



Golden Eagle

FEMALE

Aquila chrysaetos

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Her Regal Majesty, and she knows it.

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

Second in size to the White-tailed Sea Eagle. Often Buzzards are mistaken for Golden Eagles, however, the sheer size and flight patterns are unmistakable. Young birds have large areas of white under the wings, changing to dark barred grey as the bird matures. Adult birds still have varying amounts of white. Upper parts are reddish to golden brown, head becomes increasingly golden as the bird ages.

HABITAT & LOCATION

Rarely sighted, predominately in north west Scotland in remote mountain locations or in high remote wooded areas. Prefers to inhabit cliff faces and ledges.

NATURAL DIET

Rabbit, hare, game birds, small deer, and carrion. Have been seen hunting adult deer.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : *Adult Female* - 10 lb, (4,500 g), - 13 lb, (5,900 g).

Wingspan : Can reach 96”, (240 cm).