



### **Thank you!**

By installing this habitat structure, you are providing an essential nesting area for wildlife in need. Landowners, like you, play a vital role in providing habitat for wildlife in the Credit River watershed.

### **Habitat**

American kestrels are found in open habitats where they can hunt and perch on tall trees including meadows, grasslands and forest edges.

### **When to Expect Them**

March to mid-July

### **Call**

Sounds like: "*Killy-killy-killy*" or "*klee-klee-klee*"

### **Habitat Structure Placement**

<b>Location</b>	Open field, grassland, forest edge
<b>Height off Ground (m)</b>	3 – 9
<b>Entrance Hole Facing</b>	South or East
<b>Spacing</b>	1 km apart
<b>Attach to</b>	Live tree, pole, building
<b>Installation Time</b>	September to February

### Care of the Habitat Structure

Clean out old nest material before the breeding season begins in March. To access the box, turn the latch near the bottom of the box and rotate the moveable panel upward. Add 5 to 10 cm of coarse wood shavings to the bottom of the box.

### Important Notes

Be careful not to place the box within 1 km of established nest boxes or colonies of prey species such as barn swallows.

### What Else Can You Do to Help?

There are actions you can take to provide natural nesting sites for kestrels on your property to reduce the need for nest boxes. Leaving dead standing trees that do not pose a hazard to people and refraining from mowing areas of your lawn or field until the end of the summer can provide food, shelter and breeding space.

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