



Goshawk

FEMALE

Accipiter gentilis

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“Jess”

SECURE

“Such a laid back Hawk, despite the look”

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

One of the true Hawks resident in Britain, the other being the Sparrowhawk. Can be up to the size of a Buzzard. Easily identified by its fierce appearance, bright orange/red eyes, and distinctive white “eyebrows”. The short wings and long tail provide exceptional manoeuvrability in dense woodland.

HABITAT & LOCATION

Found in limited areas of Britain, the Goshawk prefers isolated dense woodland with open trails and paths to hunt along. The Goshawk can be seen hunting in open countryside. Once extinct in almost all of Britain.

NATURAL DIET

Mostly medium to large sized birds such as pigeons and pheasants. Also mammals such as squirrels, rabbits and rats.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : *Adult Female* – Up to 4lb 8oz, (2.0 Kg). **Height** : 24” (60cm)

Wingspan : Can reach 50”, (127 cm).