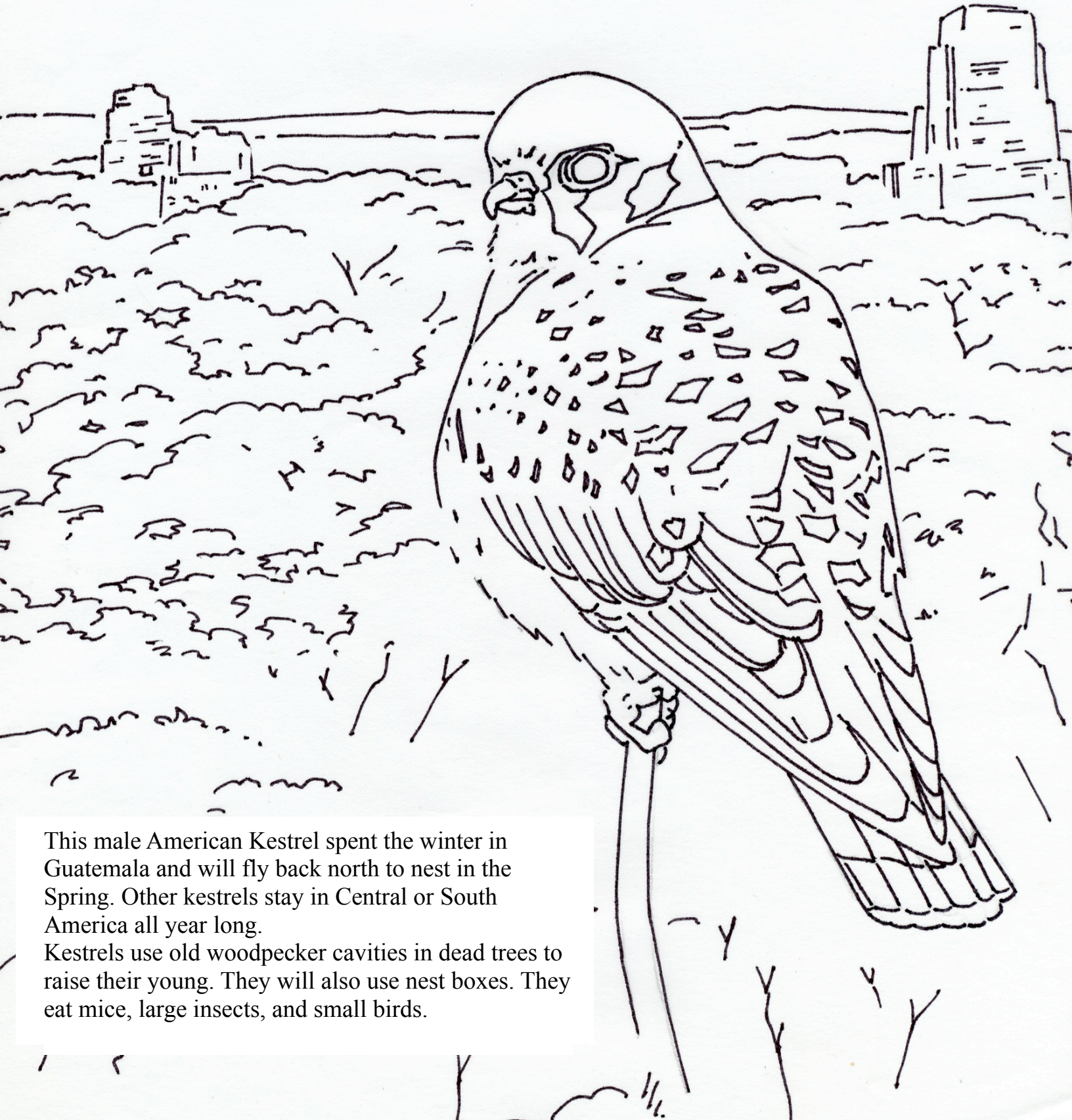




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2011 BIRD OF THE YEAR

American Kestrel...*Falco sparverius*



This male American Kestrel spent the winter in Guatemala and will fly back north to nest in the Spring. Other kestrels stay in Central or South America all year long.

Kestrels use old woodpecker cavities in dead trees to raise their young. They will also use nest boxes. They eat mice, large insects, and small birds.