFD). THE BANDING PROTOCOL INCLUDES CHECKING WEIGHT AND OVERALL HEALTH FOR EACH NESTLING. ALL DATA ABOUT NEST BOX ACTIVITY IS SUBMITTED TO THE AKP.

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THIS YEAR KESTRELS NESTED IN FOUR BOXES IN THE AREA AND 18 HEALTHY NESTLINGS WERE BANDED. OVER THE SIX YEARS OF OUR PROGRAM, 59 YOUNG KESTRELS HAVE BEEN BANDED FROM OUR NEST BOXES. LAST YEAR ONE OF THE KESTRELS BANDED IN 2020 FOUND ONE OF OUR NEST BOXES ABOUT 4.5 MILES FROM WHERE HE HAD HATCHED. HE AND AN UNBANDED FEMALE PRODUCED A FAMILY OF FOUR. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW MORE OF OUR BANDED KESTRELS IN THE FUTURE.