# Vanessa American Kestrel (Falco sparverius)

#### **STATUS:**

Least concern

(IUCN Red List)

**ACTIVE:** 

**HABITAT:** 

Open country,

farmland, cities, woodland edges

Diurnal; hunts by day, sleeps at night

# **DIET:**

Mostly insects such as dragonflies and grasshoppers, but also small mammals and reptiles

# LIFESPAN:

Average 5-11 years in the wild; up to 17 years in captivity

## **OFFSPRING:**

Average 4-5 eggs per clutch. Whitish eggs with brown spots. Incubation average 29-32 days.

# **LENGTH:**

Females larger. Body length 8-12 inches. Wingspan 20-21 inches.

## **WEIGHT:**

Average 2-10 ounces





