Guide to Kestrel Box species

Madison Audubon's Kestrel Nest Box Monitoring Program



KESTRELS IN NESTBOXES



Wood chips with brown speckled eggs means Kestrel nest! Eggs will hatch in 30-35 days.



Kestrel chicks that are a few days old. Huddled together to stay warm & feel safe.



Kestrel chicks about 2 weeks old. Developing true feathers to replace downy feathers.



Kestrel chicks about to fledge. All brown = females, Blue-grey wings = males. Do not disturb!

INTRUDER ALERT! REMOVE



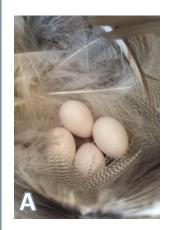
European Starling. Nest is made of rough grasses & feathers. Eggs are larger than robins.

Remove nest!

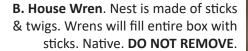


House Sparrow. Nest is made of rough grasses, feathers, & debris that fill the box. Eggs are grey with speckles. Remove nest!

SHARING SPACE: LEAVE THEM BE



A. Tree Swallow. Nest is made of fine grasses & feathers. Eggs are white & elongated. Native. Do not remove.



C. Screech Owl. Owls will use kestrel boxes over winter to roost in. Regurgitaed pellets are sign of owl use. CLEAN OUT IN SPRING.



D. Eastern Bluebird, Nest is made of fine grasses and often cover wood chips. Eggs are light blue. Native. DO NOT REMOVE.

