02600-A Identification of Harriers (Circus)



IDENTIFICATION OF ADULTS AND JUVENI-LES OF HEN HARRIER AND MONTAGU'S HARRIER

ADULT MALE

Adult male can be separated by pattern of wings and vent.



Hen Harrier. Male: without a dark band under wing coverts.



Montagu's Harrier. Male: with a dark band under wing coverts.



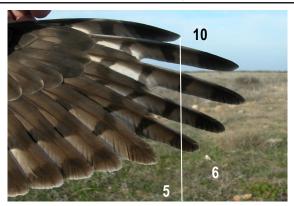
Hen Harrier. Male: unstreaked vent.



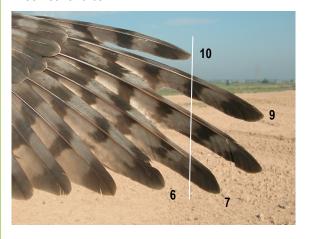
Montagu's Harrier. Male: streaked vent.

ADULT FEMALE AND JUVENILE

Adult female and juvenile can be separated by wing formula and emargination of the 9th primary.



Hen Harrier. Female: length of 10th primary between 5th and 6th.



Montagu's Harrier. Female: of 10th primary between 6th and 7th.



Hen Harrier. Female: the beginning of emargination of 9th primary hidden by primary coverts.



Montagu's Harrier. Female: the beginning of emargination of 9th primary is not hidden by primary coverts.

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ADULT FEMALE

Adult females can be separated by facial pattern.



Hen Harrier. Female: whitish area behind the eye (1) usually poorly pronounced; ear-coverts (2) without a solid dark patch.



Montagu's Harrier. Female: whitish area behind the eye (1) usually well pronounced; ear-coverts (2) with a solid dark patch.

JUVENILE

Juvenile can be separated by pattern of breast.



Hen Harrier. Juvenile: streaked breast.

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Montagu's Harrier. Juvenile: unstreaked breast.

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