



Common Name

**Red Kite**

**MALE**

Scientific Name  
*Milvus milvus*

Hatch Date  
**May 2017**

**“Max”**

Conservation Status  
**SECURE**

## DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

Red Kites are unmistakable with their reddish-brown plumage and distinctive forked tail. Although larger than the Common Buzzard, they are much lighter with small feet.

## HABITAT AND DIET

Often seen at the edge of woodland and hunting for small mammals, worms and scavenging on carrion. Increasingly, they are reported to be more of a hunting species than scavenger. Red Kites nest in dense woodland. Almost extinct at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, re-introduction initiatives have seen their numbers increase greatly.

## WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

**Weight** : 1lb 12oz, (800 g), - 2lb 14oz, (1,300 g).

**Height** : 24”,(60 cm) – 28”,(70 cm).

**Wingspan** : 68”, (175 cm) – 70”, (179 cm).

