

Hatch A Hundred



Creating Nest Boxes for American Kestrels

American Kestrels are our smallest falcon, but play a crucial role as an avian predator of fields and meadows. Decades of habitat loss, including nesting sites, and other environmental challenges have impacted their population. **In 2012, they became a threatened species in New Jersey.**

In 2019, FoHVOS spearheaded a program to grow kestrel numbers by providing nest boxes across the Hopewell Valley. Over the past five years, there's been a 400% increase in nest box use, and in 2024 we hatched 81 kestrel chicks!

With the most successful American Kestrel nesting program in the state, our goal for 2025 is to **Hatch A Hundred** kestrels. To do this, we've partnered with Wild Bird Research Group, to increase installed nest boxes, collect additional data, and enhance our reach.

➔ Timeline to *Hatch A Hundred!*

- **January:** Offering public programming and building nest boxes. Meeting with potential landowners.
- **February:** Install 25 new nest boxes.
- **March - July:** Perform nest box monitoring.
- **September:** Share end of season Hatch A Hundred successes!

➔ **HELP US *Hatch A Hundred,* by:**

- Joining a Public Information Program: to learn more about kestrels and this initiative.
- Training to Become a Nest Box Monitoring Volunteer
- Hosting a Nest Box on Your Property!