


Discover the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight: The Ultimate Guide to Birdwatching

MONTAGU'S HARRIER

Circus cygnus - 43 cm - Green pigeon



male

female

white rump and barred tail

male

black bar across inner wing

juvenile

underparts orange-brown

Britain's second breeding raptor: This summer visitor is a *prime find* whenever it is seen, but it is scarce on passage.


DESCRIPTION Very similar to Hen Harrier but slimmer, especially male, with more pointed, less like flight. Adult males separated by a black bar across inner wing on both upper and underwing and iridescent upperparts. Back and inner wing dark grey, and wing pale grey-white, wingtip extremely black. Rusty-brown spots on underwing coverts and flaps visible at close range. Females very similar to Hen Harrier, although underwings more buffy barred, and only separable with much experience. Juveniles have distinctive unmarked orange-brown underparts.

POPULATION In recent years average breeding population is 600. Very scarce on passage.

HABITAT Breeds only on open moorland, while on passage could be seen in any area of open country.


VOICE During aerial courtship display the male gives a *toorak*, nasal *feh-dah-keh-keh*.

CONFUSION SPECIES Hen Harrier.



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This second raptor is still rarer and largely persecuted at parts of its breeding range and is on the conservation 'Red List'.


DESCRIPTION Rather slender, white-rumped form. Male grey with 'lipped in ink' black wing tips; whitish body contrasts with grey head. Immature males have some brown in plumage. Females and juveniles, known as 'inglets', are brown above with a prominent barred tail and underside to flight feathers. Both have streaked underparts, but ground colour of adult female is dingy white, of juvenile rufous-ochre. Flight typical of harrier: long, low floating glides with wings held in shallow 'V'.

POPULATION Scarce resident, breeding in N and W of Britain. In winter, when numbers boosted by Continental immigrants, thinly scattered across Britain and Ireland, with most in coastal regions of SE England and very few in Scotland.

HABITAT Breeds on heather moorland and young forestry plantations. Winters in open country, usually during the day but gathers to roost communally on saltmarshes and heaths and in reedbeds.

VOICE In aerial display male gives rapid, squeaky *chik-chik-chik*.

CONFUSION SPECIES Lack of rufous on wings or belly separates male from male Marsh Harrier, while 'inglets' are identified by white rump and barred tail.



Are you an avid bird watcher? Have you ever dreamt of exploring the colorful world of birds, understanding their behavior, and learning more about their habitats? If so, then you are in for a treat with the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight, the ultimate guide to birdwatching.

A Comprehensive Guide for Both Beginners and Experts

The Second Edition Rspb Spotlight is a carefully curated book that caters to both beginners and seasoned birdwatchers. Whether you are just starting out or have been indulging in this fascinating hobby for years, this guide will offer valuable insights and elevate your birdwatching experience to new heights.



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The book is divided into nine distinct chapters, each focusing on different aspects of bird watching. From understanding bird behavior and identifying species to creating bird-friendly habitats and advanced photography techniques, this guide covers it all. With stunning photographs and detailed descriptions, the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight brings the world of birds to life in an engaging and informative manner.

Explore the Rich Diversity of Bird Species

One of the highlights of the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight is its extensive coverage of various bird species found across different habitats. From common

backyard birds to rare migratory species, this guide provides detailed insights into their characteristics, habitat preferences, and migration patterns.

The book showcases over 250 bird species, accompanied by beautiful illustrations that capture their unique features and colors. Each species is presented with a long descriptive keyword for the alt attribute, allowing readers with visual impairments to get an accurate description of the birds.

Get Inspired by Personal Stories and Experiences

What sets the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight apart from other birdwatching guides is its inclusion of personal stories and experiences shared by renowned birdwatchers and experts. These anecdotes offer a glimpse into the joys and challenges of birdwatching while inspiring readers to embark on their own adventures.

Reading about the encounters and discoveries of passionate bird enthusiasts will ignite your curiosity and passion for birdwatching. Learn from their observations and explore new techniques to improve your bird identification skills or capture stunning photographs of your feathered subjects.

Create Bird-Friendly Habitats with Expert Tips

If you wish to attract birds to your backyard or want to enhance the existing habitat for local avian species, the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight provides expert tips and guidance. Discover which plants, feeders, and nesting boxes are preferred by different bird species and learn how to create an inviting environment for them.

The book also emphasizes the importance of conservation efforts, teaching readers how to make a positive impact on bird populations and preserve their

natural habitats. By implementing these suggestions, you can contribute to the well-being and protection of birds in your community.

Advanced Techniques for the Avid Birdwatcher

If you are an experienced birdwatcher looking to take your skills to the next level, the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight has you covered. This guide delves into advanced photography techniques, helping you capture stunning images of birds in flight or during their everyday activities.

Learn about camera settings, composition, and expert tips to improve your bird photography. From capturing the perfect moment to editing your images, this guide will help you refine your skills and produce breathtaking photographs that showcase the beauty of birds.

The Second Edition Rspb Spotlight is a must-have guide for birdwatching enthusiasts of all levels. Whether you are a beginner eager to learn or an expert seeking new inspiration, this comprehensive book will become your trusted companion.

Explore the world of birds, immerse yourself in their fascinating behavior, and discover the breathtaking beauty of various species. The Second Edition Rspb Spotlight will undoubtedly enhance your appreciation for these magnificent creatures and deepen your connection with nature.

So, grab your binoculars, pack your camera, and dive into the world of birdwatching with the Second Edition Rspb Spotlight by your side!

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Colour photographs illustrate hundreds of mammals, birds, insects, invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians, flowers, trees, shrubs and fungi, while the comprehensive text explains everything you need to cultivate a haven for nature.

The new edition includes additional species as well as fully updated text describing the diverse wildlife that can be found in British gardens. Finally, a DIY chapter is packed with projects for your garden, from building bat boxes to digging your own pond.



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