Your Yard Is A Good Place For Tiny Raptors!

- Western Screech-Owls and American Kestrels can both do well in urban Tucson with a little help.
- Both raptors can live together in an area and work in a day shift and night shift.
- They eat lots of insects and other pests—natural and free pest control!

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- Mysterious and engaging: the American Kestrel is our smallest falcon and feeds during the day; the Western Screech-Owl is a strictly nocturnal hunter of the dark!
- Pest control: these birds are fierce feeders that eat large insects and small rodents in your yard.
- Cirque-de-raptors: kestrels are aerial acrobats and screech-owls are amazing singers (with a call that sounds like a musical bouncing ball).
- Good neighbors: raptors can return to a nest multiple years in a row, and the young are fun to watch.

Turn over for a RECIPE to bring TINY RAPTORS to your yard. Get more information at:

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Recipe for Inviting Tiny Raptors to Your Home

SMALL BIRDS OF PREY: KESTRELS AND SCREECH-OWLS

Ingredients:

• Nest holes: natural in trees or make your own
• Water: in a fountain or a dish, kept fresh
• Shrub cover: for perching and hiding in ambush
• Desert trees: tall, like those below

Directions:

• Preserve existing trees and dead snags.
• Construct a brush pile and plant native species to encourage insect food for raptors.
• Avoid pesticides, leaving the pest control duties to the kestrels and owls.
• Keep your cats indoors: raptors are no match for a cat’s claws!
  • No nest holes? Build one! Attend a Tucson Audubon workshop or find instructions online at our website. Place box in shade of a large tree (on the trunk of a native tree is best) or on a building facing north.

Find out more on attracting tiny raptors to your yard at:

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