



# Common Buzzard

FEMALE

*Buteo buteo*

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## “Morag”

*Very observant, can whinge a lot.*

COMMON

### DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

Often mistaken for a Golden Eagle, the buzzard is a lot smaller but still second in size to the large predator. The ability to soar and glide leads individuals to “wish” an eagle sighting. The buzzard has rich brown plumage and light brown under-parts. Easily recognised because of the forward swept wings and effortless gliding .

### HABITAT & LOCATION

From the edge of extinction, the buzzard is the most common bird of prey in Britain. Found throughout Europe and Asia. British buzzards prefer wooded hilly countryside and wooded farmland.

### NATURAL DIET

Small rabbits and mammals. A lazy hunter, will eat carrion and road-kill.

### WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

**Weight** : *Adult Female* 1 lb 9 oz, (700 g), - 2 lb 8 oz, (1,125 g).

**Wingspan** : Up to 60”, (153 cm).