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In 2002, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, OFWHF scientists are requesting the public notify us ([908-735-6398](tel:908-735-6398)) of any dead American kestrels, which we will test for WNV and Chlordane poisoning. Kestrels are small falcons less than 1 foot long about the size of a robin. They are the only small hawk-like bird with a reddish (rufous) tail and back. The male has a blue wing and the female's is rufous (see photos).

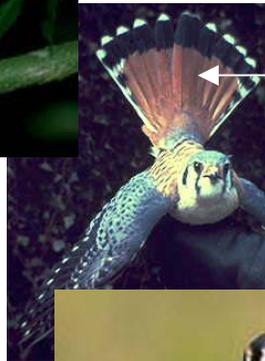
Characteristics of American Kestrels common to both sexes



**Male**

**Female**

**Black mustache stripe below the eye**



**Rufous colored tail**



**Rufous colored back**