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## Aberrant White Plumage in an American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)

On 10 Oct 2018, a hatch-year male American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) with aberrant plumage was captured at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Jamaica, New York (40° 38' 23.07" N, 73° 45' 23.61" W). In the left wing, the bird had two completely white primaries (p10 and p 9) as well as five white outer primary coverts. The bird also had one completely white outer primary covert in the right wing. All other plumage appeared normal.

A photograph of the bird is shown in Figure 1. The bird was banded with a USGS band (1893-14409) and a green auxiliary band (09 over C) (Acraft Sign & Nameplate Co., Edmonton, AB, and released the following day in Suffolk County, NY (40° 55' 12.65" N, 72° 55' 42.02" W) in an effort to reduce wildlife strikes at the airport. There have been no subsequent recaptures or reported sightings of this bird as of 31 Dec 2019.



**Figure 1. Male American Kestrel showing aberrant white feathers in its wings.**