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Co-ops help American Kestrels survive and thrive



They're known as America's smallest falcons and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are lending American Kestrels a helping hand. Technically, a helping home - nesting boxes for these beautiful creatures to provide a safe place for them to lay eggs and rear young.

There are many other species that use natural cavities (e.g. tree cavities and/or hollows, building crevices, and rock shelters) for their homes which increases competition for these spaces. There has also been an overall decrease in natural cavities as people clean up dead trees and snags and utilize manmade materials for fencing and buildings.

The Kestrels' eggs are laid in late March through April, with the young typically flying by the end of June.

While the American Kestrels are not federally endangered, they are protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. They are also considered a species of greatest conservation need, and are listed in the State Wildlife Action Plan (by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources).

The nesting boxes, located at EKPC's Cooper Station Power Plant, follow the plans and measurements from KYDFWR recommendations.

Plans for building additional boxes are also in the works. It's one more way Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are making life better for all creatures.

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We know many Kentuckians are looking for ways to support renewable energy efforts. Again, we thank you for your support. Feel free to share this e-newsletter and talk about your participation with friends and family.

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