



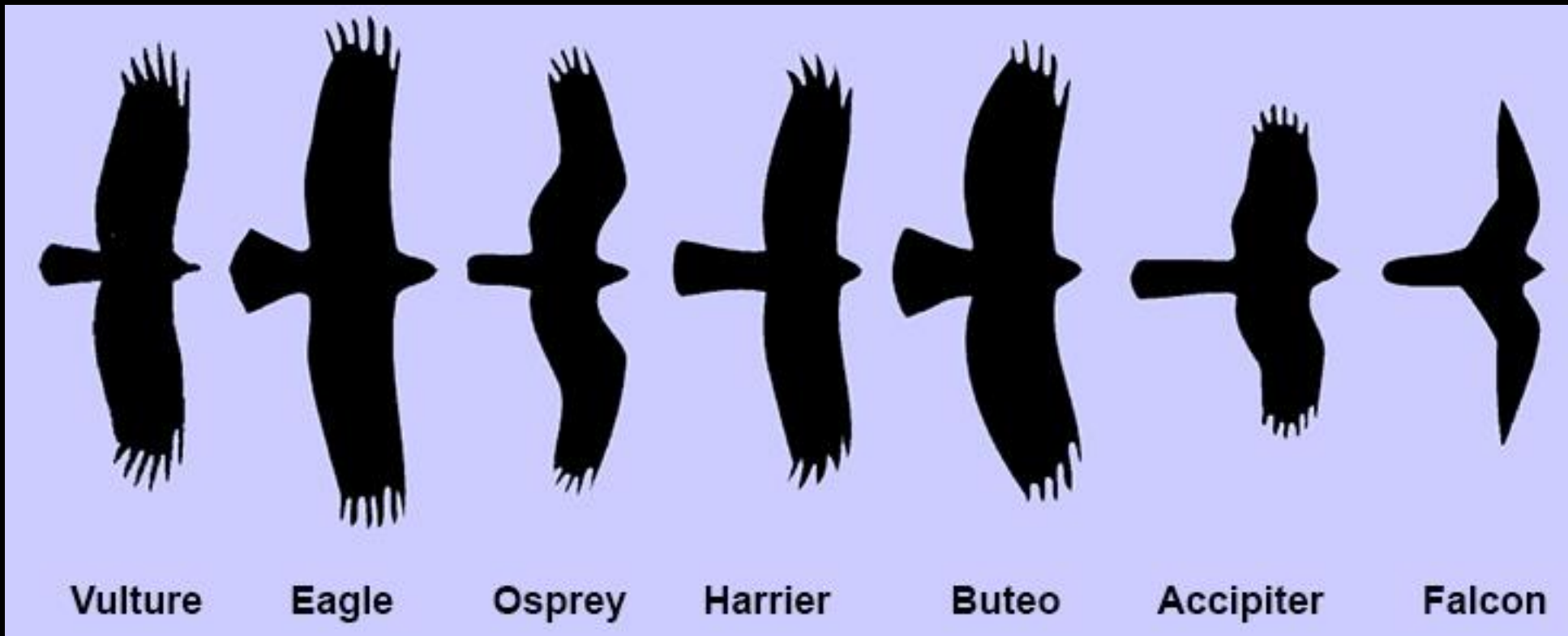
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of Kites found in India
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## Raptors at a glance

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

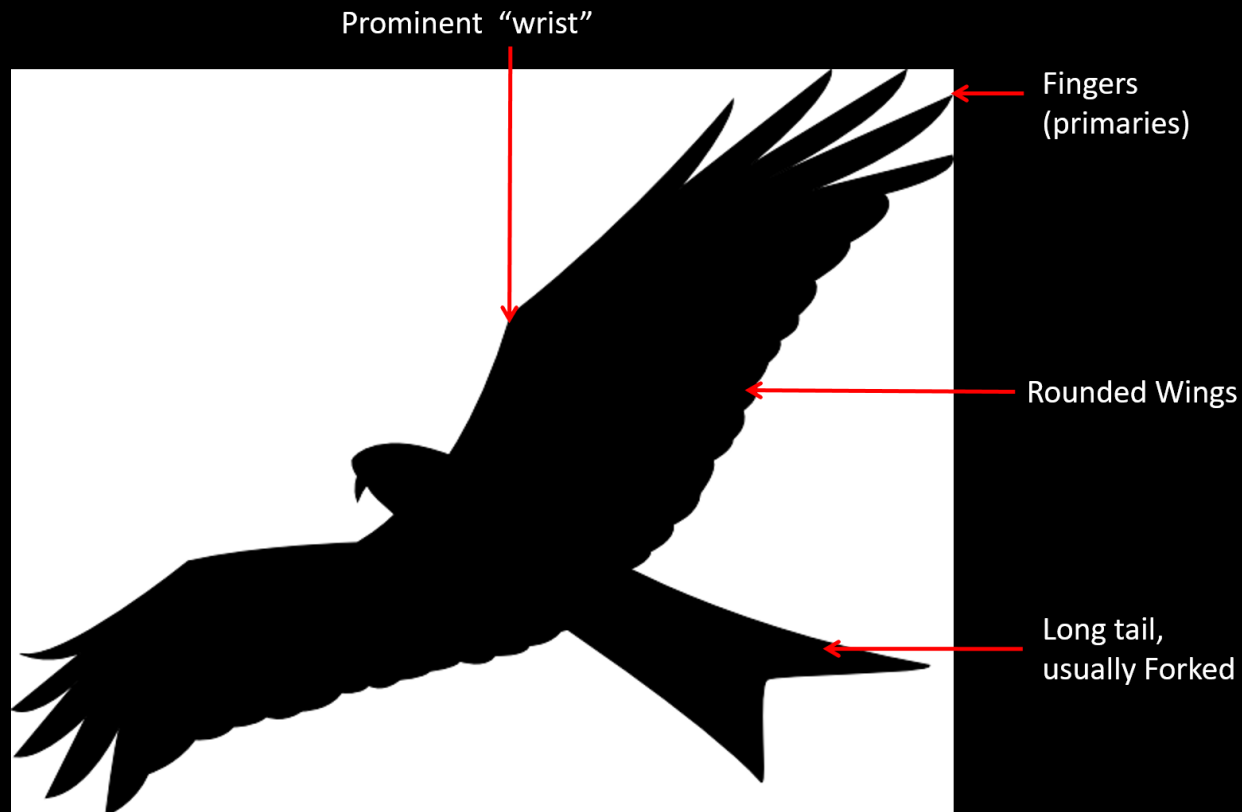
Derived from Latin word *rapere* : To ravish

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



# Kites

- *Kites are lightly built, with a small head, partly bare face, short beak, and long narrow wings and tail*
- *Kites are primarily scavengers but also eat rodents and reptiles*
- *Kites are buoyant in flight, slowly flapping and gliding with wings angled back*
- *Kites usually have a forked tail that distinguishes them from other raptors*

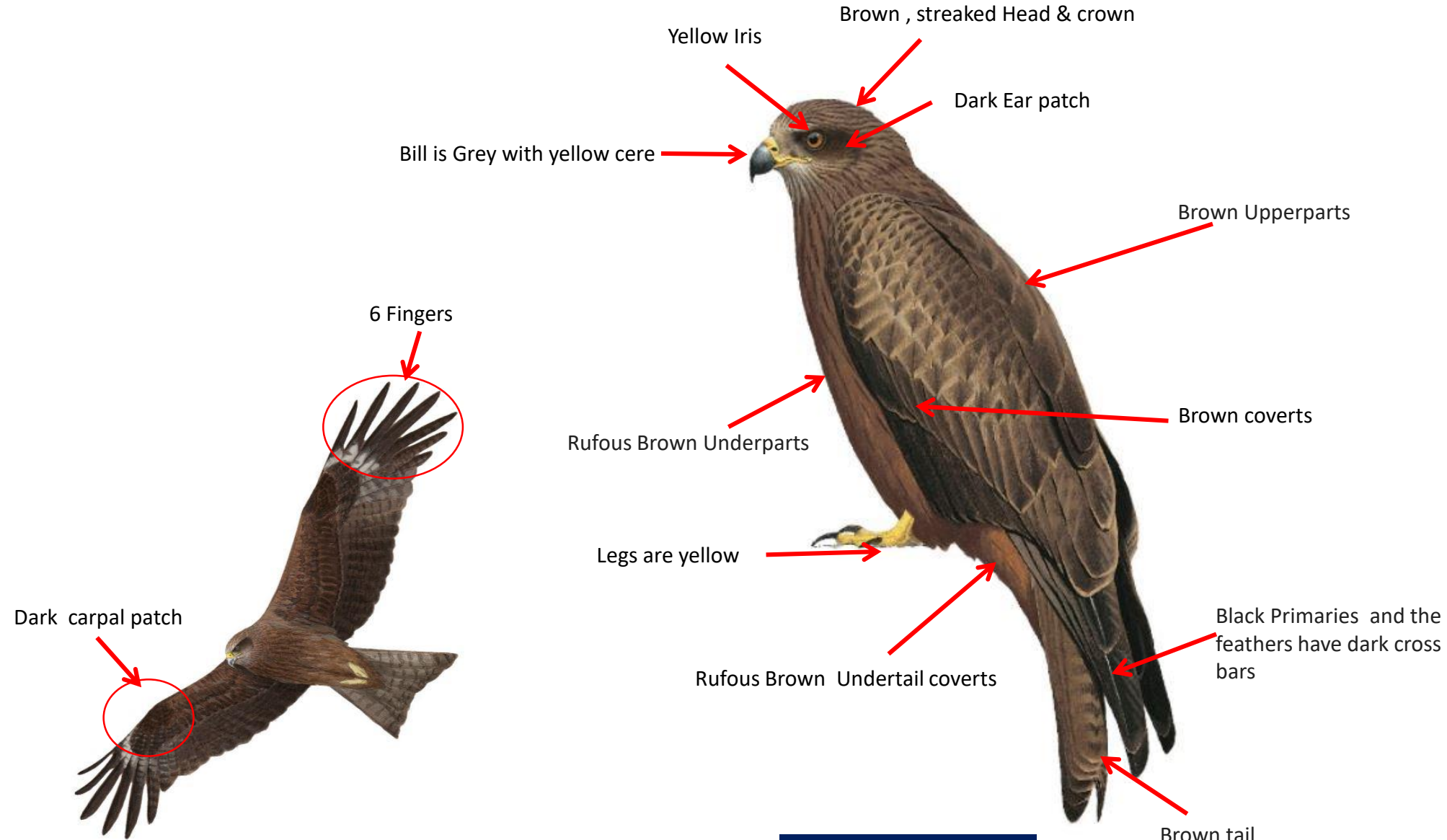


## List of Kites found in India

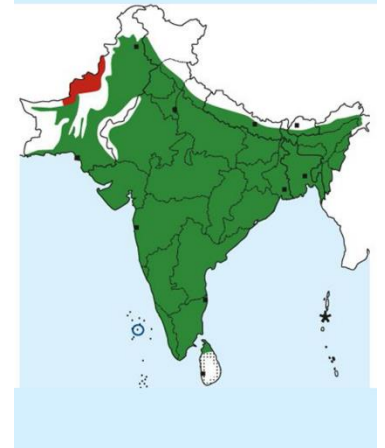
Sno.	Name	<i>Binomial Name</i>
1	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans govinda</i>
2	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>
3	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus vociferus</i>
4	Brahminy Kite	<i>Halistur indicus</i>
5	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>

## Black Kite identification Tips- *M. m. govinda*

Black Kite : *Milvus migrans govinda* : Widespread resident in India



### Distribution



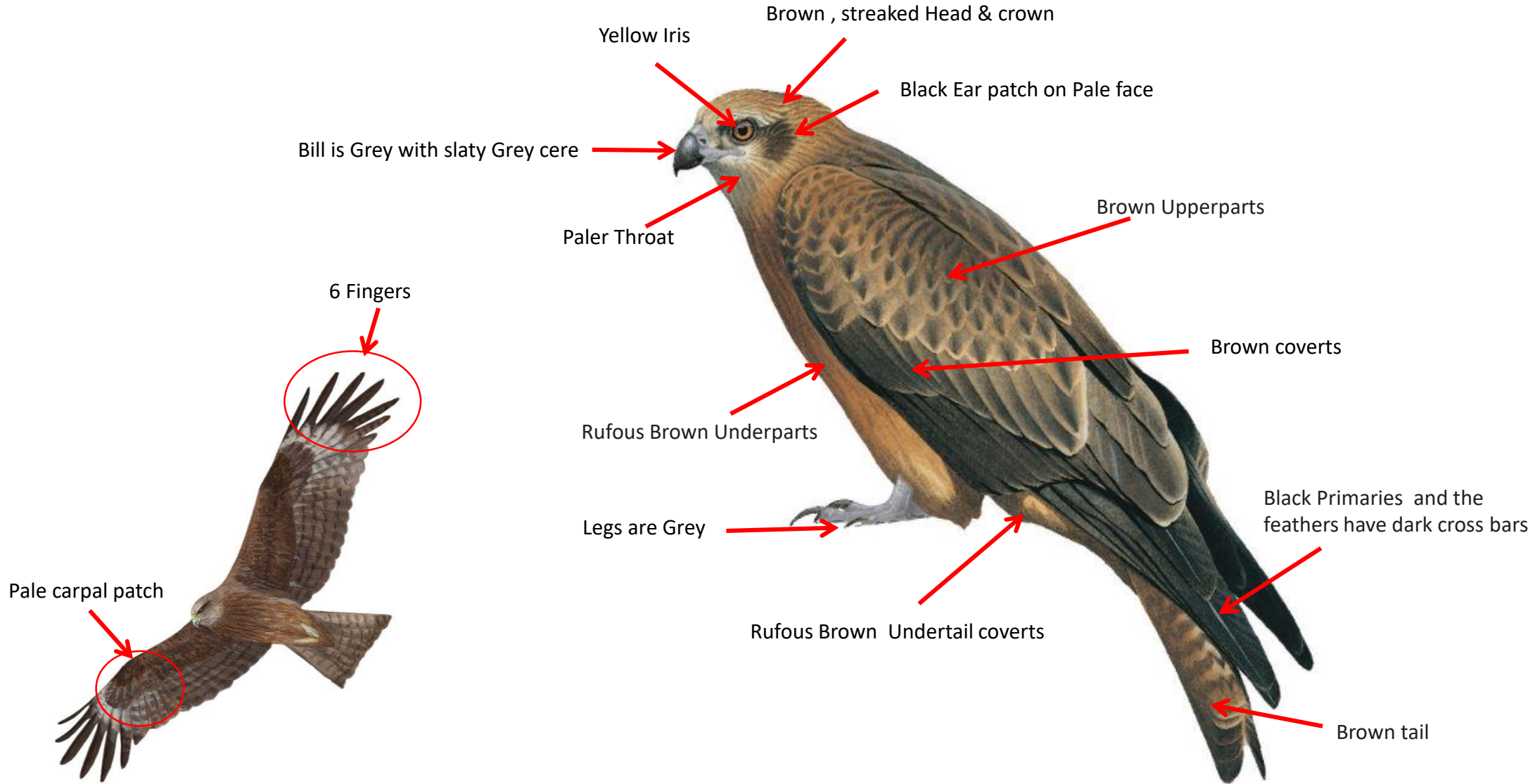
Important id point

Both the Sexes are Similar

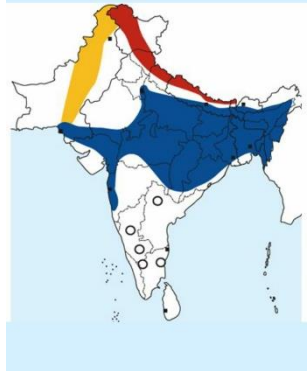
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## Black-eared Kite identification Tips- *M. m. lineatus*

**Black-eared Kite : *Milvus migrans lineatus* : Breeds in Himalayas; widespread winter visitor in North West, North, Central & North East India**



### Distribution



**Important id point**

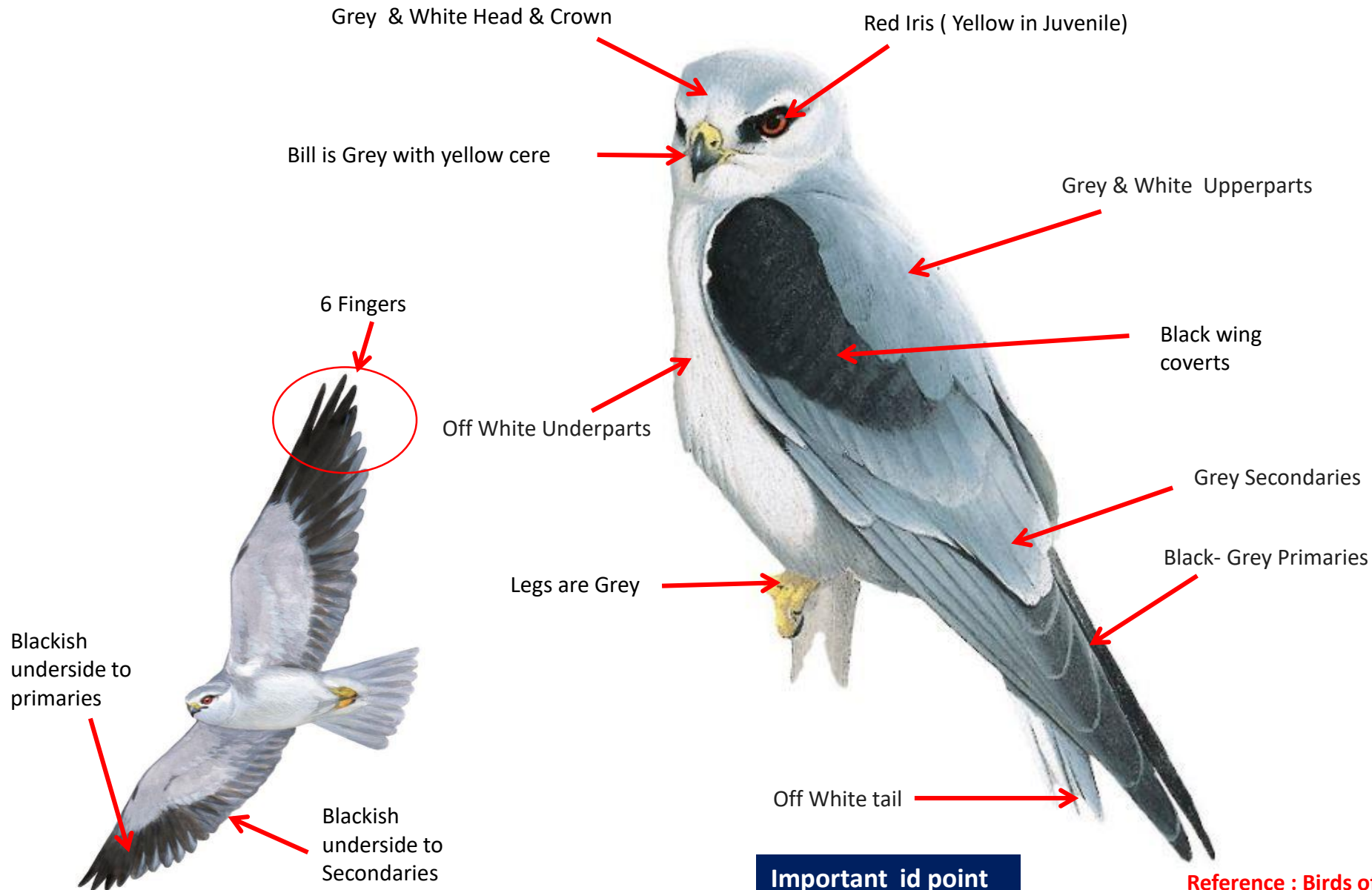
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# Black-winged Kite identification Tips- *E. c. vociferus*

**Black-winged Kite : *Elanus caeruleus vociferus* : Widespread resident in India**



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**Important id point**

**Both the Sexes are Similar**

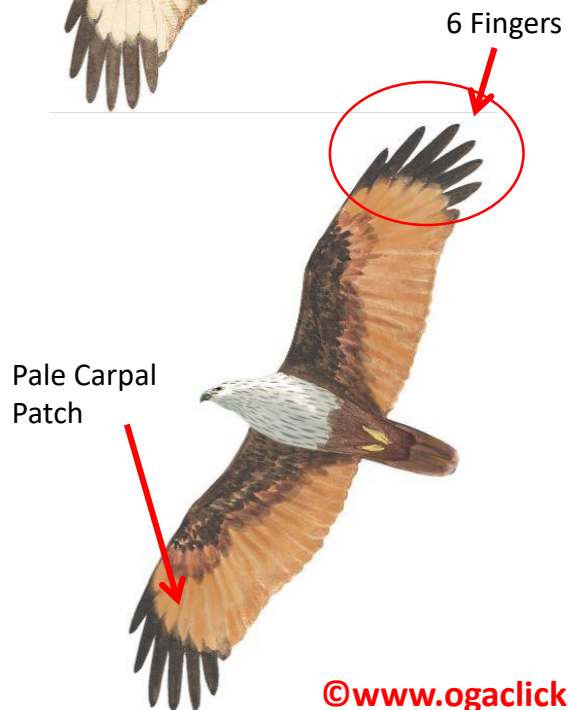
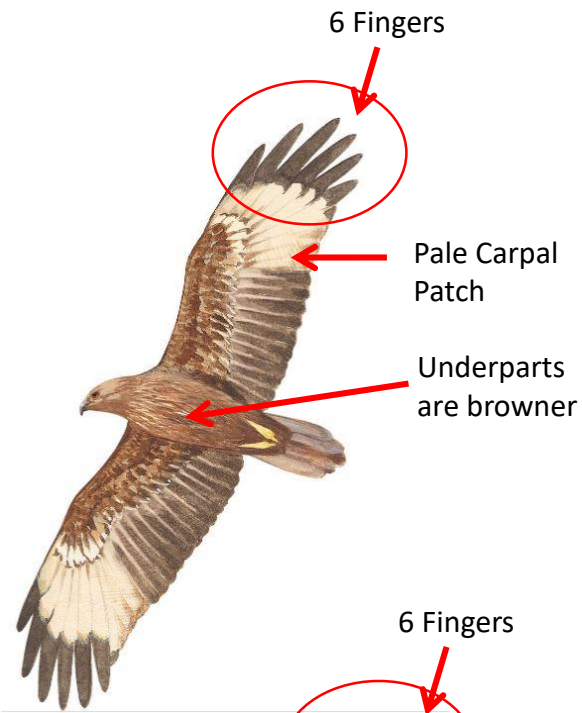
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# Brahminy Kite identification Tips

**Brahminy Kite : *Halistur indicus*: Widespread resident in India**



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White Head & Crown

Brown Iris

Bill is pale Grey with yellow cere with rounded nostrils

White Mantle

Chestnut Upperparts

Off White Underparts

Chestnut coverts

Chestnut Secondaries

Legs are Grey

Black Primaries

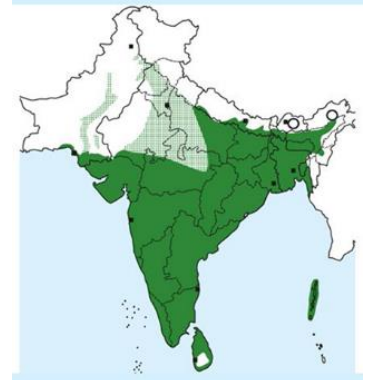
Off White tail

**Important id point**

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# Red Kite identification

Red Kite : *Milvus milvus*: Vagrant in India

Grey & White Head & Crown

Yellow Iris

Bill is Yellow with black tip & yellow cere

Red-Brown Upperparts

6 Fingers

Red- Brown coverts

Red- Brown Secondaries

Streaked Red-Brown Underparts

Black Primaries

Legs are Yellow

Red- Brown tail

Darker underside to Secondaries

White patch in primaries

Important id point

Both the Sexes are Similar

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