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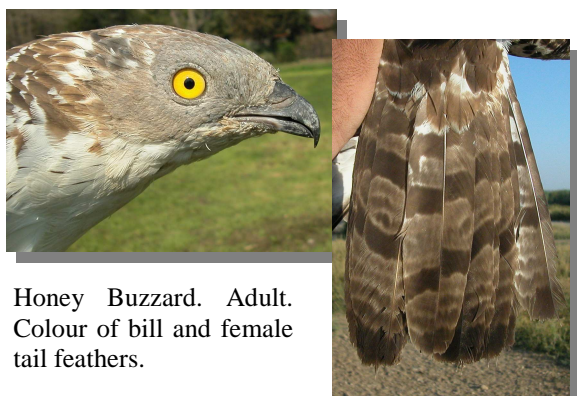


Honey Buzzard. Adult. Female (04-IX).

HONEY BUZZARD (*Pernis apivorus*)

IDENTIFICATION

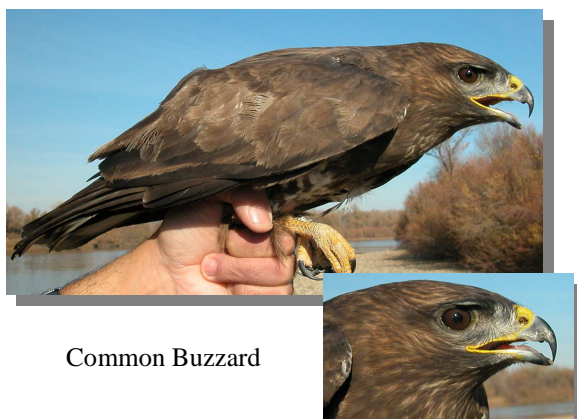
51-58 cm. Brown upperparts; pale underparts, with dark mottled; dark brown upperwing and pale underwing; dark bill; yellow eye.



Honey Buzzard. Adult. Colour of bill and female tail feathers.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Very similar to **Common Buzzard**, which has brown eyes. **Booted Eagle** lacks the black patch in the middle of underwing and has feathers on tarsus. **Red Kite** and **Black Kite** has forked tails.



Common Buzzard



Booted Eagle



Black Kite



Red Kite

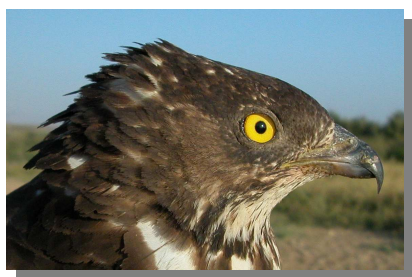
SEXING

Male with grey head; tinged grey upperparts; secondaries and tail feathers with broad light brown area between subterminal band and next proximal band; wing shorter than 395 mm. **Female** with head and body with similar colour, sometimes with grey around the eye; brown upperparts; secondaries and tail feathers with narrow light brown area between subterminal band and next proximal band; wing longer than 435 mm. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage characters.

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B u z z a r d .
Adult. Sexing.
Pattern of
head: top
male; bottom
female.



AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

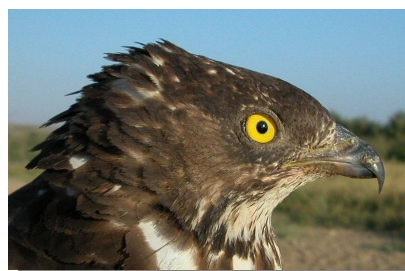
Juvenile with fresh plumage without moult traces; dark eye; yellow bill with a narrow black tip; tail feathers with barring unevenly distributed; dark secondaries with even but sparse barring; dark outer primaries across the emarginated portion.

2nd year spring with some **juvenile** outer primaries and/or tail feathers retained. Usually they remain in their winter quarters and don't travel to Europe.

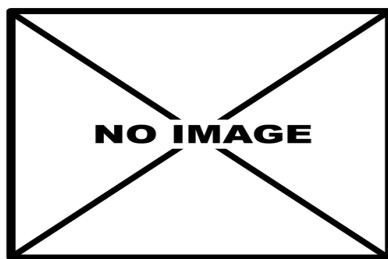
Adult usually with two generation of adult pattern feathers on wings; yellow eye; dark bill; pale tail feathers with few defined bars; pale secondaries with dark subterminal bar; outer primaries with just the tip black.



H o n e y
B u z z a r d .
Adult. Sexing.
Pattern of
tail
feathers: left
male; right
female.



H o n e y
B u z z a r d .
A d u l t .
A g e i n g .
Colour of the
eye and bill:
top adult
female;
bottom
juvenile.



Honey Buzzard. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of
secondaries: left male; right female.



H o n e y
B u z z a r d .
A d u l t .
A g e i n g .
Pattern of the
central tail
feather: left
adult female;
right juvenile

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Honey Buzzard. Adult. Ageing. Pattern of secondaries: left adult female; right juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult starting in July and finished in wintering quarters. **Postjuvenile** moult starts in their **2nd year** remaining in wintering African quarters.

PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

STATUS IN ARAGON

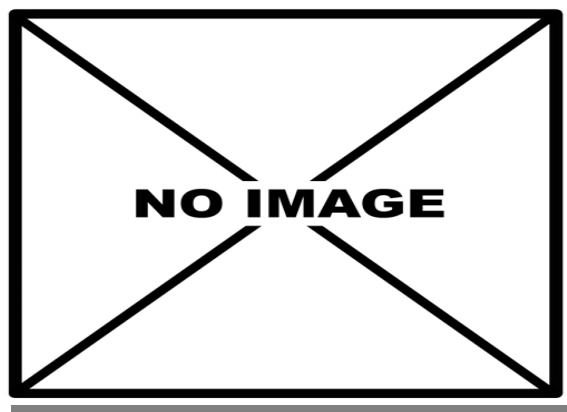
Summer visitor breeding scarcely in mountainous areas (Pyrenees and Moncayo); very common on passage.



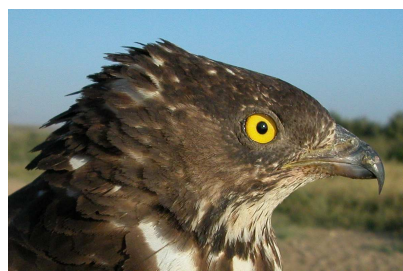
Honey Buzzard. Adult. Male (14-III)



Honey Buzzard. 2nd year (14-III)



Honey Buzzard. Juvenile ()

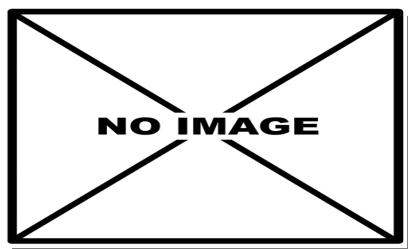


Honey Buzzard. Adult. Head pattern and iris colour: top male (14-III); bottom female (04-IX).

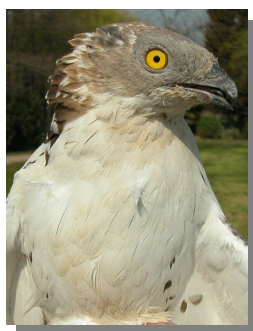
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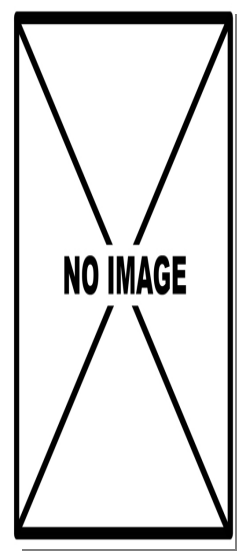
Honey Buzzard. Head pattern and iris colour: top 2nd year (14-III); bottom juvenile ().



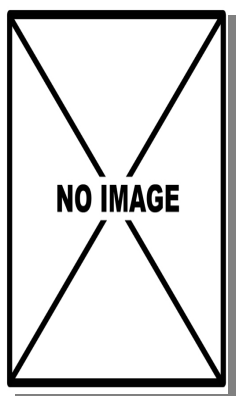
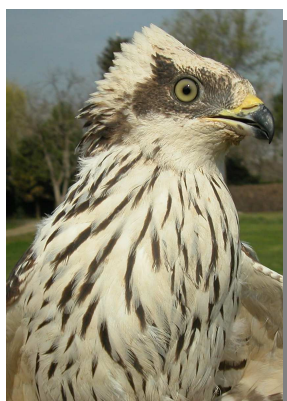
Honey Buzzard. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (14-III); right female (04-IX).



Honey Buzzard. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (14-III); right female (04-IX).



Honey Buzzard. Upperpart pattern: left 2nd year (14-III); right juvenile ().

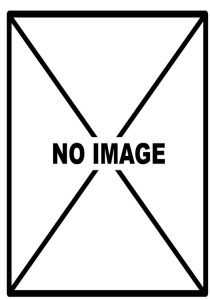


Honey Buzzard. Breast pattern: left 2nd year (14-III); right juvenile ().

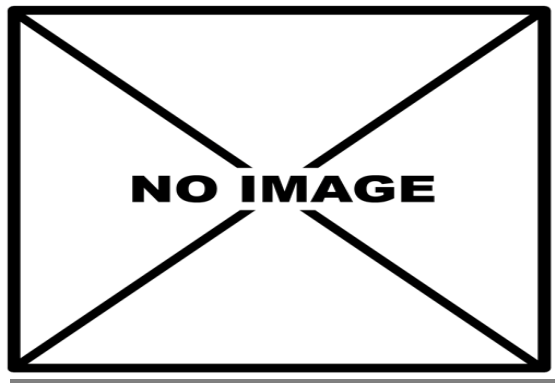


Honey Buzzard. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (14-III); right female (04-IX).

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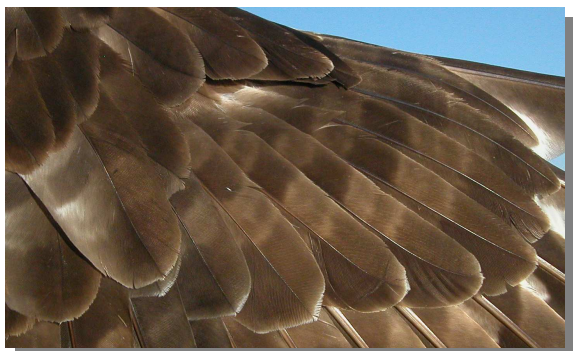
Honey Buzzard. Tail pattern: left 2nd year (14-III); right juvenile ().



Honey Buzzard. Juvenile: pattern of primary coverts ().



Honey Buzzard. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (14-III).



Honey Buzzard. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (04-IX).

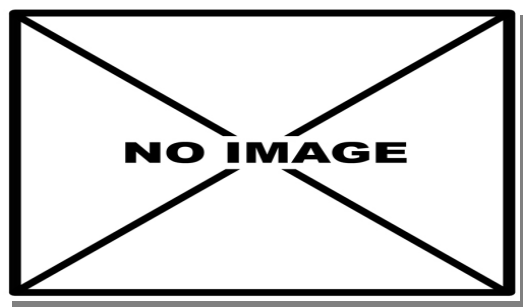
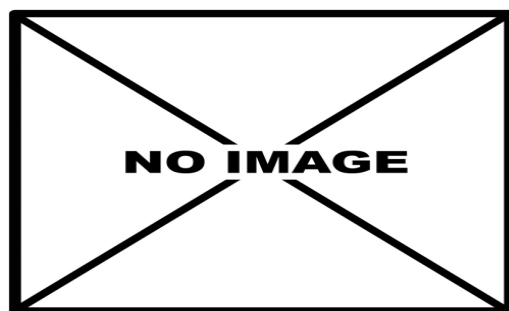


Honey Buzzard. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (14-III)



Honey Buzzard. 2nd year: pattern of primary coverts (14-III).

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Honey Buzzard. Juvenile: pattern of primaries ()

Honey Buzzard. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (04-IX)

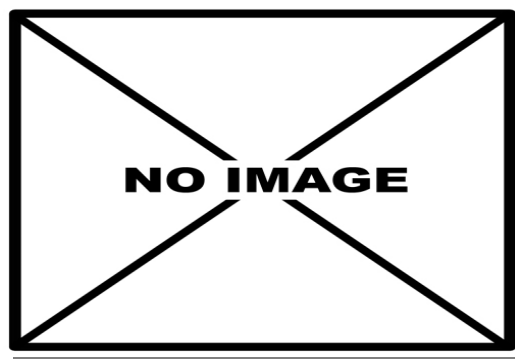
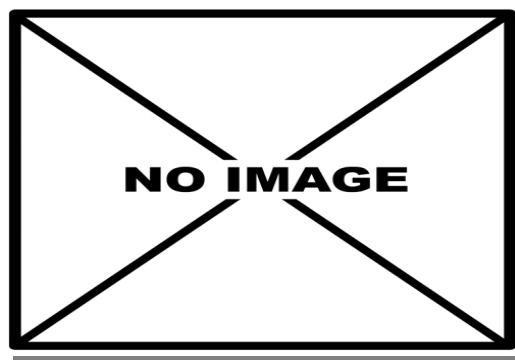


Honey Buzzard. 2nd year: pattern of primaries (14-III)



Honey Buzzard. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (14-III)

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Honey Buzzard. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (04-IX)

Honey Buzzard. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries ()



Honey Buzzard. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries (14-III)

Honey Buzzard. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (14-III)

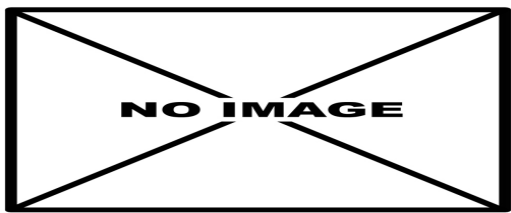
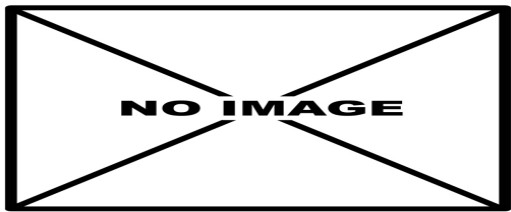
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Honey Buzzard. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (04-IX)



Honey Buzzard. 2nd year: pattern of wing (14-III)



Honey Buzzard. Juvenile: pattern of wing ()