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## Sparrowhawk

### Accipiter nisus

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### Species information

**Common name**  
Sparrowhawk

**Latin name**  
Accipiter nisus

**Category**  
Birds  
Birds of prey

**Statistics**  
Length: 28-40cm  
Wingspan: 62cm Weight:  
150-260g Average  
Lifespan: 4 years

**Conservation status**  
Common. Listed under  
CITES Appendix II.

### About

Sparrowhawks are one of our smallest birds of prey, the male being somewhere between a blackbird and a collared dove in size. The female is larger, up to the size of a pigeon. Sparrowhawks are excellent bird-hunters, catching small species like finches, sparrows and tits using a mixture of methods that include ambushing prey from a perch or flying low and suddenly changing direction.

### How to identify

Sparrowhawks have rounded wings and a relatively long, narrow tail. Males are small with a blue-grey back and white underparts showing reddish-orange barring. The female is much larger with browner plumage above and grey bars below. They both have reddish cheeks.

### Where to find it

A common, diurnal

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## When to find it



## How can people help

To find out more about encouraging wildlife into your garden, visit our Wild About Gardens website: a joint initiative with the RHS, there's plenty of facts and tips to get you started.

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