

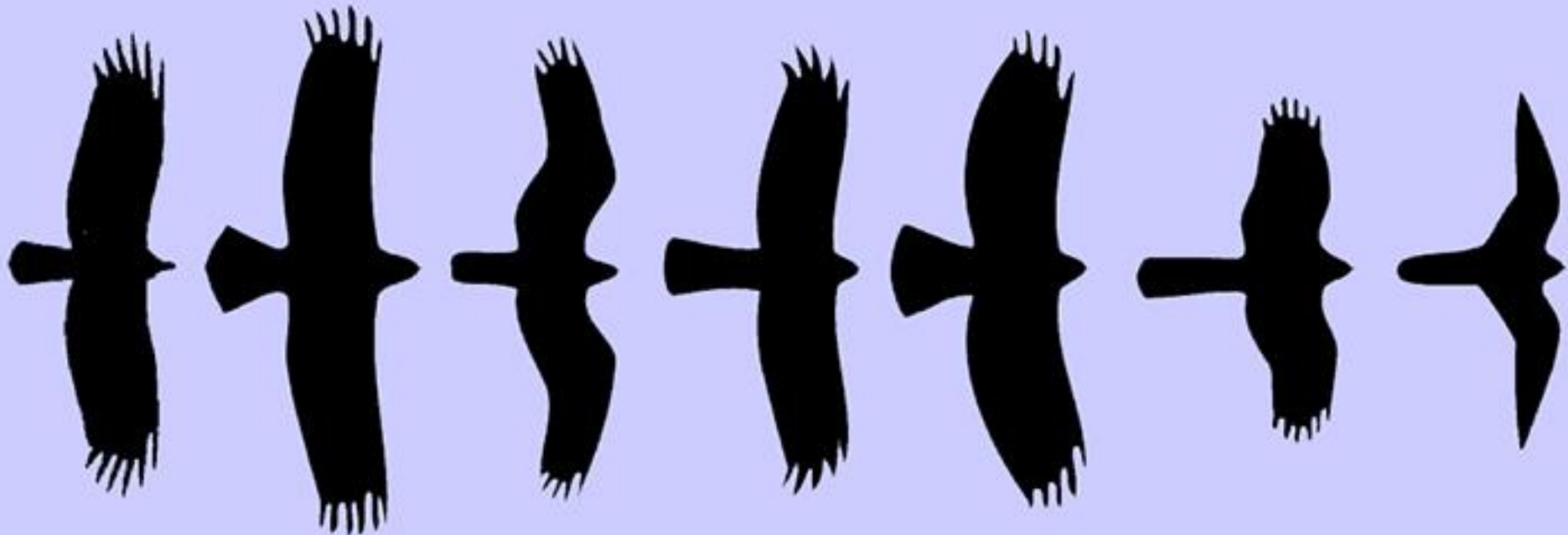
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Buzzards found in India
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Raptors at a glance

Raptors : Any of numerous carnivorous birds that hunt and kill other animals

Derived from Latin word *rapere* : To ravish

Characterised by Hooked Beak, Talons and Flying abilities required to hunt & kill prey



Vulture

Eagle

Osprey

Harrier

Buteo

Accipiter

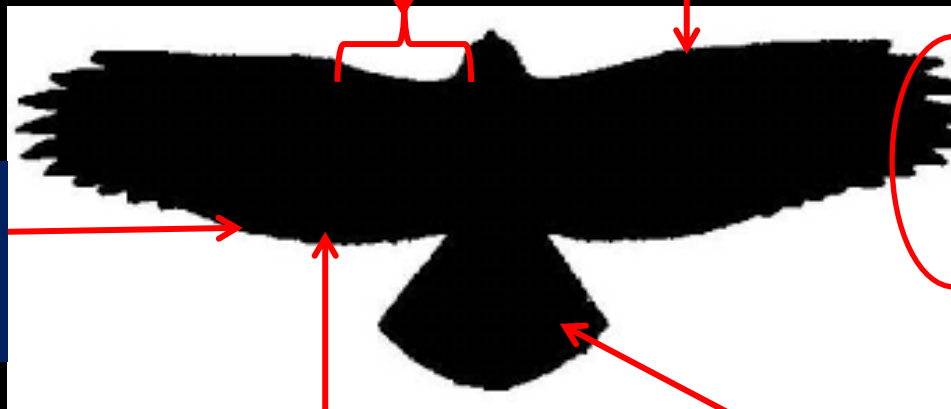
Falcon

Buzzards

- Buzzards are birds of prey belonging to *Buteo* genus (Also called as Hawk in some parts of the world)
- Buzzards have a robust body and broad wings. The trailing edges of the rounded wings are Dark.
- They are good hunters preferring to hunt rodents , reptiles & medium sized birds
- They are Polymorphic & usually most of them are difficult to differentiate on the field

Leading edge is slightly curved inside

Non prominent "wrist"



The trailing edges of Adult Buzzards are Dark giving it a Dark outline

5 -6 Fingers (primaries)

Trailing edge is curved outside (rounded wing)

Shorter tail



Oriental Honey-Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*



White-eyed Buzzard *Butastur teesa*



Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

BUZZARDS OF INDIA

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Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*



Upland Buzzard *Buteo hemilasius*

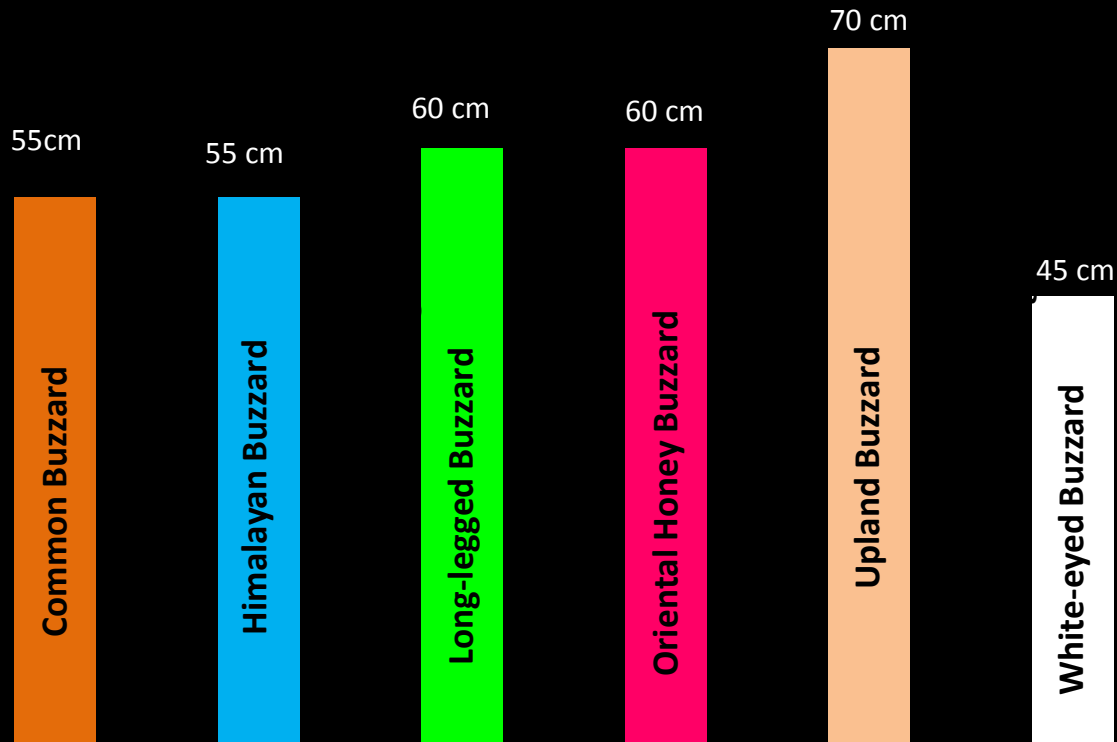


Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo (buteo) burmanicus*

List of Buzzards found in India

Sno.	Name	<i>Binomial Name</i>
1	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
2	Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo burmanicus</i>
3	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
4	Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
5	Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>
6	White- eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>

Buzzards Height Comparison (Avg.)



COMMON BUZZARD

Common Buzzard Identification Tips – *B.b.vulpinus*

Common Buzzard : *Buteo buteo vulpinus* : Wide spread (Sporadic) winter visitor in India

Dark brown Iris

Brown head & crown

Black tipped beak with
yellow cere

Brown Upperparts

Brown Underparts with
white suffusion

Darker Wings compared to
body, barred wing feathers

Yellow feet with black talons

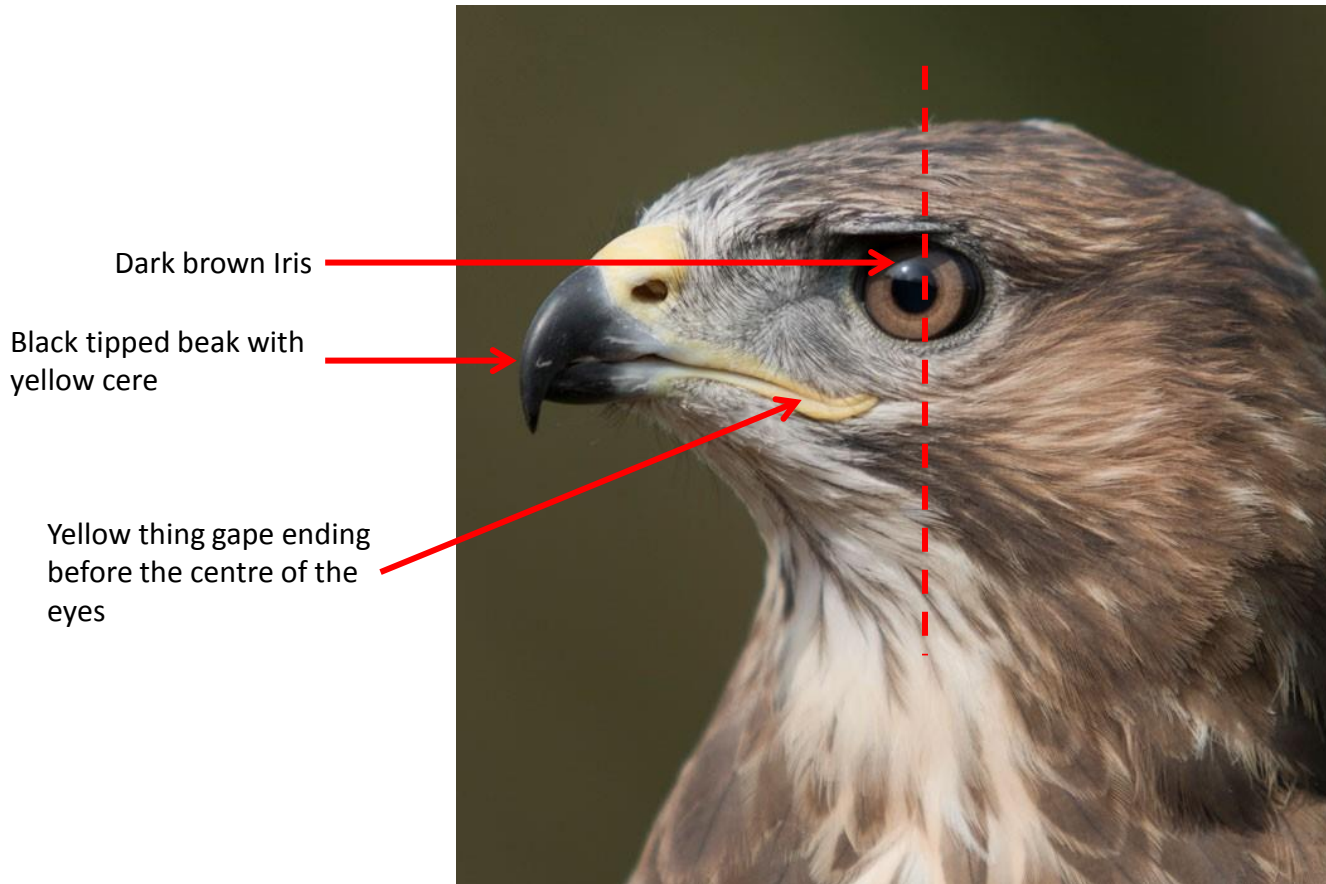
Brown tail

Wing tips reach the tail



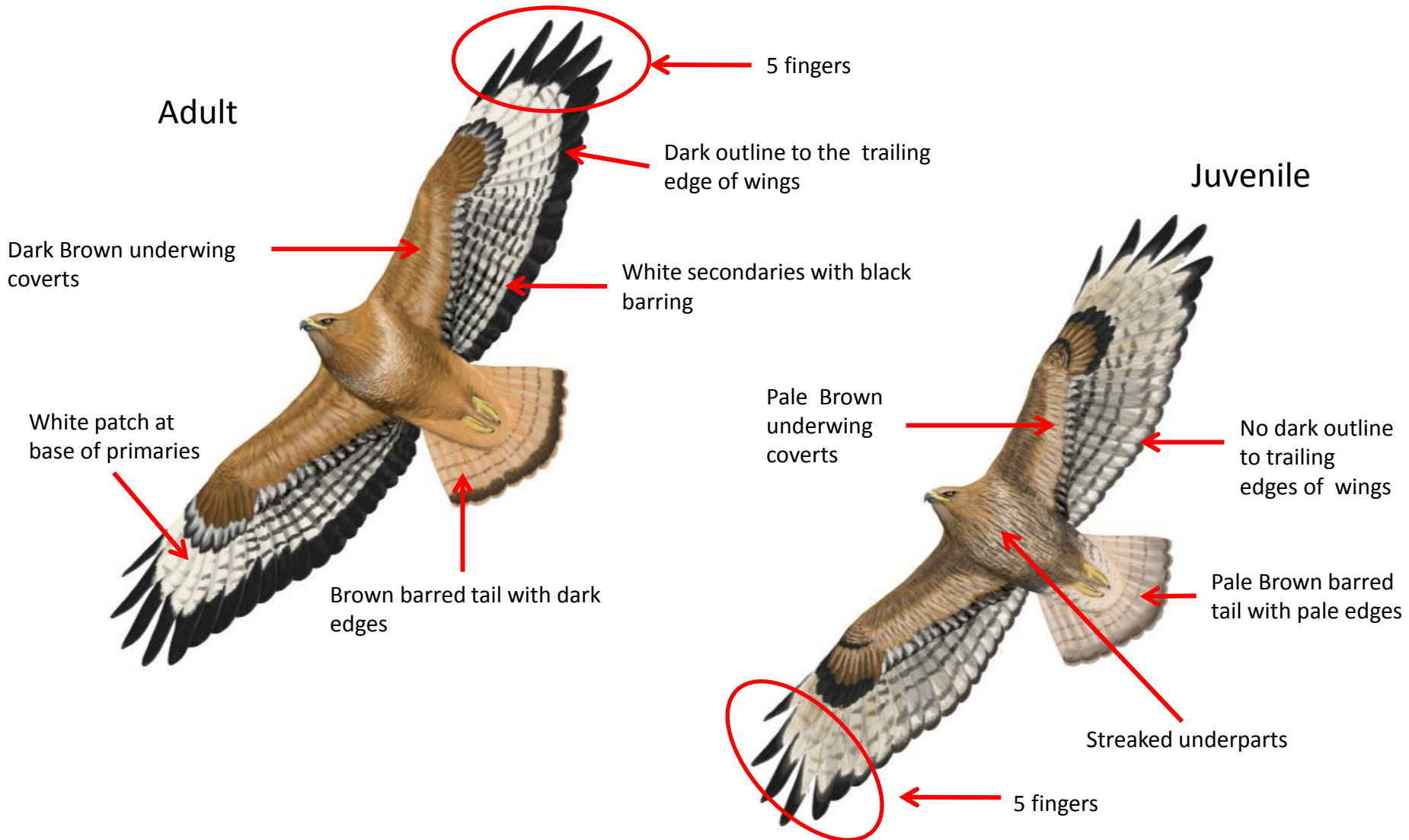
Common Buzzard Identification Tips – Face

Common Buzzard : *Buteo buteo vulpinus* : Wide spread (Sporadic) winter visitor in India



Common Buzzard Identification Tips – Flying

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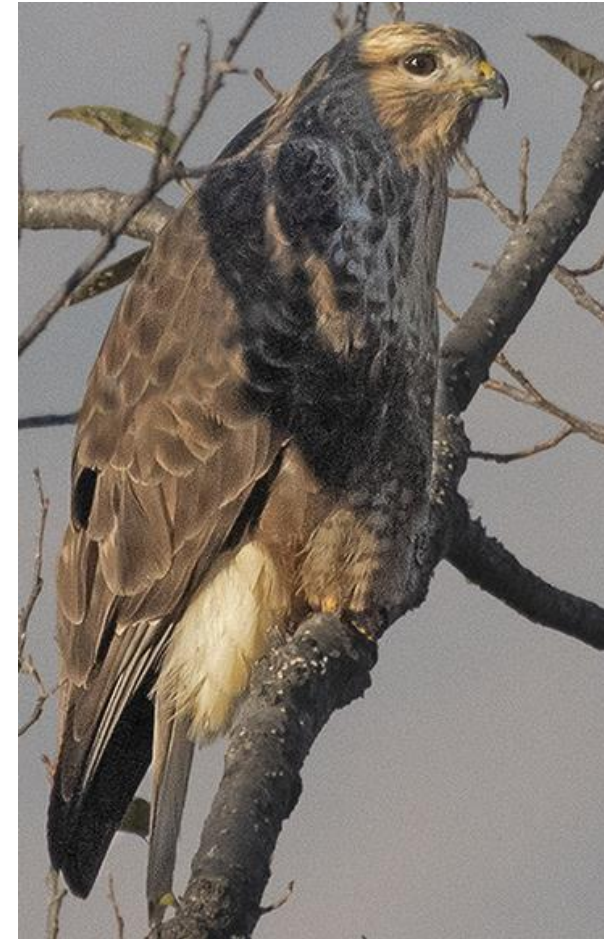
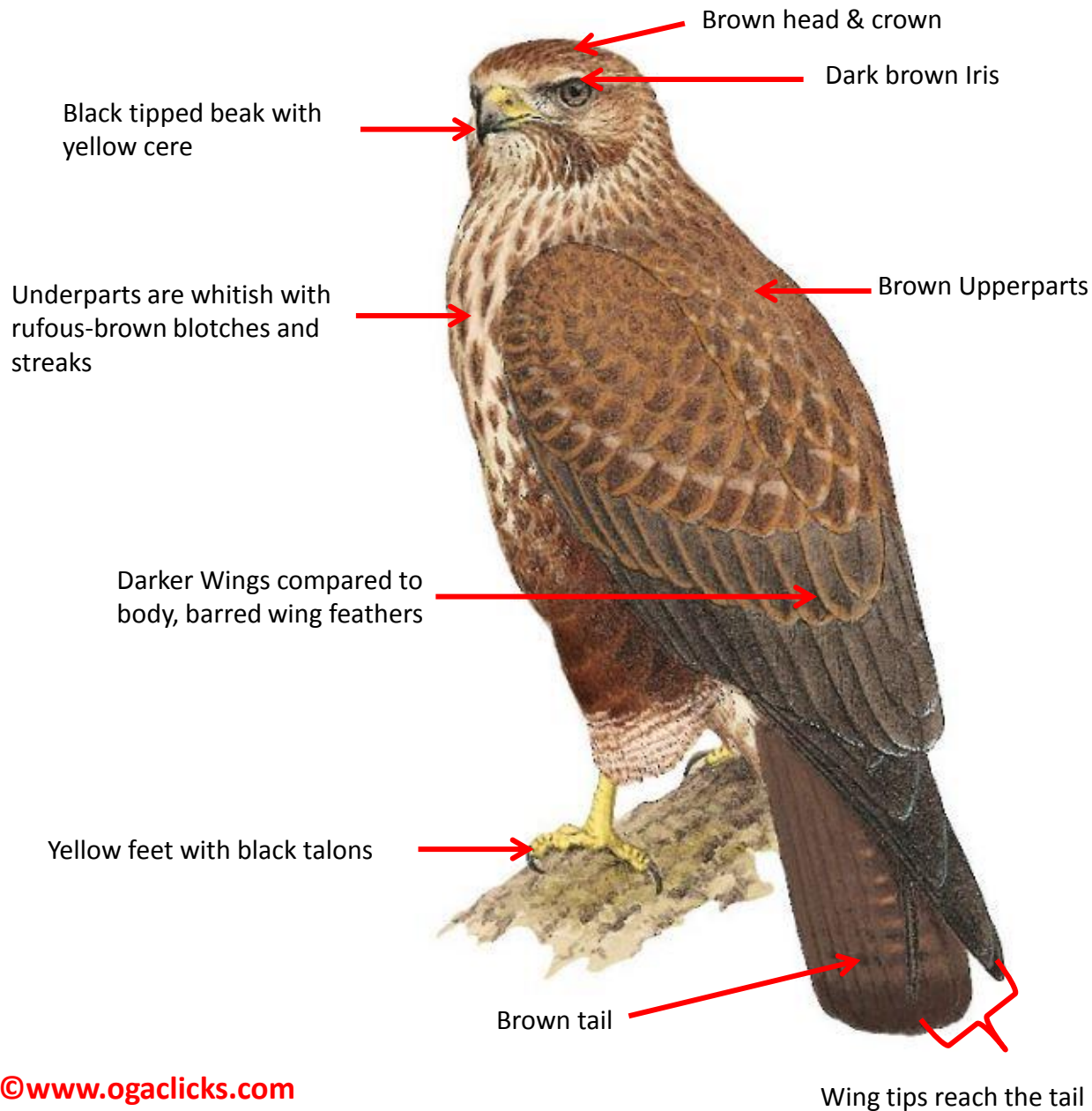


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HIMALAYAN BUZZARD

Himalayan Buzzard Identification Tips

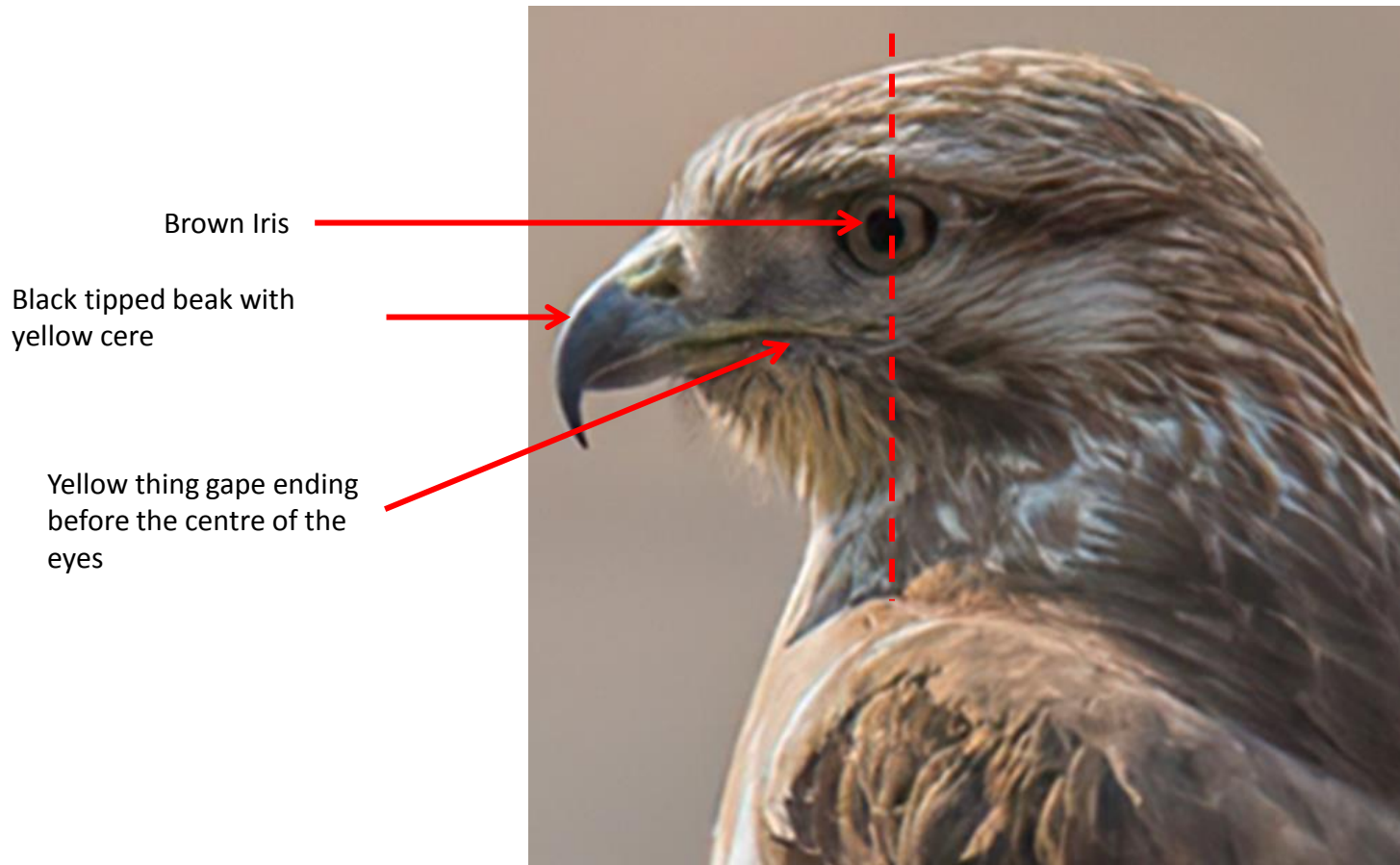
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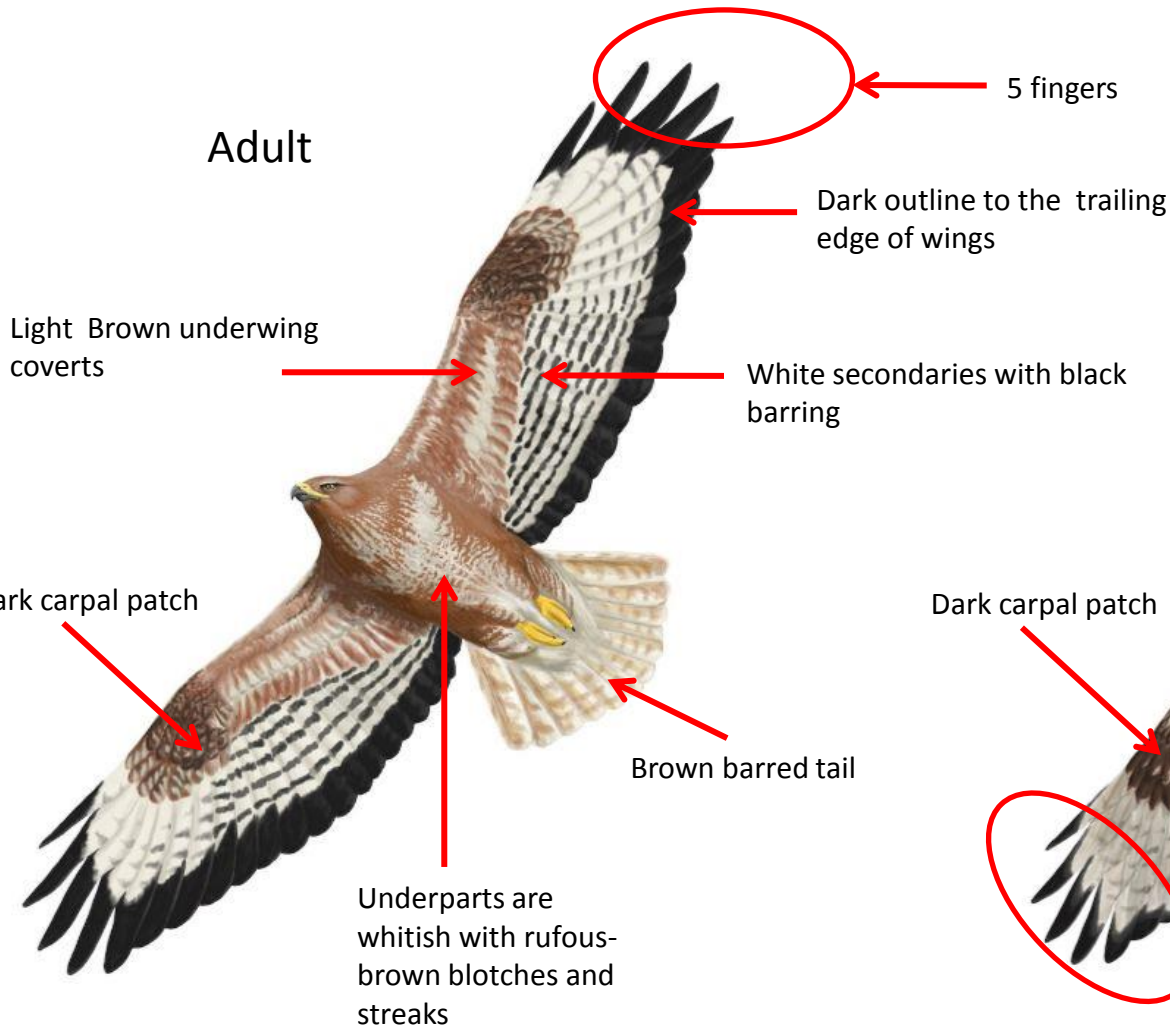


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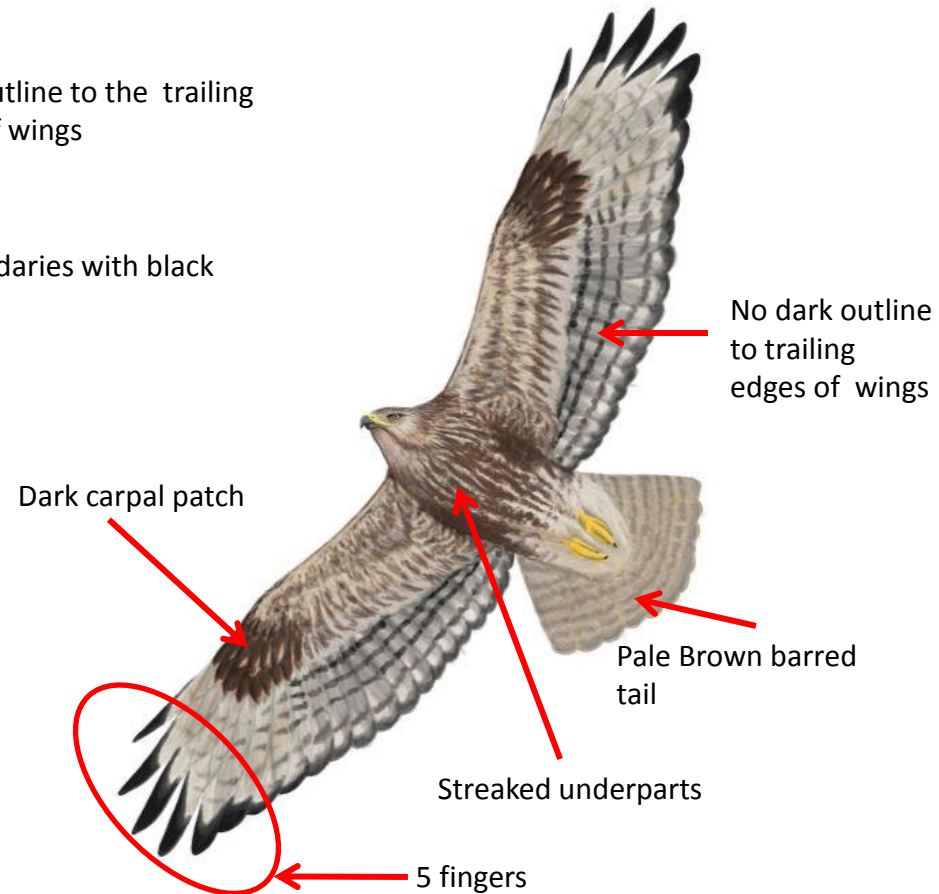
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Adult



Juvenile



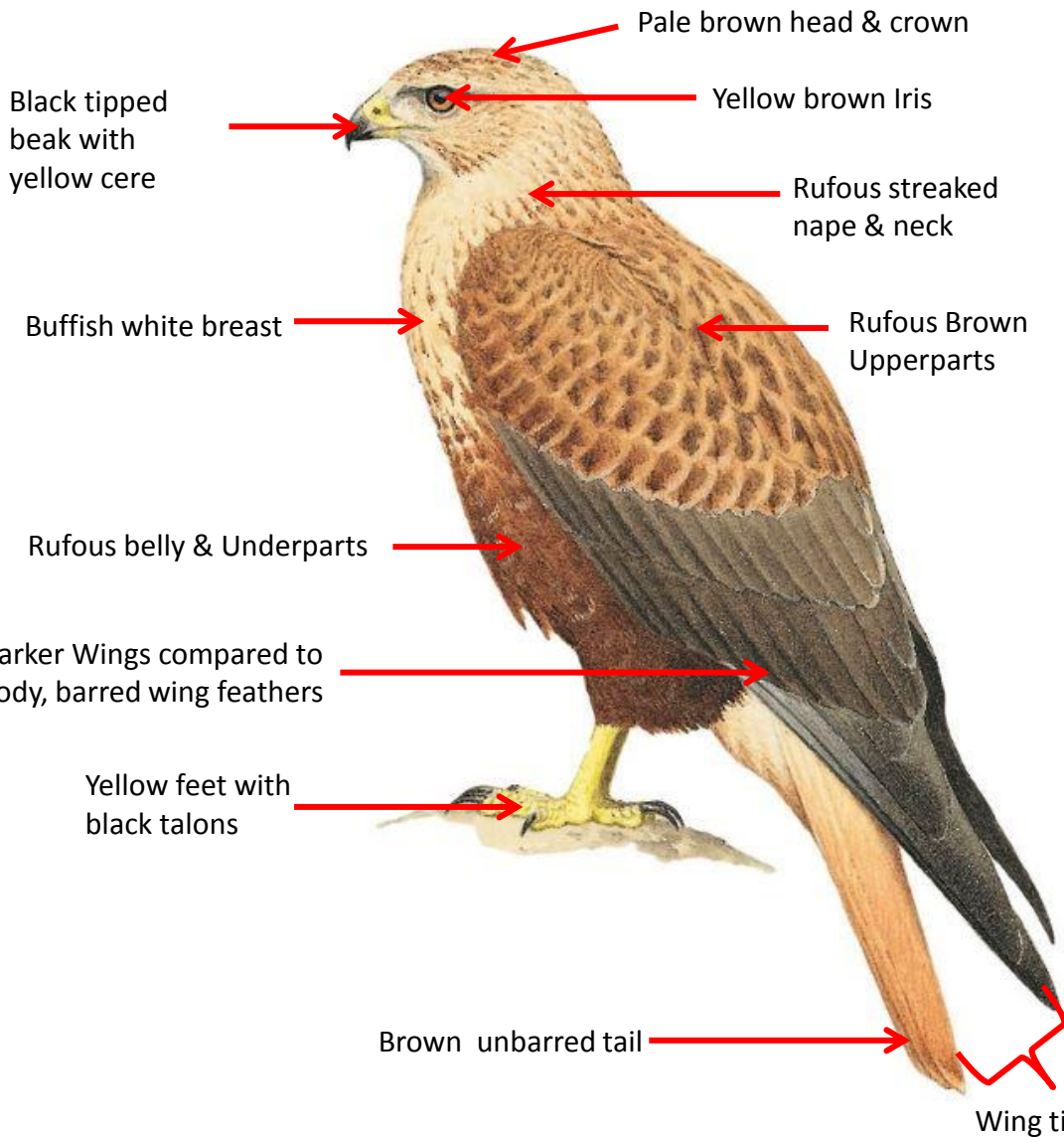
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LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD

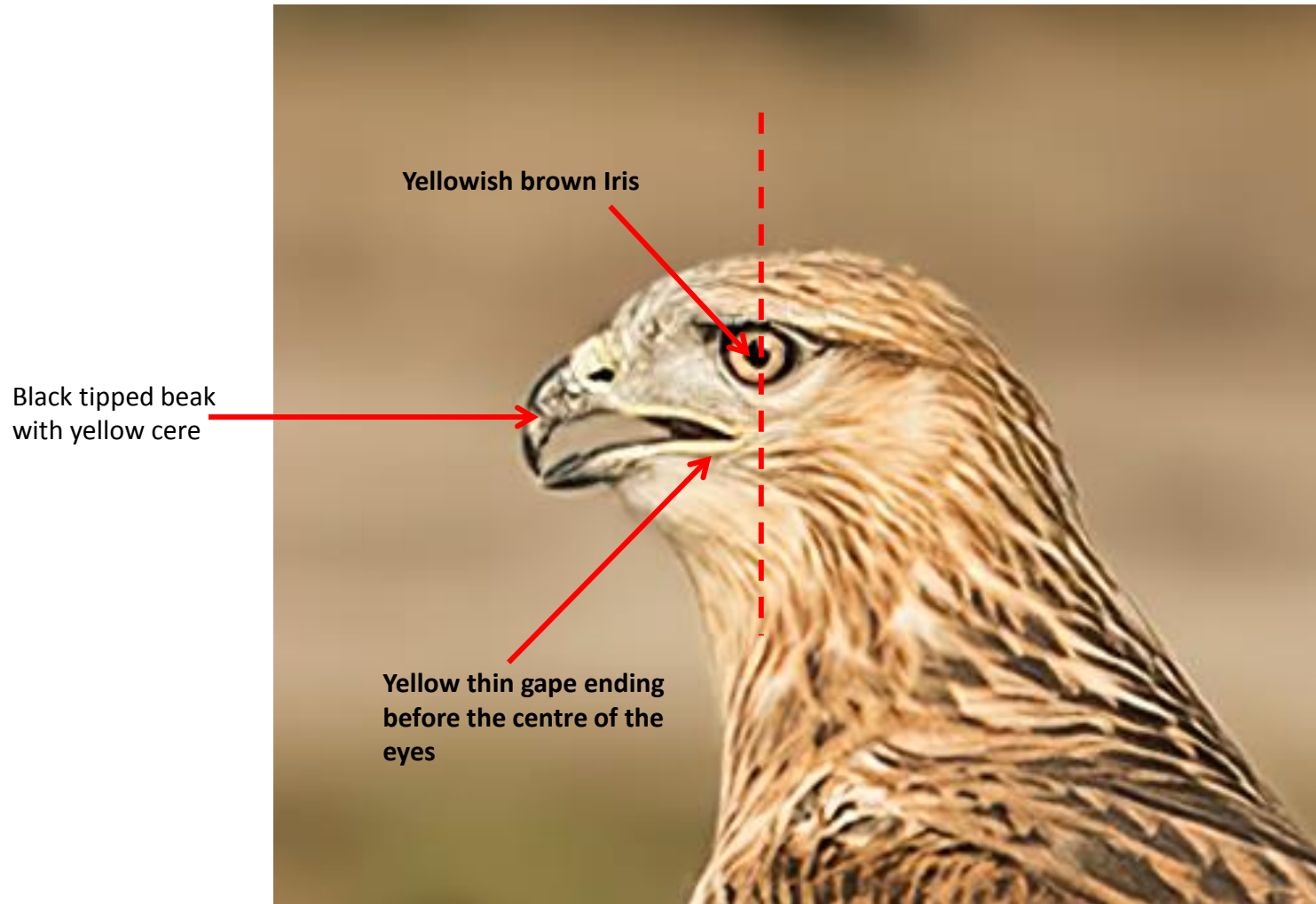
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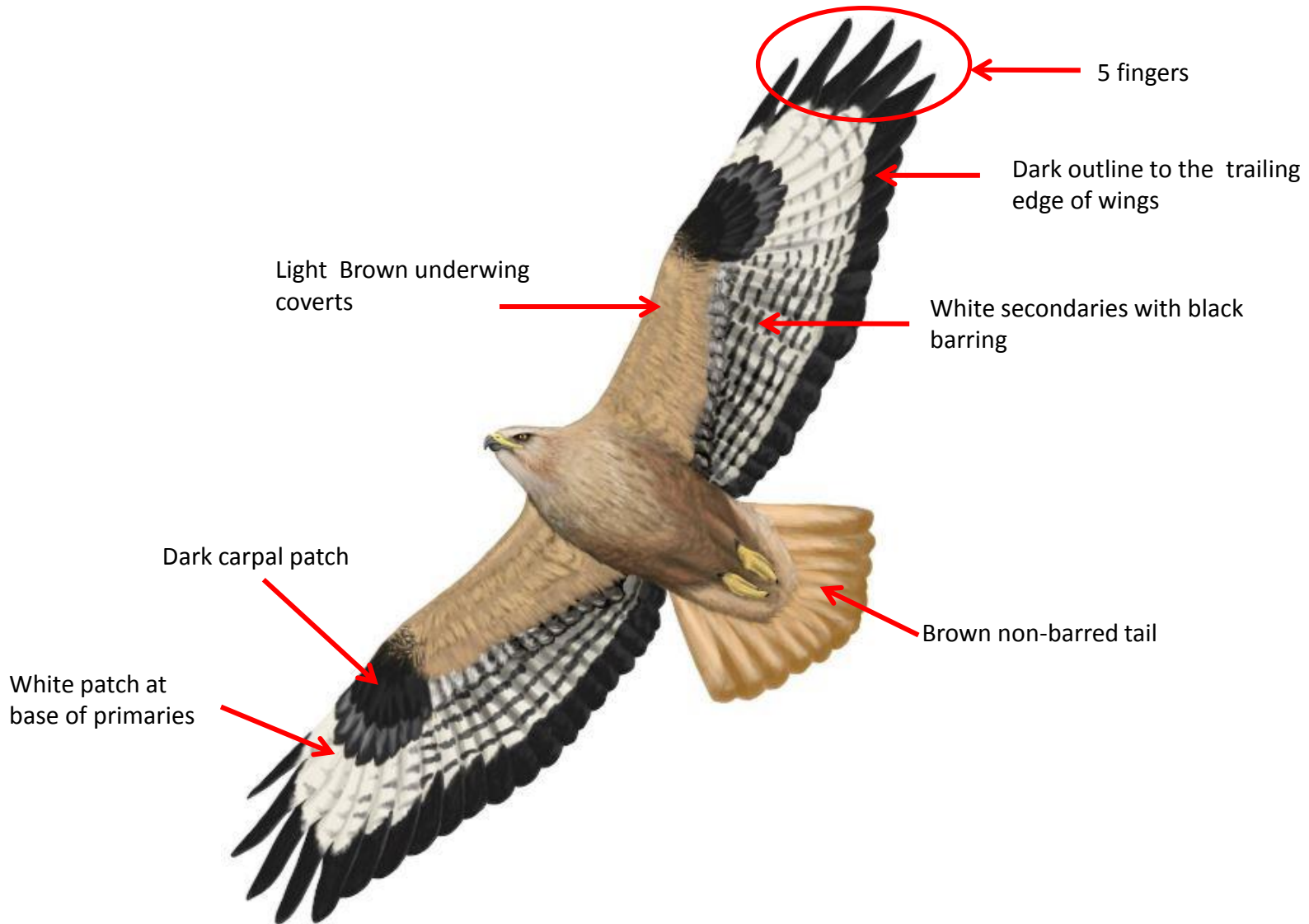
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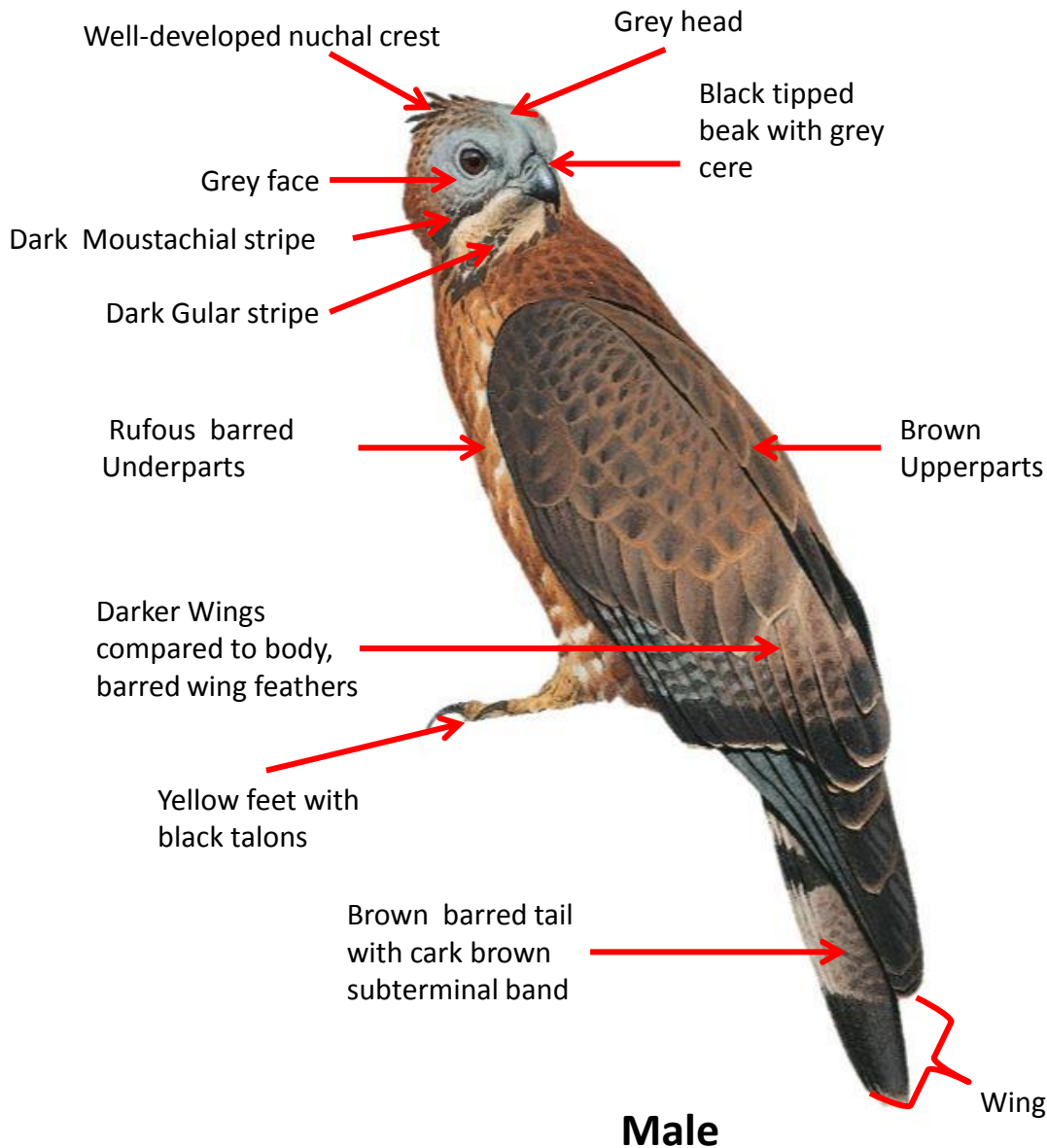
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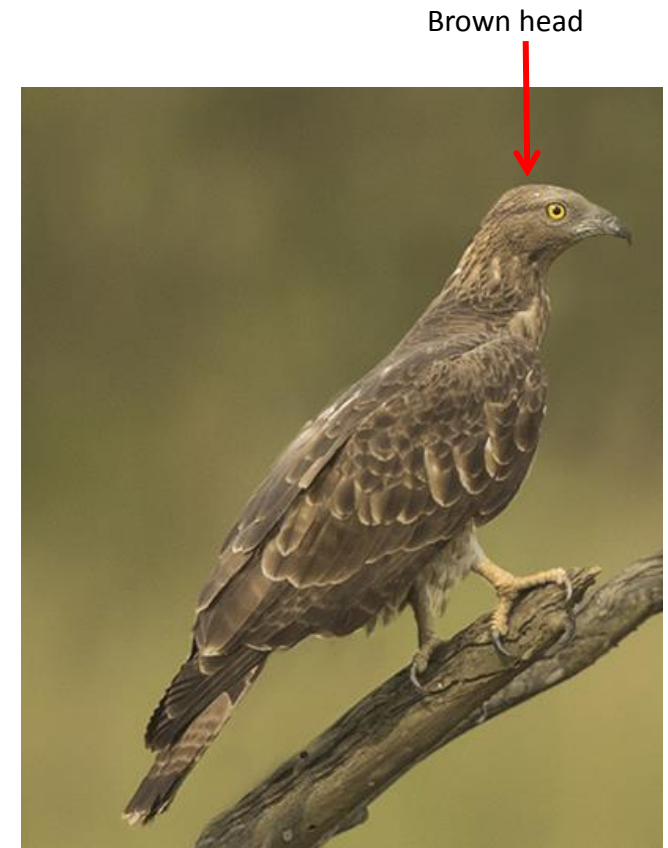
ORIENTAL HONEY BUZZARD

Oriental Honey-Buzzard Identification Tips-P. p. ruficollis

Oriental Honey-Buzzard : *Pernis ptilorhynchus* ruficollis : Widespread resident except North West India



Female



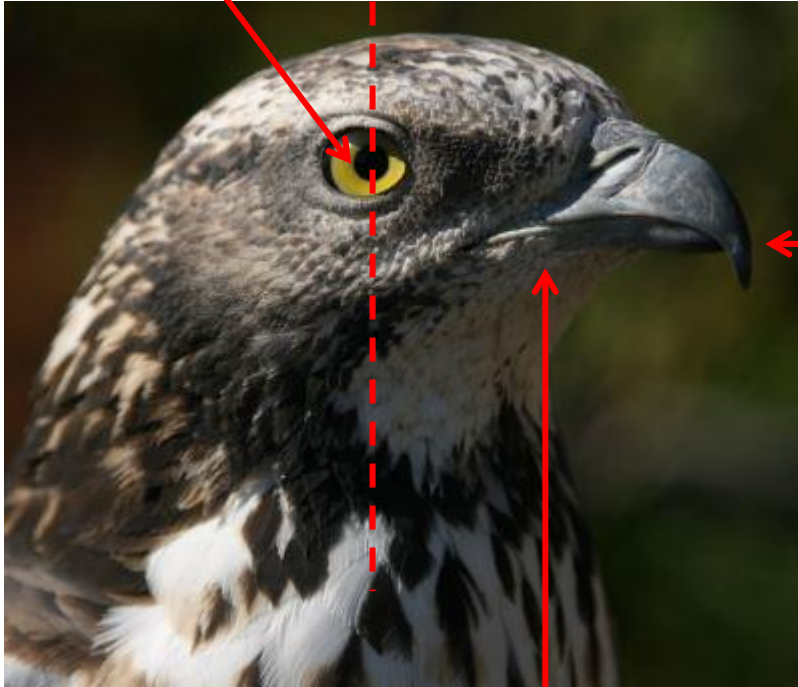
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TYPICAL PIGEON LIKE HEAD

Yellowish Iris

Male

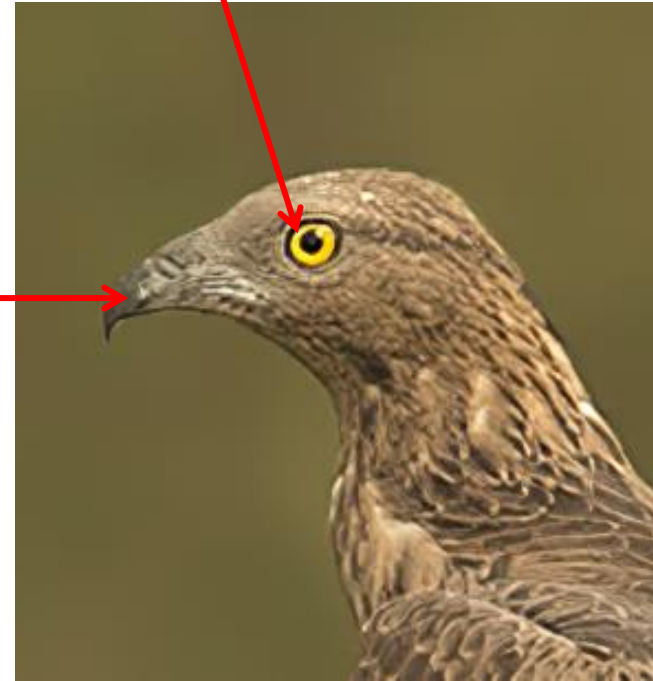


Grey gape ending before eyes

Black tipped beak
with grey cere

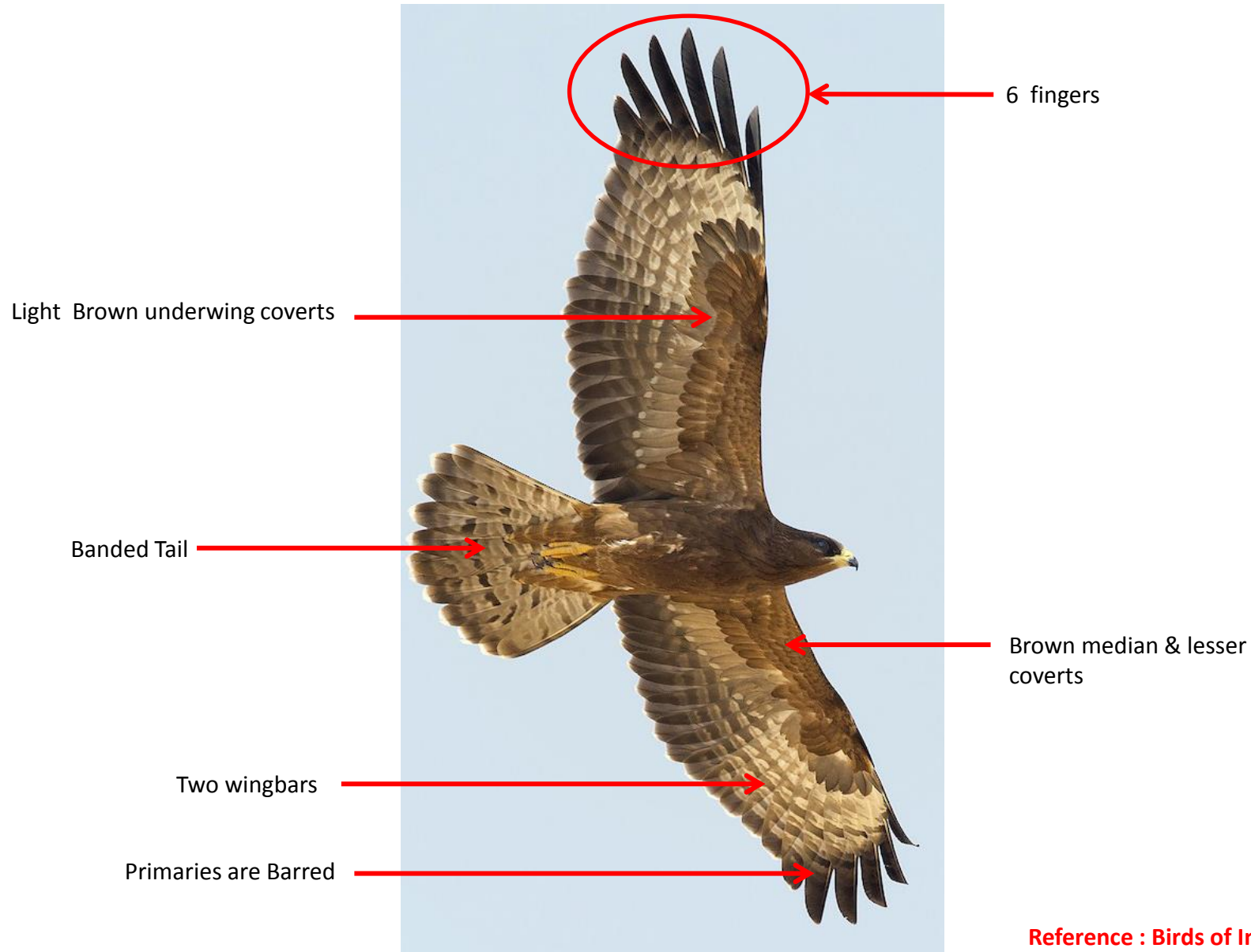
Yellowish Iris

Female



Oriental Honey-Buzzard Identification Tips- Flying

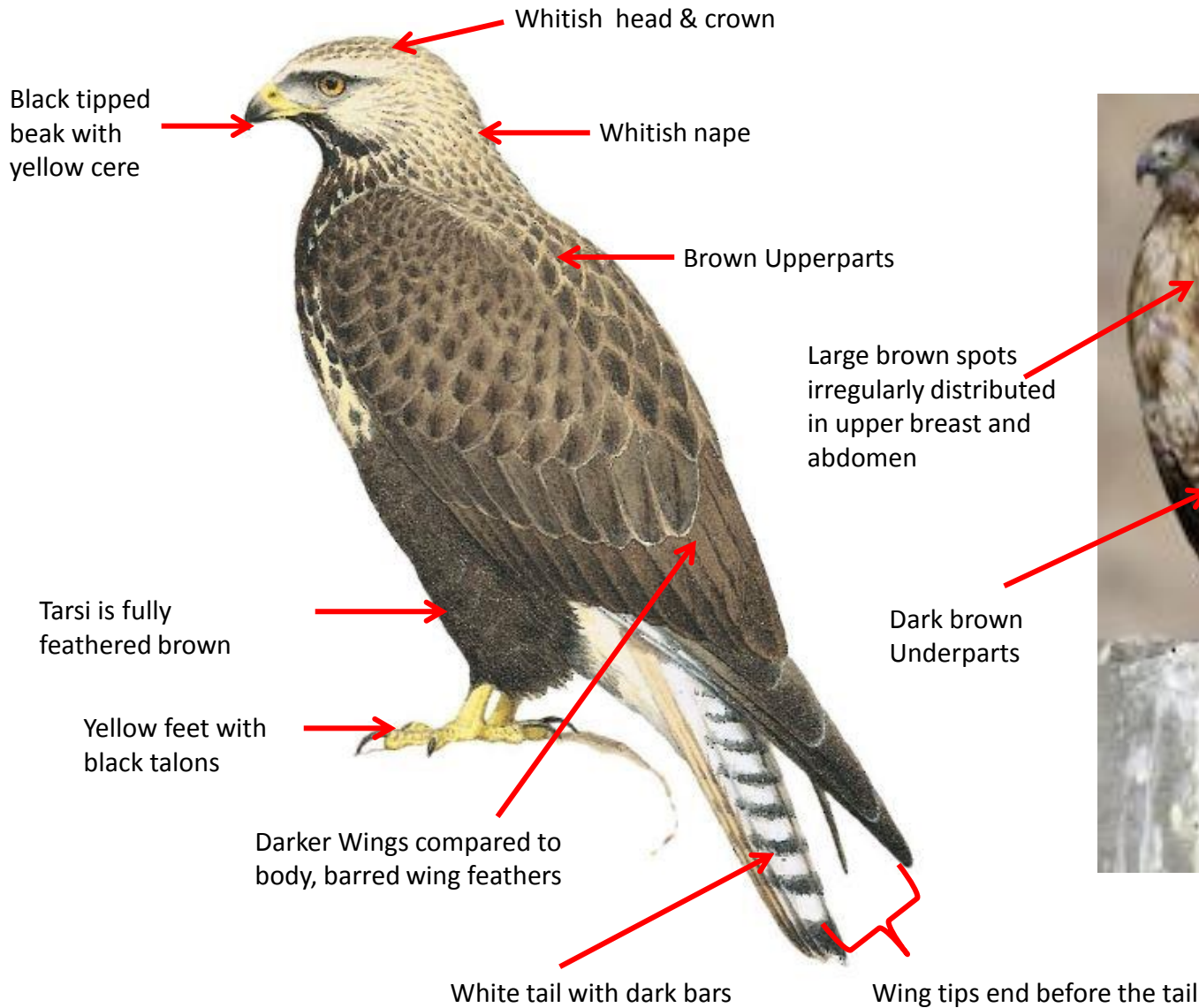
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UPLAND BUZZARD

Upland Buzzard Identification Tips

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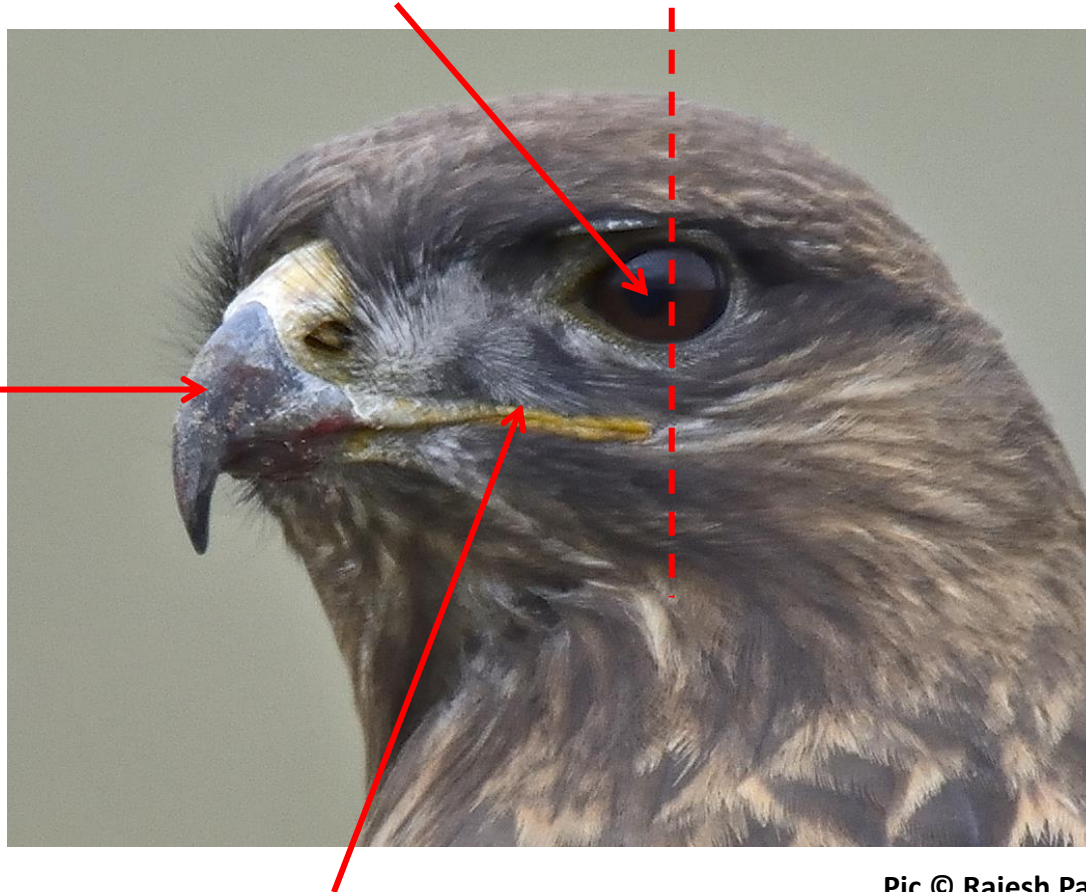


Upland Buzzard Identification Tips

Upland Buzzard: *Buteo burmanicus* : Breeds in Ladhak & winter visitor to Himalayas in India

Brown Iris

Black tipped beak
with yellow cere

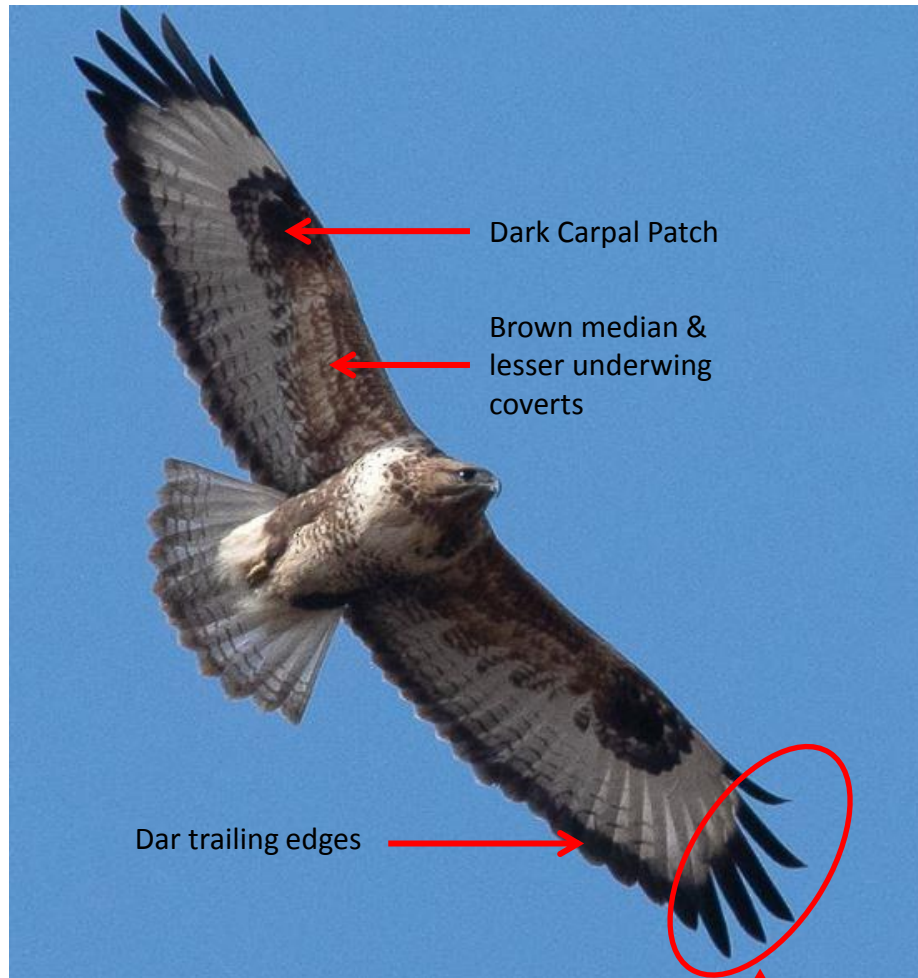


Yellow thin gape ending before the centre of the eyes

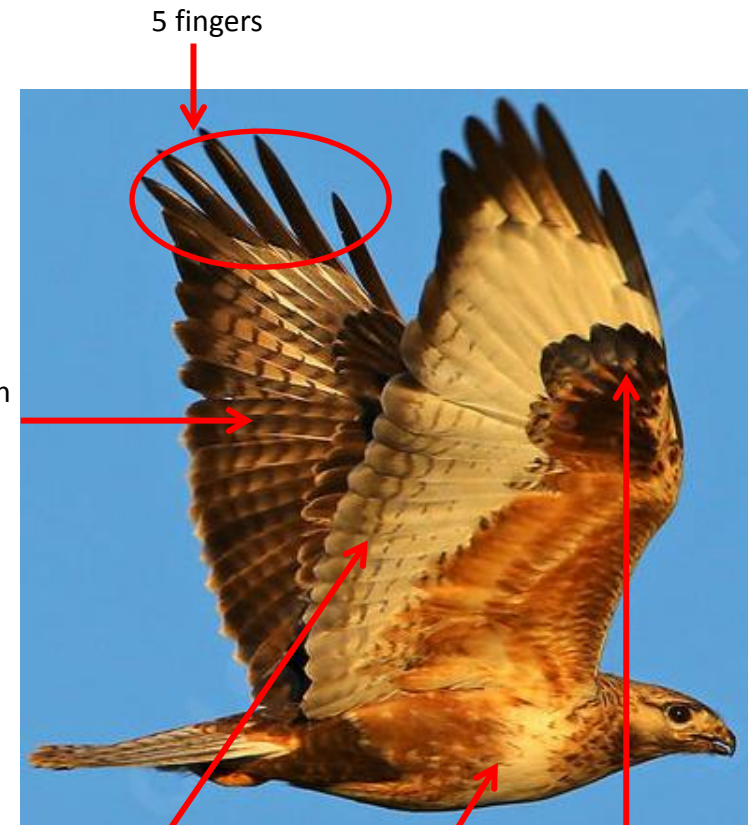
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Upland Buzzard Identification Tips-Flying

Upland Buzzard: *Buteo burmanicus* : Breeds in Ladhak & winter visitor to Himalayas in India



Barred Brown Secondary feathers

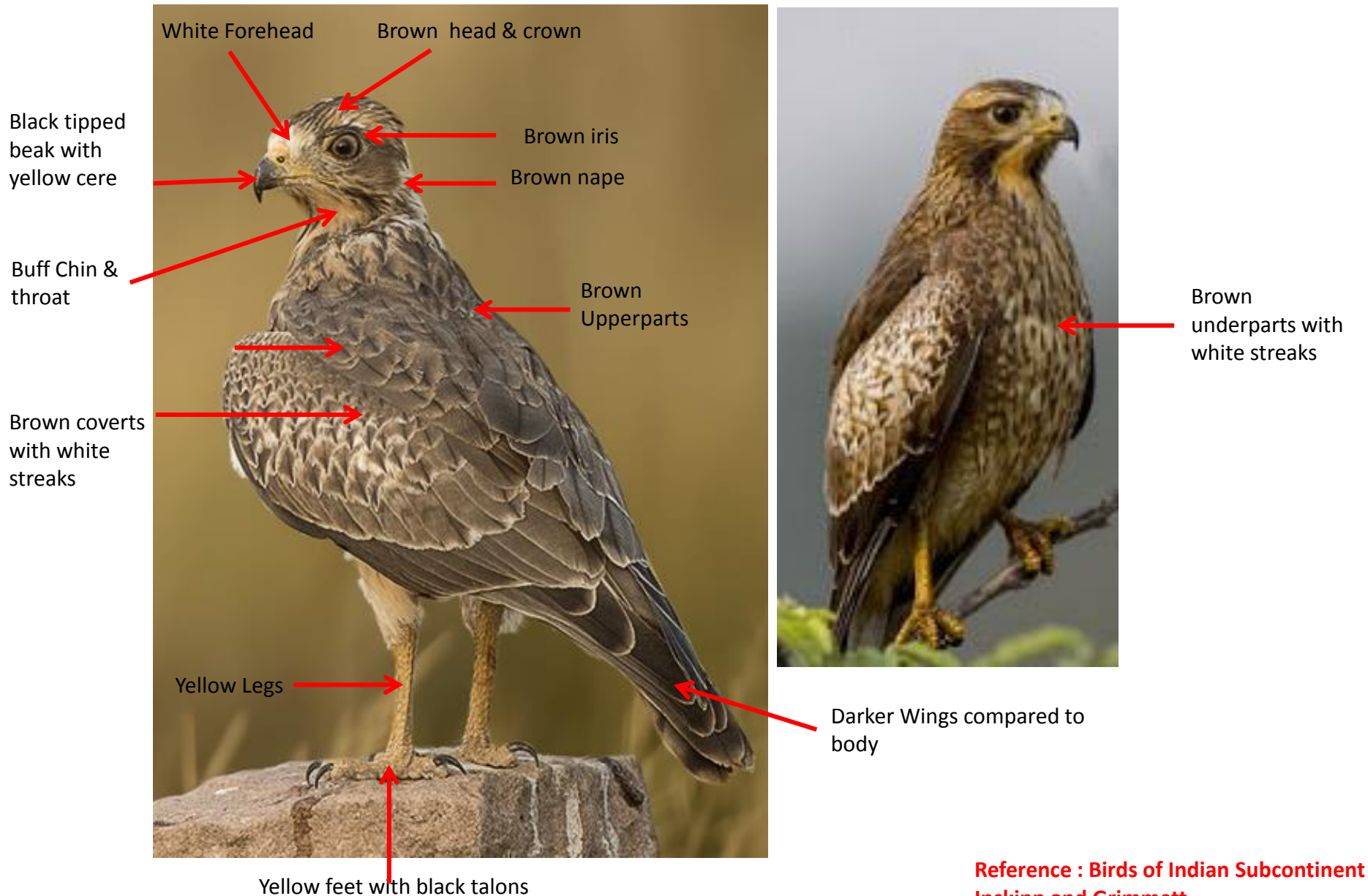


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WHITE-EYED BUZZARD

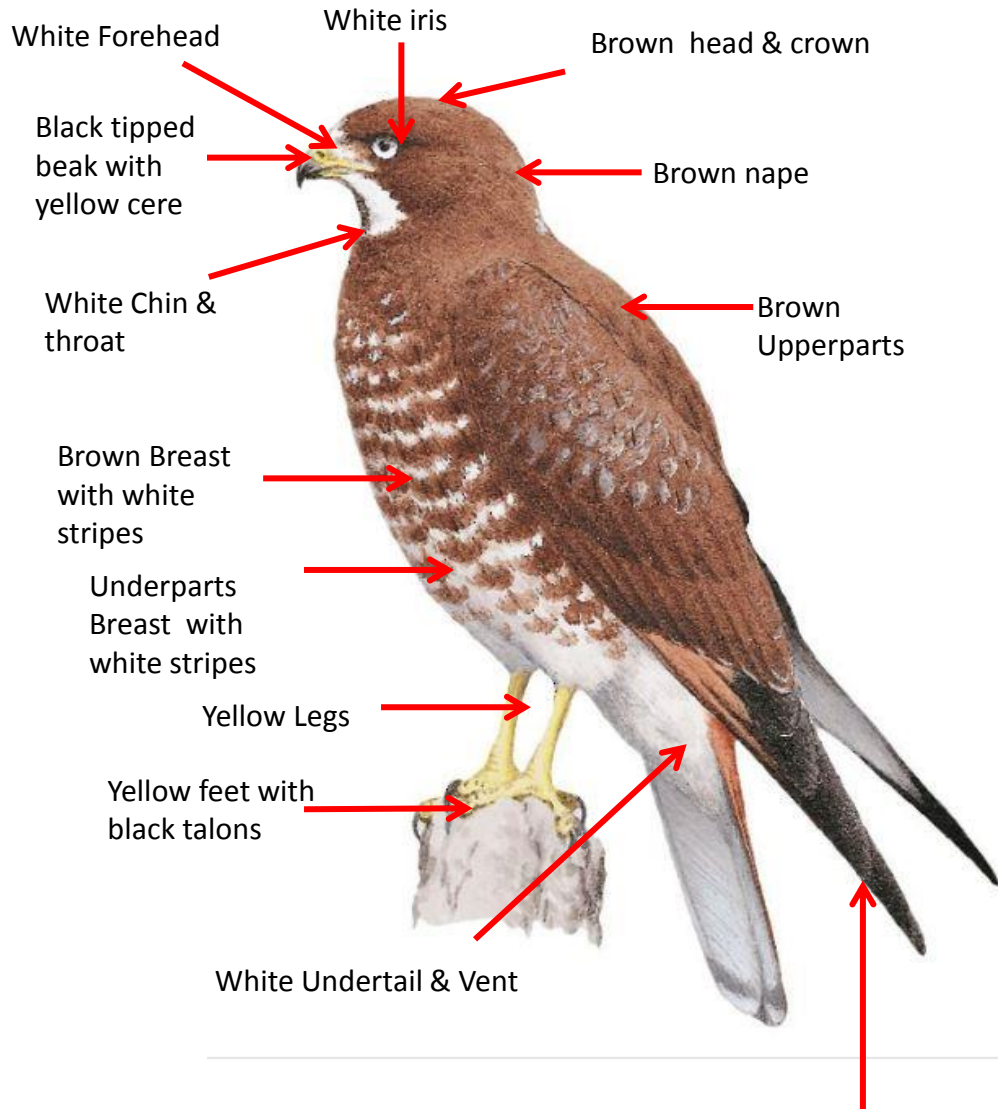
White-eyed Buzzard Identification Tips - Juvenile

White-eyed Buzzard: *Butastur teesa*: Widespread resident in India except North East India



White-eyed Buzzard Identification Tips - Adult

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Darker Wings compared to body, barred wing feathers

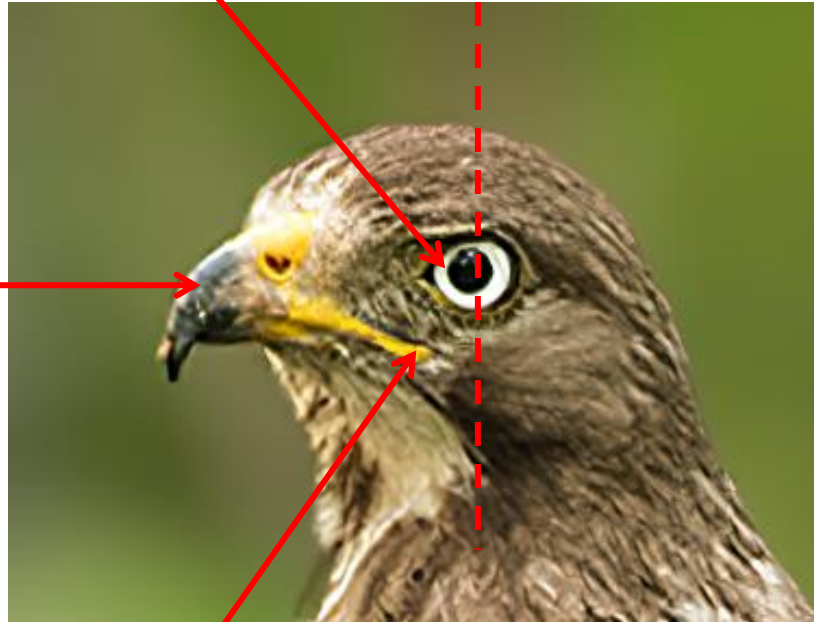


White-eyed Buzzard Identification Tips - Face

White-eyed Buzzard: *Butastur teesa*: Widespread resident in India except North East India

White Iris

Adult

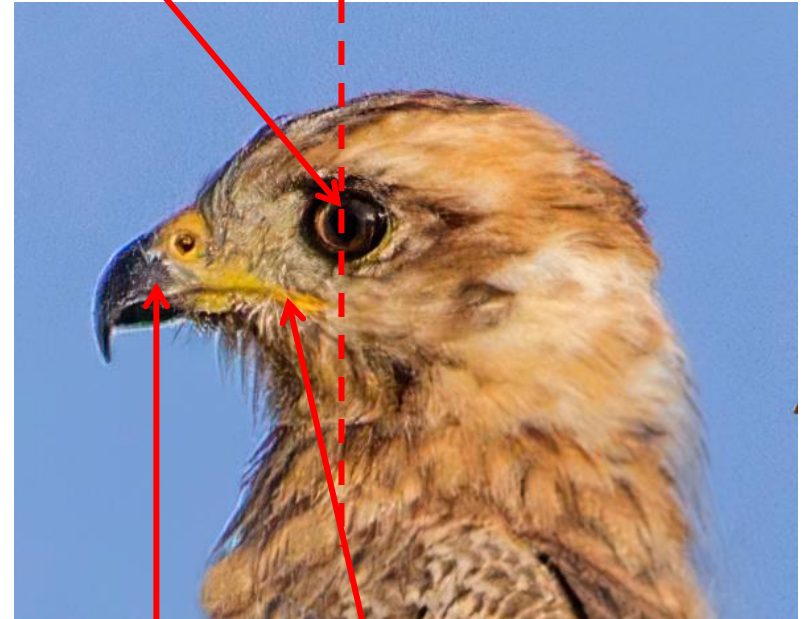


Black tipped
beak with
yellow cere

Yellow thin gape ending
before the centre of the
eyes

Brown Iris

Juvenile



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White-eyed Buzzard Identification Tips- Flying

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