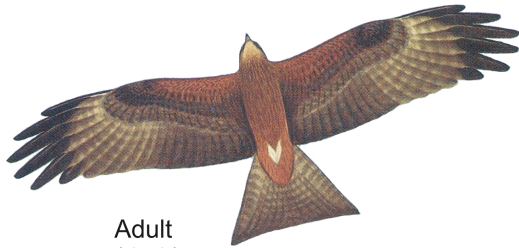


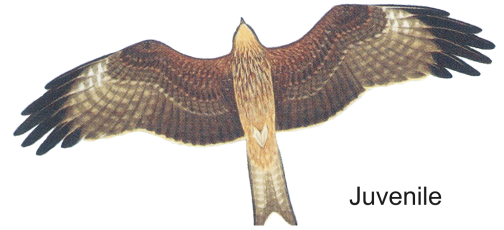
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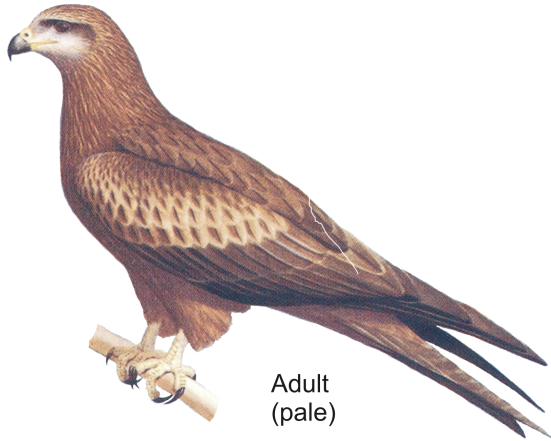
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Adult
(dark)



Juvenile



Adult
(pale)



Adult
(dark)



Juvenile

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	375 – 420 mm	401 – 432 mm
Tail:	221 – 286 mm	230 – 288 mm
Weight:	500 – 640 g	560 – 671 mm

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	black;
Cere:	yellow;	yellow to greenish;
Iris:	dark brown, brown or hazel;	dark brown;
Legs & feet:	yellow, orange-yellow or pale yellow;	pale yellow;
Crown & neck:	light brown, thinly streaked with black-brown;	dark brown with elongated bold cream streaks;
Upper breast:	dark brown with blackish streaks;	dark brown with broad cream to buff streaks;

Adult plumage is attained by a post-juvenile moult commencing toward the end of the first year; Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

Females are marginally larger than males, but huge overlap in size ranges;
Females may also average slightly paler than their mates;
Not known whether both sexes incubate.