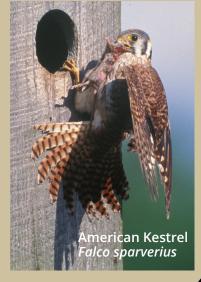
Natural Pest Control

Biological control is a method of suppressing pests using natural enemies. Helpful predators include some kinds of bugs, lizards, birds of prey, bats, and larger mammals, such as coyotes and bobcats.

Spiders and "beneficial" insects move into crops to prey on pests, including aphids, scales, and spider mites. Conservation practices, such as cover crops and hedgerows at field borders provide habitat for helpful creatures that suppress pests.







Tree frog

Farmers place raptor nest boxes above their fields to help build the population of Barn Owls and Kestrels. You can see kestrel boxes in Temecula's vineyards.

> Assassin Bug eating a Glassy -winged Sharpshooter





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