



Birdie of the Month

The ***common buzzard*** (*Buteo buteo*) is a medium-to-large bird of prey which has a large range.

The species lives in most of Europe and extends its breeding range as far east as Russian and China.

It is the biggest bird that you will see on the course with a wingspan of more than 4 feet (one & a half metres).

Its call is a distinctive “mew”, similar to a cat.

They can be seen soaring from all areas of the course & are often ‘mobbed’ by crows.

The common buzzard is an opportunistic predator that can take a wide variety of prey, but it feeds mostly on small mammals, especially rodents such as voles. However, it will also eat amphibians, reptiles, insects and earthworms. It typically hunts from a perch. It is also a carrion feeder and will often eat roadkill.

Like most birds of prey, it builds a nest, typically in trees. A nest has been seen in the trees, near to the 1st hole.

The common buzzard appears to be the most common diurnal (daytime) raptor in Europe and estimates of its total global population run well into the millions.

