

# 115a Identification of Harriers

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## IDENTIFICATION OF ADULTS AND JUVENILES OF HEN HARRIER AND MONTAGU'S HARRIER

### ADULT MALE

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



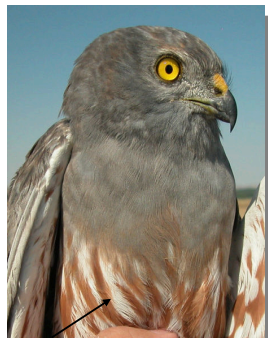
Hen Harrier. Male: without a dark band under wing coverts.



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



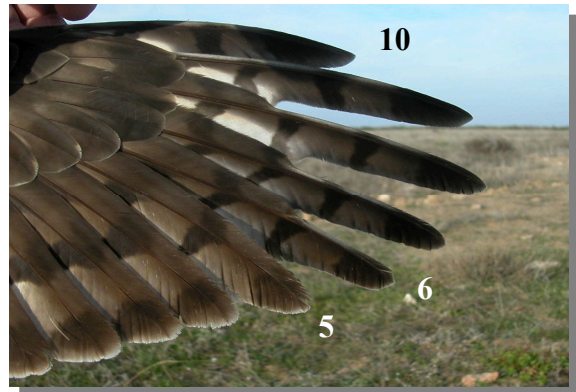
Hen Harrier. Male: unstreaked vent.



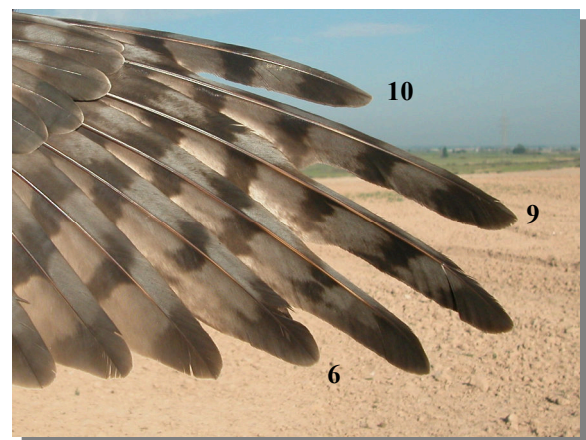
Montagu's Harrier. Male: streaked vent.

### ADULT FEMALE AND JUVENILE

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



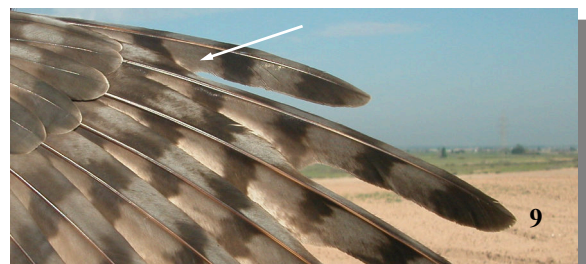
Hen Harrier. Female: length of 10th primary between 5th and 6th.



Montagu's Harrier. Female: length of 10th primary similar to 6th.



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.



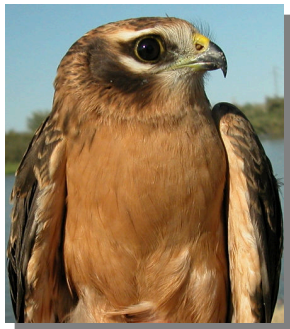
Montagu's Harrier. Female: whitish area behind the eye (1) usually well pronounced; ear-coverts (2) with a solid dark patch.

## JUVENILE

**Juvenile** can be separated by pattern of breast.



Hen Harrier. Juvenile: streaked breast.



Montagu's Harrier. Juvenile: unstreaked breast.