

# 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.**

**B. House Wren.** Nest is made of sticks & twigs. Wrens will fill entire box with sticks. Native. **DO NOT REMOVE.**

**C. Screech Owl.** Owls will use kestrel boxes over winter to roost in. Regurgitated 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.**

